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Sir Douglas Hazen Back To Old Post

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Sept. 14.—It is unofficially stated here tonight that Hon. C. C. Ballantyne has decided to retire from the government and that Sir Douglas Hazen will succeed him, resuming his old post as Minister of Naval Affairs.

It is not likely that the change will be announced until the Prime Minister, who has been confined to his house by illness, resumes his duties.

Ballantyne, it is said, is retiring because of ill health.

A COMMITTEE BUT NO FURTHER MONEY GRANTS

Deputation of Toronto Returned Men Wait on Cabinet and Ask for Extended Gratuity.

HON. C. J. DOHERTY MAKES REPLY

Government Contemplates Appointment of a Parliamentary Committee.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Sept. 14.—The government's attitude toward the demand for the Great War Veterans for a two thousand dollar gratuity was stated very fully and frankly to a deputation of Toronto returned men, who waited upon the cabinet Saturday. The men, who were introduced by Private Harry Ryan, who is prominent in the veterans' movement, stated their case at some length, and when they had concluded Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting Prime Minister in the absence of Sir Robert Borden through illness, said quite frankly and firmly that the government could not accede to their demands.

"The demand for a two thousand dollar gratuity," said Mr. Doherty, "is one which, in view of the financial situation, the government cannot entertain. It is a demand for a grant of liberty than any other country that took part in the war. We are willing to go the limit in doing anything calculated to assist the men who fought for this country, but we have to recognize there is a limit. A limit beyond which it would be disastrous to go, and, speaking for the government, I have to say to you that so far as this gratuity matter is concerned, we cannot go farther than we have gone."

"The government, as undoubtedly you are aware, contemplates appointing a parliamentary committee to deal with the broad question of re-establishing soldiers into civil life. In this way, and in addition to what is already being done, we are prepared to adopt, but we cannot go any further than that."

A GERMAN ARMY AT POLAND BORDER

Paris, Sept. 14. (Havas).—A despatch received here from Moscow, in the government of Ploznow, Poland, asserts that a German army, comprising a minimum of two hundred thousand men, is concentrated on the frontier of Silesia ready to be thrown against Poland.

SUNBURY AND YORK CROWN LANDS SOLD

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Sept. 14.—A block of 200 acres of crown land on the Musquoddy River in Sunbury and York counties, known as the Hazen block, was sold at public auction here on Saturday. The property was bid in by Arthur Sewell, of South Devon, the price being \$4,000. Sir Douglas Hazen was among those who attended the sale.

SOUTH AFRICA OFFERS MARKET FOR ALL GOODS MADE IN CANADA

Canada is Appreciated as a Source of Supply — Taking Part in Great War Has Helped Dominion in Its Trade With the Other Colonies.

Toronto, Sept. 14.—That South Africa appreciates Canada as a source of supply was the opinion expressed by W. J. Ryan, Canadian trade commissioner to South Africa, in an interview here today. Canada today, said Mr. Ryan, was undoubtedly much more in evidence with the trading and commercial community in South Africa than previously on account of her assistance in the Great War, and part of her effort had secured for South Africa a source of supply in materials and goods to Canadian consumers.

FREDERICTON EXHIBITION GOT AWAY TO A GREAT START ON SATURDAY EVENING

Opening Exercises Were Under Most Favorable Auspices — Everything in Place and Indications Point to One of the Best Fairs in the History of the Capital.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Sept. 14.—The formal opening of the Fredericton 1919 Exhibition took place on Saturday evening in the main building of the show. In the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley and Premier Foster, who were expected but were unable to be present, New Brunswick's provincial exhibition of this year was declared open by Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture.

Ald. William McKay, president of Agricultural Society No. 34, presided at the opening proceedings. The Fredericton Brass Band marched to the fair grounds and played a concert in the main building before and after the speech-making. There was a larger attendance than usual for the opening night and the main building was almost completely ready for the opening.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale in opening the exhibition dealt with practically all the subjects he discussed in his speech at the opening of the St. John's Valley Fair at Woodstock last week.

He said in part: "The great problem now confronting us is to settle this spirit of unrest. To restore matters to normal will tax the greatest minds of the age. Commissions are being appointed both in Canada and the United States, to reduce the high cost of living—a procedure well known to us, and we are glad it is so, and with this, we will next have the great problem of the liquidation of the tremendous war debt that Canada has assumed in the prosecution and as a consequence of the war. Both of these problems are answered by the same remedy, and that is production. I don't think I am pessimistic when I say that, at the present time, while money is plentiful, we are living in a period of false prosperity. Money is plentiful and we are glad it is so, and we can't afford to stop until we are tied over this period of unrest. We cannot stop; we must carry on. The industrial life of the country must be kept going even at a loss; but the money in circulation is largely from our country's borrowings, and the burden of the legitimate expenses of the war and our agricultural production is of a kind to a man who has mortgaged his farm, ceases work and spends the proceeds freely, living in the enjoyment of all the luxuries that money will buy; his obligation will some day have to be met. The most positive evidence of our position is seen in the fact that our money is discounted in the United States. The balance of trade is against us. It was at one time feared that an embargo would be placed on our potatoes, but this was not done on account of the shortage of the crop in the potato-growing states. The large amount of money coming from the United States for our potatoes will assist in restoring the balance of trade."

