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RISKED LIVES TO SAVE LOSS TO GRAIN SHIPPERS

Starting Evidence Given by Mechanical Superintendent in Matter of Fatal Elevator Explosion

Port Colborne, Ont., Sept. 6.—At an inquest heretofore held into the deaths of the victims of the elevator explosion, startling evidence was given by T. S. Harvey, mechanical superintendent of the elevator. He said while dust fans were in operation at the time the leads to the various lofts were closed. The only lead open was to the scale. He had the leads open in taking in grain except by separate slides. He said that had the leads been open fifty to sixty per cent of the dust from the grain would have been taken away, thus materially lessening the danger of an explosion. He added that the orders against fanning dust from grain emanated from the desire on the part of the shippers to avoid loss in weight. "So by not having the leads to the fans open, the lives of eight men were probably sacrificed," observed Crown Attorney Cowper of Welland. Harvey admitted that the danger of an explosion was increased. "And to avoid loss in weight of grain somebody takes a high chance?" "Yes," Harvey's theory of the cause of the explosion was dust swimming in the air, which sparks from the burning motor became attached.

RANGE PROPOSED GERMANY'S FRONTIER BE THE RHINE

Instead of Granting France Left Bank, Britain Promised Immediate Help in Case of Trouble

Paris, Sept. 6.—During the debate on the peace treaty in the Chamber of Deputies, Captain Andre Tardieu disclosed that France, in February last, had proposed that Germany's geographical frontier be fixed at the Rhine. The plan was approved by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George had recognized the justice of the request, but instead of granting France the occupation of the left bank of the Rhine, they promised immediate help in the event of German aggression. France appreciated this offer, which was unique in history. Tardieu said he was of the opinion that the British army, if its services were ever required, would not arrive too late, as the German army would be unable to conceal its preparations. Capt. Tardieu dwelt on the prodigious strength of Great Britain and her admirable dominions, and also the United States, and concluded by saying that France had no designs to secure political ascendancy.

CITY LEAGUE SEASON ENDS; ST. PETER'S WIN

Carleton and Y.M.C.I. to Play for Decision as to Second Place

Last night's game between St. Peter's and Y. M. C. I. finished the season in City League, leaving St. Peter's team leaders for this year. Two postponed games between Carleton and Y. M. C. I., which will decide the winners of second place in the league will be played off, the first game to take place this afternoon. It is proposed to play some exhibition games on the West Side diamond so long as weather conditions permit and it is expected that in this connection outside teams will be seen in action before the season commences. A good brand of baseball has been seen in City League this year, and it is expected that the organization will be revived next season. The league standing at the close of the schedule was:

St. Peter's	16	5	1	750
Carleton	16	10	1	615
Y. M. C. I.	13	9	1	591
St. Andrew's	1	21	1	345

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

Six marriages and the birth of twenty-five children were reported to Registrar's office and marriages this week. There were fifteen boys and twelve girls in the list of births.

MR. BALLENTYNE ILL

Hon. C. C. Ballentyne, minister of marine and fisheries and of the naval service, is very ill again and it is doubtful whether he will be able to continue as minister.

Empire Must Pay To Hold Sea Supremacy

Admiral Jellicoe Thinks Lord Fisher Has In Mind a Bigger And More Modern British Navy

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 6.—A special cable from Sydney, N. S. W., says:—"Unless the United Kingdom and the dominions are prepared to put their hands in their pockets, it will not be possible to retain for the empire that sea supremacy which every citizen of the empire knows in his heart is vital to its existence," said Admiral Jellicoe, in a forceful speech delivered to a large and influential audience here.

Lord Jellicoe went on to say that a fiercer reading cabled reports of a letter written to the London Times by Lord Fisher, he was of the opinion that underlying Lord Fisher's demand for the scrapping of the present British navy was the idea that a bigger and more modern navy should be built.

London, Sept. 6.—(By the Canadian Associated Press)—Discussing Lord Fisher's second letter to the Times, which it shows beyond doubt that what he advocates are constructive economy which consigns obsolete instruments to scrap heaps and replaces them with efficient modern weapons.

