

# SIGNING OF TREATY TAKES MONTH



**MAJOR GENERAL SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL**—Head of the Boy Scouts' movement, who has arrived on a tour of Canada.



**WILLIAM S. ZILLER**—Prominent resident and Mason, of Oakville, Ont., who died after a long period of ill-health.



**REV. CAPT. J. D. MORROW**, Toronto Presbyterian divine, driven from pulpit by disease contracted while a chaplain at the front.



**F. N. Compton**, Dominion Government Fair Wage Officer, whose efforts have been increasing in an endeavor to bring the strikers and employers together.

## KEMP CAME HOME TO PRESENT FACTS REGARDING SHIPS

## INVESTIGATES POSSIBILITIES FOR TRADE WITH CHINA

**Canada's Trade Commissioner, J. W. Ross is in The City. Apparently Few Local Products Which Could be Imported by China.**

Canada's Trade Commissioner to China, Mr. J. W. Ross, is in the city on a trip of investigation of the possibilities of export trade with the Oriental country for some of the city's manufacturers. He arrived here last evening and will remain until tomorrow.

In conversation with the official this morning enquiring as to the possibilities for local industries in the field in China was made. Mr. Ross while he has yet not made the necessary investigation stated that he had so far learned that apparently there are few industries in this city which manufacture goods which China has to import.

"The principal products which she imports are iron and steel goods, nails, hardware, enamelware, and many things which are used in construction," he remarked. As to boots and shoes he stated that China manufactures a cloth shoe which is commonly worn by her people; Japan manufactures a higher grade leather kind from which she secured a supply and that also many sandals are worn by the people.

The only opening there might be was for shoe soles.

After an interesting conversation the visitor produced a list of products which China had to import. It was a long list. Among them were the following goods manufactured in this city: auto parts, candies, and chocolates. Enquiry as to whether this did not indicate that there might be an opening for the tire trade with China, the fact was pointed out that American tire manufacturers are in a position to outdo in China Canadian tire makers in competition. And in regard to the others mentioned, chocolates and candies, the possibilities for these were going to be investigated by the official as well as many others. This morning and afternoon he was shown about some of the manufacturing plants and met some of the prominent manufacturers. After an investigation it is quite possible that several openings after all will be revealed for the benefit of local manufacturers.

Mr. Ross has been the commissioner in China for fifteen years. He arrived here on his last journey on April 1st. He is now touring the country in order to learn the conditions and to make openings for export.

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## SCARCITY OF VESSELS CAUSE OF DELAYS

(Special To The Record.)

HALIFAX, N.S., May 9.—For the purpose of giving the people of Canada the facts regarding the conditions of the war and the lot of the Canadian troops overseas, Sir Edward Kemp, Overseas Minister of Militia, arrived here this morning from England, on board the Maritonia and left for Ottawa on the afternoon train.

"I don't know of any charges that have been made against the Overseas administration. As far as I am concerned, I will take my seat in the house and present the whole case to the people. I have the absolute facts and the people will get them," said he.

Sir Edward's first declaration on his arrival was regarding the return of the Canadian fighting men. "Canadian soldiers, including the short service men," he asserted, "will with good luck, all be home by the end of July."

"Tracing back the untimely connection with the return of the men shows that the one great difficulty has been strikes in the shipping industry. There has been one strike after another in the various branches of the work. A strike in one branch is as effective as a strike in half a dozen, insofar as the holding up of vessels is concerned. I anticipate that this will be the chief excuse offered by the Minister of Shipping regarding deviations from the original program, laid down after the armistice was signed, for the return of Canadian troops. As far as our Overseas Department is concerned there has been no hitch in the plans for sending the men back to Canada at the earliest date. The only handicap has been to obtain sufficient ships. From now on the machinery set in motion to bring the men back will have even greater impetus, with the realization that summer is at hand."

There came also the feeling that there must be even more speed. For this reason the last thing I did before leaving England was to persuade the Ministry to turn the Aquitania over to the service of the Canadian government. It was a hard fight but I got the promise in the morning I left for Canada. This means that we now have in the employ of the Canadian government every ship we can place on the North Atlantic. When the armistice was signed, there were 227,000 Canadian soldiers in France and England. Since that time more than 40,000 men have been brought back to Canada. In the same time only 50,000 Australian have been taken home.