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale then reviewed the activities of the Department of Agriculture, speaking particularly of the work of greater production among the farmers and the prospects of the crop in the province this year.

"The farmers of this province are paying out enormous monies for the purchase of fertilizer, necessary for the potato industry," he continued. "We propose to utilize our natural resources, purchase and put in operation three or four limestone grinding plants on the lime deposits in different parts of the province, which will, to a great extent, substitute and relieve the large expenditure now being made for commercial fertilizer. Last year I had an expert procure the lime of soil in different counties and found an acidity that will be corrected by the use of lime, which we will be able to give to the farmers at a low cost, saving in many localities the present cost of transportation, which in some amounts to nearly as much as the original cost."

"Your exhibition has through the efficient management of your staff, together with the business methods of your secretary, already established a reputation as one of the best provincial exhibitions, especially from the standpoint of an agricultural show. St. Stephen has put on a particularly good agricultural show. Weather conditions have been against both Woodstock and St. Stephen; and Chatham comes after yours will have a splendid exhibit, as the stock will go from here there, to compete for their prizes."

"You are starting under very favorable prospects of the best of weather and I am sure the success of this first after-the-war provincial exhibition will be the best ever, from every point of view, and the thing we are most proud of, that the war is over, and that the Union Jack is flying at your mast-heads."

"I now declare the exhibition formally open to the public."

Additional speech features of the opening ceremony: the minister of agriculture made an inspection of the various departments of the exhibition both in the main building and the other parts of the show.

This year the main building is utilized for industrial exhibits of all kinds, while the annex of the original main building, on the left side of the main building, is used for the dairy, apiculture and fruit departments, while the Dominion Experimental Farms and the New Brunswick department of agriculture have special exhibits which are exceptionally attractive, and the entomological branch of the Federal department of agriculture also has an exhibit in connection with their propaganda work.

What was formerly the poultry building is now occupied by the agricultural products department, which promises to have by far the largest exhibits of farm and garden products shown in the maritime provinces this year, and the poultry department is on the second floor of the new concrete building; the lower floor of which is devoted to automobiles and various farm implements exhibits.

Additional speech features that are being prepared on the second floor of the building are the Dominion and Provincial exhibits, including the incubators, the various types of interesting ideas, while the provincial department of lands and mines has a big exhibit to show the forest products of New Brunswick, and also a number of big game trophies, which are propaganda in the forest protection campaign of the department, and there will also be a display of the Dominion Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, agricultural departments which promises to attract much attention.

Another department exhibit which will attract much attention is that of the department of soldiers' civil re-education in the gallery of the main building, in which the various courses, which are offered to returned soldiers for re-education are shown, and there is also a display of the work done by the crippled soldiers in the occupational therapy branch at the military hospitals in New Brunswick in connection with the special competition for which \$300 in prizes has been offered by the Fredericton Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire. The domestic science branch of the Women's Institute's department also has an exhibit in the gallery, while the women's work department which is under the direction of Mrs. John Harvey, is the largest and most attractive that has ever been shown in Eastern Canada, taking up a large portion of the big gallery.

Everything considered it can be said that the exhibits in the other parts of the Fredericton 1919 exhibition are the most attractive that have ever been seen here, while the various live stock departments have probably twice as many entries as will be seen at any show east of Ottawa this year.

FIFTY PERSONS INJURED WHEN OIL TANKS BURN

Long Island Visited by Fire Which Caused Millions of Dollars Worth of Damage.

TWENTY ACRES OF FIRE-SWEPT TERRITORY

Fire Started Saturday Afternoon from an Explosion of an Oil Tank.

New York, Sept. 14.—With more than fifty persons injured and the damage already done estimated at \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, weary fire fighters tonight still were fighting a threat of further explosions of oil tanks at the scene of the fire which practically wiped out the Stone and Fleming Oil Company's plant in Long Island city yesterday. Five tanks of crude oil were burning late today, should there be a sudden shift from north to southeast many additional tanks nearby plants would be threatened as well as thousands of tons of coal.