"Neither this country nor the empire can afford to allow the sea problems to be lost sight of," continues the Times. "The dominions have won their place in the world; they can hold it only if they recognize as Britain has already recognized that their life is in the sea and it is for us to understand their difficulties which are ours, too, and share in their solution." For this reason the Times applauds Admiral Jellicoe's mission and repeats its call for Admiral Beatty as first sea lord.

BISHOP LeBLANC AT MONCTON FUNERAL MASS

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 6.—The funeral of Mrs. W. B. Chandler, wife of Judge Chandler, was held this morning. Solemn high mass was sung in St. Bernard's church at nine o'clock in the presence of His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc of St. John. Rev. Father Savage was assisted by Rev. Father Lecavellier of St. Joseph's as deacon and Rev. Father McKeown of St. Joseph's as sub-deacon. Final absolution was given by Bishop LeBlanc. Rev. H. D. Cormier, parish priest of L'Assomption, was also present in the sanctuary. The pall-bearers were Hon. F. J. Sweeney, P. A. McCully, K. C., Reid McManus, J. McKeown, and W. Hazen Chapman of Dorchester. The interment took place in the Catholic cemetery, Shediac road.

AT CITY HALL
The rush of citizens to city hall still is divided fifty-fifty between those who are calling with the cash to pay their tax bills and those who seek the assessors' office to ask why their bills are so high. So far the officials have not been worried by any noticeable number of citizens with complaints that their taxes are too low.

Cobb Well In Lead As Season Nears Close

Swings Into The Last Month With

371
RUTH MAKES 25TH HOMER

Has Tied The World's Record—Rousch Gets Set-Back and Cravath Holds to Leadership of Nationals

Chicago, Sept. 6.—As the clubs of the American League swing into the final month of the pennant race, Ty Cobb is driving for the batting championship, which, with the exception of two seasons, has been in his possession for twelve years. Unofficial averages show the Georgian hitting .371, twenty-one points ahead of Oscar Veach, his team mate and closest batting rival. In 104 games Cobb has knocked out 155 safe hits for a total of 210 bases.

Ruth has tied the world's record for home runs of twenty-five. In addition to driving out twenty-five homers, Ruth tops the league in total base hitting. He has stretched 119 hits, bugged in 111 games, for a total of 240 bases.

George Sisler, St. Louis star, continues to show the way to the base stealers with twenty-seven. Chapman, of Cleveland, is the leading sacrifice hitter, with forty-three. Other leading American League batters for forty or more games include Jackson, Chicago, 34; Sisler, St. Louis, 34; Peckinpaugh, New York, 34; and Jacobson, St. Louis, 34.

Ed Rousch, Cincinnati star, suffered a setback in his attack for the National League batting honors, dropping to third place with an average of .323. Cravath, of Philadelphia, clung to the leadership with .340, while Thorpe of Boston, swung back into second place with .324. Rousch, however, leads the league in total base hitting. Competing in 116 games, the Red's outfielder has slugged out 143 hits for a total of 196 bases. Cuthbert of Pittsburgh continued to show the way to the base stealers with thirty-one. In home run hitting Cravath is out in front with eleven. Other leading National League batters include Meusel, Philadelphia, 318; Groh, Cleveland, 311; Doyle, New York, 302; and Young, New York, 301.

As Hiram Sees It

The Settlement, Sept. 6.
Mr. Hiram Hornbeam and the Times reporter were enjoying an after-dinner smoke on the veranda. They had had a busy morning in the cucumber beds, and Mrs. Hornbeam was to have a busy afternoon putting away pickles.

A large bird alighted on a branch of the maple tree in front of the veranda and leisurely surveyed Hiram and the reporter.

"That's a hawk," said Hiram. "I never seen one so tame. He knows you I guess."

"How should he know me?" "Birds of a feather," said Hiram. "You newspaper fellows has an eye like a hawk—'an' you're always stickin' your beak in where it ain't wanted. But there he goes—just a friendly call 'at' away again."

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"Well," said the reporter, "how about that? I thought that hawking bird was going to make a nest in your whiskers. Do they often do that?"

"Hiram was lookin' for honey," said Hiram.