"But," he rejoined, "the reporter, 'Lieut.-Colonel Pratt recently stated that the Australian government had taken home 95,000 men by the first of March.'"

"That is not so," replied Sir Edward, heatedly. "It is a positive fact that only 50,000 have been sent to Australia to date. Everything that such men say is said on their return to Canada on a par with the statement regarding the 95,000 Australians."

Sir Edward's first act on receiving the reporter was to do some investigating himself. "What is the news in Canada?" he asked. "How is everything going?"

"Well," the reporter replied, thinking to bring up the question of Argyle house and the criticism made against its staff and methods," Colonel Pratt is back."

"Who is Colonel Pratt?" Sir Edward asked.

"And General Smart also is home and so is Major Ewing and so is Colonel Frank Reid," the newspaperman added. "Who are all these men?" the minister asked, and then he went on to tell of the glorious inspiration created by the Canadians on their recent march through London.

"It was the finest thing I ever saw," he said. "The imperial guards had a march past a little while before, but there never has been anything to touch the Canadian troops. They were the most splendid-looking, finest-dressed body of men I have ever seen on parade."

In answer to repeated questions regarding Argyle house, Sir Edward said: "We have in England today as fine a band of soldier civilians as was ever gotten together. Many of them gave up possessions and lucrative positions in Canada and every day they spend over there is imperilling their chances for further success in this country. They realize this and many of them have come to me to tell me that they want to come back to Canada and they have just as much right to get back as the fighting men. But I put my hand on their shoulder and told them to stick to it, for Canada's sake and they are sticking to it and doing the finest bit for Canada that has been done since the war started. Furthermore, they are doing it just for Canada, for they are doing it at considerable sacrifice."

## WIRE NEWS IN BRIEF

From Many Quarters

WINNIPEG MAY HAVE GENERAL STRIKE.

WINNIPEG, May 9.—A general walkout of all union workers in greater Winnipeg appears inevitable, unless the metal and building trades strikes are settled within a few days. Twenty unions voted during the last two days, almost unanimously in favor of a strike. Out of hundreds of ballots cast, less than 25 were against walkout, it was reported at labor temple.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY.

TORONTO, May 9.—It was announced today that negotiations between the striking workers of the metal trades here and employers are all off and representatives of the strikers say that arrangements for calling a provincial wide strike will be announced immediately.

CONSPIRACY TO GET SAILORS TO MUTINY.

LONDON, May 9.—A conspiracy to induce British sailors to mutiny and soldiers to desert themselves, by marching out of their barracks, has been discovered, according to the Daily Mail. The premises of various persons have been searched and documents seized.

Jurisdiction this matter falls today the sheriff stated that until this matter had been completely cleared up and he was able to secure three men who were willing to take on the work, the guarding would be done by the guards at the jail and during the night by the one night watch now appointed. The sheriff considers that this system of guarding the prisoners will be found adequate to prevent his duplicating his escape.

"My relations with McCullough terminated when he went away," said Rev. R.N. Nelles former spiritual advisor to McCullough who had visited McCullough many times prior to his escape on April 15. "The appointment was made by a number of considerations connected with the work and until I have fully taken the matter under my consideration I should not care to say. Eventually I may have something to say."

"McCullough, in some of his previous letters, professed to be a married man but he then endeavored to evade his sentence," said the reporter.

"I think almost any man would make an effort for his freedom," concluded Mr. Nelles.

## CHINA OBJECTS TO JAPANESE GRAB

COUNCIL OF FOUR CONSIDERING AUSTRIA'S CASE.

PARIS, May 9.—Both the Council of Four and the Council of Foreign Ministers resumed their sessions this morning. The former is giving special attention to the impending negotiations between the Allies and Austria and the latter is discussing the reports on the boundaries of the former Austro-Hungarian territories.

CHINA WILL NOT SIGN TREATY.

PARIS, May 9.—The Chinese delegation has received cabled instructions from Peking not to sign the treaty of peace because of the Kiao-Chau-Shan-tung settlement.