The twenty acres of fire-swept territory looked like a scene in war-devastated France or Belgium. Tanks were crumpled up; huge steel girders lay in a tangled mass, few walls were left standing and burning oil continued to flow along the surface of Newton Creek.

The fire, starting early Saturday afternoon from the explosion of an oil tank in the Stone and Fleming Oil Co. building, at the same time the Standard Oil, on Newton Creek, spread over virtually the entire area of the plant, which covers twenty acres and spread to the Columbia Drilling Company building on the same side of the creek. The Peter Copper Glass and American Agricultural Company's plant across the water and the Greenpoint Building at the same time the flames, carried across the stream by floating oil, threatened the Platt works of the Standard Oil on the opposite bank.

Two fire boats, the Abraham Hewitt and New Yorker, caught fire while they cruised up and down Newton Creek, and the crews on both shores and seeking to save the Greenpoint Bridge from destruction.

As the flames ate their way into the forward superstructure the men aboard the craft devoted only part of their energies to combating the blaze that threatened their own lives. While part of the crews fought fires on their own boats, the rest continued to play their streams on the fire.

The two crafts were literally floating in a sea of flames. On all sides of them was blazing oil spreading over the surface of the creek, preventing the fire boats William J. Strong, Cornelius Lawrence and George E. McClintock from coming to their assistance, because of the closed drawbridge which separated them. These three crafts, however, hurried tons of water on the blazing draw, enabling them to open it, so that they finally could steam to the aid of their sister ships.

Playing streams on the Hewitt and New Yorker, they succeeded in quelling the flames.

DR. HUGO PREUSS SEVERELY ARRAIGNED THE DEMAND ORDERED BY PEACE CONFERENCE

Man Who Drafted the New Constitution Recently Promulgated at Weimar Makes Statement to Press — Says Union of Austria to Germany Would Mean Severe Burden on Germany.

Berlin, Sept. 11. (By The A. F.)—Dr. Hugo Preuss, who drafted the new constitution recently promulgated at Weimar, in a statement today to the Associated Press severely arraigned the demand ordered by the peace conference that Germany must amend the constitution so as to prevent Austrian representation in German parliamentary affairs. It must emphasize, first, he said, that this is not a question of law, legally it is clear and simple. The way in which our opponents brought up the matter shows they are following entirely different purposes than the clearing up of doubtful long questions.

In Article 178 of the new German constitution the allied and associated governments are not to be affected by the constitution. This excludes any practical solution between the peace terms and the constitution. If there should be any provision of the constitution in contradiction of the peace terms, the latter would be valid legally, without any chance for the constitution to take precedence over the treaty.

Article 61, paragraph 3 (providing for the admission of Austrian members of the Reichstag) now stand as a formal contradiction of the peace terms, this fact being recognized by the signing of the terms by the allied and associated governments. In the German counter-proposal to the original peace terms, the German government explained in discussing this point that Germany did not desire to violate the Austrian frontier, but that if Austria wanted to bring about a state of unity with Germany the latter could not prevent this more strengthening of the German brothers in Austria. For in that case, the right of self-determination of peoples would count against Germany. The allied and associated governments merely recognized in their answer that Germany did not want to forcibly violate the Austrian frontier. Article 61 does not forcibly violate the Austrian frontier. Rather, everything is left to the free initiative of the Austrian people in the exercise of their national self-determination.

Further, if the Austrians raised serious objections to harmless paragraphs

Grand Trunk Sale To Arbitration

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Sir Alfred Smithers, chairman of the London Board of Grand Trunk Directors, who has been negotiating with the government, expecting the sale of the Grand Trunk Railway, has agreed, it is understood, to submit the question of terms to arbitration.

The government made such an offer last year but the railway declined to accept it.

THE OLD WORLD MUST GO SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Millions of Gallant Young Men Fought for a New World and Hundreds of Thousands Died for it.

PROMISES GIVEN THEM MUST BE KEPT

If We Renew Lease of Old World We Shall Betray the Heroic Dead.

London, Sept. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George has issued a message to the people of Great Britain in "The Future," which will be distributed throughout the country on Monday. The premier says:

"Millions of gallant young men have fought for the new world. Hundreds of thousands died to establish it. If we fail to honor the promise given when we disband our armies, 'What does the new world mean? What was the old world like? It was a world where toil for myriads of honest workers, men and women, purchased nothing better than squalor, penury, anxiety, wretchedness; a world scarred by slums, disgraced by sweating, where humanism, through the vicissitudes of industry, brought despair to multitudes of humble homes; a world where, side by side with want there was waste of the inexhaustible riches of the earth, partly through ignorance and want of forethought, partly through enriched selfishness."

Resigns Office As Secretary of Prov. G. W. V. A.