"Ah!" said the reporter. "Your nose does bear some resemblance to a blossom today. Don't you think we had better go in? There are a lot of birds around here, and this thing may become embarrassing."

"I'm not goin' in," said Hiram. "Them cats has got to be hauled in this afternoon. I guess I'll get you to help me. Them hens 'n' turkeys is madder 'n' love to get in here with heavy feed 'n' up all the time to save them poor 'n'illin' companies from bein' as poor as the sugar refineries we'll see, sir. I callate I'll be doin' more for the poor rich this winter than we ever done afore. They'll starve if we don't 'em."

TRAIN HITS MOOSE; ENGINE DISABLED

Report Here Said Seven or Eight of Killed But That Was Not Correct

When No. 1 train of the Bangor and Aroostook Railway struck a moose about seven miles north of Brownville Junction this morning and the engine was derailed. The engineer, L. Z. Groves of Van Buren, Me., was badly injured. The passenger cars did not leave the rails. No one else was hurt, though some of the passengers received a shaking up.

The train was bound from Bangor to Van Buren. Reports current about the city this morning that seven or eight people had been killed were groundless, according to a long distance inquiry by the Times-Star made at the office of the B. and A. Railway at Bangor.

WILL SIGN TREATY

Vienna, Sept. 6, via London, Sept. 6.—Dr. Karl Renner, the head of the Austrian peace delegation, has informed the newspaper correspondents here that he would return to St. Germain on Sunday and sign the peace treaty handed Austria this week.

THIRTEEN DEATHS

Thirteen burial permits were issued by the health department here for services rendered in the field and for services rendered while in captivity or while escaping or attempting to escape. Applications for burial permits were received from the assistant adjutant general for each district not later than August 31, but the time has now been extended to September 15. There have been no applications up to date and all those who are eligible for this reward had better file their applications immediately.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Henry Hachey, took place this morning from his residence, 115 Queen street, to St. John's Baptist church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. A. W. Meahan and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives were pall-bearers. The funeral was attended by many friends. Beautiful spiritual and floral offerings were received.

TREES BEING DAMAGED

The life of some young trees in Wellington Row is being endangered according to a resident of that street who said this morning that they needed to be fastened to keep them from being knocked over. The wind has a free sweep at them as they are now.

Oppose Suffrage

Richmond, Va., Sept. 6.—The Virginia House of Delegates today refused by a vote of sixty-one to twenty-one to ratify the National Woman Suffrage Constitutional amendment, upon which President Wilson in a message to the legislature had urged favorable action.

Weather Report

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

WHAT EVERYONE WOULD LIKE TO SEE



Strike of Anthracite Miners Twenty-Six Collieries in Lackawanna and Wyoming Valleys to be Closed

Scranton, Sept. 6.—Following a lengthy session of the Delaware and Hudson Company miners' grievance committee here yesterday afternoon orders were issued last night for a general suspension of work in all of the collieries operated by the company in the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys. Twenty-six collieries will be closed and 19,000 men affected by the strike which will be the largest in the anthracite regions since the six months' strike in 1902. These mines produce in the neighborhood of 26,000 tons of coal daily. The suspension will become effective at seven o'clock Monday morning.

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Husband Returned Home to Find Wife and Two Children Dead—One Child Fatally Wounded

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New York, Sept. 6.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, who is expected to arrive here next Tuesday on the trans-Atlantic Pacific, will be welcomed down the bay by Mayor Hylan's committee on receptions to distinguished guests. The welcome ship will have on board Archbishop Hayes of New York, Mayor Hylan and prominent church and city officials.

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THE KAISER'S FINANCES

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NEW INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONGRESS IN NEW YORK OR CHICAGO

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Steps for calling a new international socialist congress to unite the radical forces of the world were taken yesterday at the closing session of the National Socialist party convention. The plan is to hold the congress at the earliest date practicable in either New York or Chicago.

BRITISH MINISTER SAYS COMPETITION NOT TO BE FEARED AND HAN NATION MUST GET TRADE

London, Sept. 6.—Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national services and reconstruction, informed a deputation of toy makers yesterday that the government declined to adopt the policy of a three years embargo on any imported goods.

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