## 4000 CANADIANS ON THE MAURETANIA

ALSO 91 CIVILIANS.

HALIFAX, May 9.—The Cunard liner Mauretania docked at Halifax this morning with four thousand returning Canadian soldiers, made up of Number 1, 2 and 3 brigades of artillery, or siege batteries one to twelve, under command of Lieut. Andrew McNaughton, D.S.O., and a few other details.

Among the ninety-one civilian passengers brought out by the Mauretania were Sir Edward Kemp, Canadian Overseas Minister of Militia, Sir Charles Ross, Sir Percy and Lady Daniels and Mrs. Whitlaw Reid. Sir Edward Kemp upon his arrival here vigorously defended Argyle house, the Canadian headquarters in London.

## REGINA, VISITED BY IND. RELS. COM'N FOUND RADICAL

INDORSED O-B-U. PROPOSAL

REGINA, Sask., May 9. (By Main Johnson)—Although Regina is an administrative and distribution center, rather than industrial city, these workers who are here, are, to judge from evidence submitted to the Industrial Relations Commission, radical in their views. They showed hostility towards cooperation with capital, as strong if not stronger than in Calgary, and different from the average attained in Edmonton and Saskatoon. Theoretically their views almost resembled those expressed at the Coast, although, in fact, conditions here are infinitely better. They also rather suspected ulterior motives in the inquiry.

Probably because it is not the head office of the company, neither employer nor employees were present to speak for Imperial Oil Company, Regina's largest plant, employing 500 men. The company is inaugurating locally the plan of cooperation and benefits, as it is doing in the East. The commission of Regina include machine shops, cash and door factory and building trades. As for distribution, the Eatons and Simpsons have large establishments, and this is also one of chief centers for implement houses. There is one strike in progress now, that of the carpenters.

A vote will now be taken by the Trades and Labor Council on a general sympathetic strike. At a meeting held last week, the trades and labor council by an overwhelming majority, decided in favor of the one-day strike, as contrasted with the present international craft system. A referendum in individual unions now being taken.

Except for the striking carpenters, there seems to be little unemployment, less than anywhere else visited by the commission up to date. T. M. Mulvey, provincial labor commissioner for Saskatchewan, gave figures for the whole province, showing that at the end of April, 1900 people who had no employment were registered at his office. These he said were people who wanted a particular kind of work. In other classes of employment there was room for about 1,500 workers.

Regina yesterday appeared more cheerful than any other western city. Its people are well dressed, and there was aboard an air of light heartedness. Huge crowds, led by a long automobile procession, were proceeding to the park to see the opening of the western Canada baseball league, and as the notices said, "to chase away the clouds of the last four years."

Yesterday morning a detachment of Regina men reached the city from Siberia and were visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Knipfel on Sunday. Yesterday, Peter Rueffer of Kitchener, who after spending two weeks in W. Hospital, Mr. John Toronto visited at Mr. and Mrs. Knipfel on Sunday. Mrs. Peter Rueffer of Kitchener, who after spending two weeks in W. Hospital, Mrs. R. Reier and family day in Waterloo. Mr. tin of Kitchener was the wet weather seeding is

## MONTH MAY ELAPSE BEFORE PEACE PACT IS COMPLETED

GERMAN GOVERNMENT MAY ASK CHANGES

PARIS, May 9.—It is generally believed that the German Government will answer the delivery of the treaty of peace by proposals relative to certain phases of the document. A competent commission will examine the German Government's answer and if modifications are necessary, the German Assembly will be notified.

It is expected that in this rejoinder, the enemy will be allowed four or five days to agree definitely to the whole treaty. It is therefore probable that from twenty-five to thirty days will elapse before the pact is finally signed.

DIVIDED IN THEIR VIEWS.

PARIS, May 9.—German delegates to the peace congress are considerably divided among themselves, in their views on the peace terms submitted by the allied and associated powers. It was intimated today by high British authorities, a Reuter statement says.

## AMERICAN PLANES ARE TURNING UP

At Halifax for Second Leg of Flight.

ENGINES OVERHAULED AND FUEL PUT IN.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 9.—The American hydroplanes, N. C.-3 and N. C.-1 are now turning up, preparatory to making a start on the second leg of the trans-Atlantic flight. Fuel was taken aboard both planes during the night and the engines overhauled.