W. E. Turley Withdraws from Soldier Organizations As Result of Gratuity Agitations.

Toronto, Sept. 13.—The resignation announced Saturday of W. E. Turley, general secretary of Ontario of the G. W. V. A., is understood to be an echo of the recent activities of the G. W. V. A. and other returned soldiers' organizations in regard to the \$2,000 gratuity. When the question of demanding \$2,000 gratuity was first voted in the Ontario branches of the G. W. V. A., Mr. Turley came out strongly against the project. Some of the district commands at that time demanded his resignation and he offered it in deference of the wishes of prominent G. W. V. A. men, however, Mr. Turley allowed the matter to stand, but he now insists that his resignation be accepted and a successor appointed.

The provincial executive will meet shortly to deal with the matter.

PARNELL WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL HOUSE

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 14.—After announcing that he would not stand for re-election in St. Catharines, for the Provincial House, F. R. Parnell, M. P. P., at the Conservative convention here this afternoon changed his mind and received the nomination as the Conservative candidate.

BOSTON POLICE STILL ON STRIKE

Boston, Sept. 14.—Governor Coolidge has sent reply to Samuel Gompers that he will defend the sovereignty of Massachusetts, in answer to a request from Gompers to take a broad view of the situation caused by strike of policemen.

Policemen have made no statement in regard to the refusal to reinstate the strikers.

The situation remains unchanged today.

Some pastors in their pulpits today condemned the police for striking.

MATRICULATION COURSE FOR SOLDIERS

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 14.—A special matriculation course for returned men will start at the University of Toronto on October 1, according to an announcement by the University. This is the fourth matriculation course that the University has offered to returned men.

GALVESTON VISITED BY ANOTHER GREAT TROPICAL STORM SUNDAY

Tide Water from the Bay Flooded the Business Section of City and North Side of the Island With Three Feet of Water.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 14.—With a sixty-five mile wind, high tides and heavy seas a tropical storm struck Galveston this morning, tide water from the Bay flooding the business section of the city and the north side of the island with three feet of water.

Fluge waves broke furiously on the sea wall and there was material damage from the wind. Shipping in the vicinity weathered the storm. The wagon bridge across the Bay was not damaged and tonight was open to traffic.

Two thousand feet of track on the Causeway and railroad bridge connecting Galveston with the mainland washed out, destroying rail communication with the outside world, but officials of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad said this would be repaired within twenty-four hours.

Earl of Athlone, Queen's Brother, Governor General

London, Sept. 13.—The Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mary, will be appointed Governor-General of Canada next summer in succession to the Duke of Devonshire, the present incumbent, according to the National News.

BOMB OUTRAGES AT ZOUL, KOREA

Zoul, Korea, Friday, Sept. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—The government has requested 1,500 police reinforcements from Japan as the result of the recent bomb outrages against Baron Saika, governor of Korea. It is announced that the casualties due to the explosion of the missile aggregated thirty-two.

STRIKE LEADER ASSASSINATED

Berlin, Sept. 14.—Hammer, the notorious Spartacist leader as Essen and chief instigator of the general strike last February and last month in the Ruhr district, has been assassinated. His body was found in the woods near Remscheid, southeast of Düsseldorf.

SUB-COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PRICES OF FOOD

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 14.—Major Louis Dumont, C., a business man, has been appointed sub-commissioner in Toronto for the Board of Commerce. He will act in co-operation with the provincial sub-commissioner on complaints to food prices. A. Landy, M. C., representing the Attorney-General's department, announces that the city police are already seeking information which will show whether or not there is combinations to fix uniform prices of foodstuffs. The similarity of prices charged for fruit will be investigated.

EXPLOSION IN A GRAIN ELEVATOR

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 13.—One man is missing and fifteen men were injured, one probably fatally in an explosion which wrecked the Burlington grain elevator in North Kansas City this afternoon. The fire was under control late today.

Four-Master Was Launched Saturday

The Cumberland Queen Took Her Maiden Dip at Diligent River in Presence of Large Crowd.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N. S., Sept. 13.—The four-masted schooner, Cumberland Queen was launched this afternoon at Diligent River, in the presence of many spectators. The new vessel was designed by Horace W. Huntley, of Parrsboro, and was built by Charles Robinson, of Diligent River, for J. Newton Pugsley and himself. She registers 634 tons, is classed in Bureau Veritas, and all the up-to-date improvements, and is in every way a first class vessel.

She will be commanded by Captain R. H. Burgess, of Parrsboro, and will leave for the United Kingdom. Part of her cargo will be taken on at Diligent River and she will come to Parrsboro Roads to finish loading. It is understood that her owners will be commencing building another vessel at Diligent River immediately.