THE MISSING N. C.-4 FOUND.

CHATHAM, Mass., May 9.—Naval airplane N. C.-4, missing since late yesterday, when she was forced to descend because of engine trouble, while attempting the flight from Rockaway, was towed into Chatham harbor, by a motor boat, from the Chatham aviation station this morning. Her crew was uninjured.

## LIFE SAVING HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

IN TORONTO FIRE, TODAY.

(Special To The Record.)

TORONTO, May 9.—At nine o'clock this morning, flames burst through the roof of the life-saving station at the Eastern Gap. Fifteen minutes later the whole building was in a mass of flames, the fire belching forth through the roof, doors and windows. There seemed to be little chance of anything being saved.

As soon as the fire was discovered the Marie and Henrietta, tugs of the Canadian Steamship Co., moored at wharfs a short distance away from the fire, sailed out to sea and the crew tried to stem the fire. The building is likely to be a total loss and for a time at least the old familiar building, which was the first to be seen by those coming across the lake, has disappeared. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars. Much valuable equipment was inside the building.

## MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HANDS BACK RAIL

TO CANADIAN COMPANY

(Special To The Record.)

TORONTO, May 9.—The Mexican Tramways company, a Canadian syndicate, advised that Mexican Tramways have been turned back by the Mexican government to their Canadian owners. The decision of the Mexican government has caused no great surprise at the Toronto offices of the company.

Mr. R.H. Merry, when asked for a statement today said: "We have only received advice today that the Mexican government will return the tramways. That is all the information we have received so far."

"Will there be an early meeting of directors of the company to discuss the action of the Mexican government," the reporter asked.

"We have nothing at present to consider until we get further information," replied Mr. Merry.

"When do you expect to obtain more information?"

"I do not know. The Mexican government have had the tramways since 1914 and might have returned them to the Canadian owners at any time. The government's action is no surprise. In fact we are never surprised at anything that happens in Mexico. They do such extraordinary things in that country."

MR. J. R. EDEN, INTERIM LIQUIDATOR.

TORONTO, May 9.—The Classic Phonograph Co. of Breslau, incorporated in 1915, as the Ideal Furniture Co., was wound up today on the petition of W. P. Blair, one of the directors and a creditor to the extent of \$2,500. Mr. Justice Rose named J. R. Eden interim liquidator with a reference to the local Judge at Kitchener.

## MRS. C. WALSH DEAD

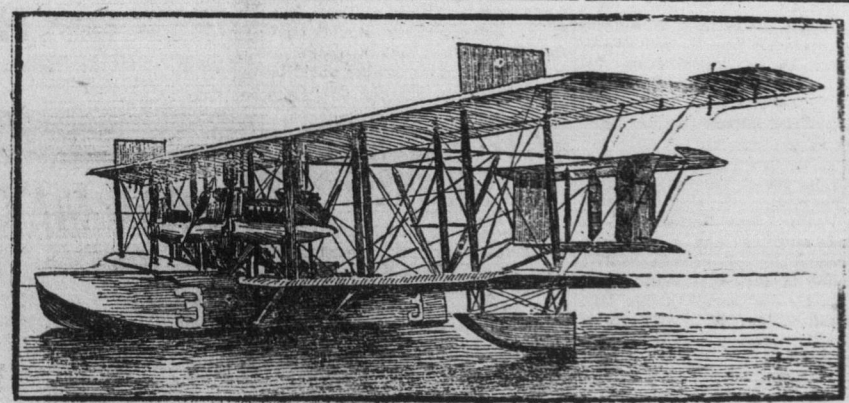
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF CANON WALSH.

(Special To The Record.)

BRAMPTON, May 9.—Word was received here of the death in New York of Mrs. Crozier Walsh, daughter-in-law of Rev. Canon Walsh. Mrs. Walsh returned to her home in New York late in the fall after spending several weeks in Brampton in search of health but finally succumbed to tubercular trouble in throat. She leaves two young children, besides her husband.

## THE NC-3, THE FLYING BOAT THE U.S. NAVY DEPENDS ON TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC

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