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BRITAIN AND GERMANY LEAD

Nothing May Come From Offer of Mr. Churchill

RECEIVED WITH FAVOR

London Believes Agreement to Rest From Battleship Building For Period of a Year is Possible for European Statesmanship

(Times' Special Cable)

London, March 28—The point raised by Mr. Churchill as to the possibility of the European nations taking a holiday for a year in respect to the construction of dreadnoughts is regarded with favor by all who are working for peace and good will among the nations.

Released from the foolish rivalry of battleship building these countries then would be able to turn to social and economic development which would be heartily welcomed by the people.

An agreement should not be beyond the statesmanship of Europe. The action of the powers in connection with the Balkan war has proved the possibility of an increase in the common unity.

SAY FIGHTERS HIRED TO ATTACK RAILROAD

Men in Maine

Arrests Made, Two Pugilists and Three Railway Strikers

Houlton, March 28—Charged with having assaulted Bangor & Aroostook railroad engineers on last Monday night, William McFestyre, a colored pugilist, William Rowe, who is also a pugilist, and Leonard McQuarrie, all of whom were arrested in the municipal court here.

One of the witnesses testified that he had been hired to attack the engine of Frank Nightingale, William Lyon, striking fireman and Parker Geary, a striking engineer. These men also have been arrested.

IMPEACH SHERIFF IN MAINE BECAUSE OF LIQUOR SITUATION

Special Message by Governor Starts Proceedings Against Official

Augusta, March 28—Impeachment proceedings against Lewis W. Montton, sheriff of Cumberland county, for non-enforcement of the prohibitory law were instituted by Governor William T. Haines in a special message to the legislature. Similar proceedings in one or more of four other counties may be expected.

AMUNDSEN TO TAKE HYDROPLANES ON SOUTH POLAR TRIP

San Francisco, March 28—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, has signed a contract to buy two hydroplanes which he will carry with him in the Arctic on his next voyage of exploration in 1914.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

Toronto, March 28—The disturbance which was centered over the state of New York yesterday, now covers Newfoundland, and the weather in Canada has cleared.

Maritime—Strong westerly winds, clear and cold; Saturday, fresh westerly winds, fair and cold.

D. A. R. TRAIN INTO WASHOUT; CARS BURIED

Serious Accident in Nova Scotia, But No One Hurt—Macaan Washout Makes Trouble on Intercolonial

Bridgetown, N. S., March 28—A terrible smash-up and destruction by fire took place on the Dominion Atlantic Railway just east of Roundhill station, last night. The west bound freight in charge of Conductor John Mennie, struck a washout that must have taken place after the section men had left the track while the train of 14 cars including a big tank of gasoline, went into the hole.

One of English goods and the others were loaded with lumber and scrap iron. Fortunately no one was hurt. An auxiliary train went down after midnight from Kentville and rendered assistance.

Moncton, N. B., March 28—Melted snow and the steady downpour of rain of the last twenty-four hours have resulted in the vicinity of Moncton are flooded, streams are overflowing their banks and it is feared that considerable damage will be done to bridges.

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FATHER McQUIRK, BORN IN ST. JOHN, IS DEAD AGED NINETY

Passed Away This Morning in the Hotel Dieu, Chatham

Chatham, March 28—Rev. Hugh McQuirk died this morning at the Hotel Dieu a few minutes after eleven o'clock. He was born in St. John on Dec. 1, 1823, and was one of the best known priests in this or the St. John diocese. He was in charge of a freight train left the track and some of the cars were overturned.

When the Chatham diocese was erected in 1880 he came to this part of the province and had ministered faithfully for many years in the service of the church. He had retired quite a number of years ago and lived at the Hotel Dieu. The funeral probably will be held on Monday.

MORE BURGLARIES IN AMHERST, TWO PLACES VISITED

Amherst, N. S., March 28—It was hoped that the arrest of young Michael Perry yesterday would put an end to burglaries from which Amherst has been suffering, but evidently not.

Last night two of Amherst's stores in Victoria street were entered by thieves who made a haul of about \$30 and probably goods as well. B. G. Carter's meat market was ransacked and \$11 or \$12 taken. Mr. Carter was unable to tell whether or not any goods had been taken.

At the Amherst Foundry Company's several clocks were left untouched. The amount of money taken is about \$20. Michael Perry, an eleven year old lad, charged with burglarizing Amherst stores, had his preliminary hearing this morning before Stipendiary Magistrate McKenzie.

He confessed and was sentenced to three years in the reformatory. He accepted his sentence with a smile. Perry was before the police court previously charged with stealing, and was let off on suspended sentence. It is said he had an organized gang of young lads who rob churches and heret merchants right and left. He is a smart, bright faced boy.

NO RECEPTION FOR DUKE IN ENGLAND

London, March 28—There will be no official reception to the Duke of Connaught either at Liverpool or London. This is in the express desire of His Royal Highness, in view of the fact that he is merely coming home on a short leave of absence.

BROKE SEVEN WINDOWS. The heavy rains last night deluged a quantity of ice and snow from the roof of the St. Stephen church, in falling, struck the side of the adjoining house and broke the glass in seven windows.

SPECIAL TRAIN. A special train from the steamer Pretorian at Halifax passed through the city on its way westward this morning. There were about 300 on board.

SCENT BIG PLOT BY SMUGGLERS

Arrested in New York and Sensational Revelations are Made

New York, March 28—Officials in the office of the United States District Attorney say that one of the biggest plots in the history of the United States customs service has been uncovered as the result of statements made to them by two women.

Before the plot was discovered an assistant United States District Attorney said, goods valued at more than \$3,000,000 were smuggled into the United States. Some of the articles came by way of Boston, where it is alleged an official of that port and several customs inspectors were in league with the smugglers.

Not until Kate Brennan, president of the Misses C. Donovan & Co., milliners, of 29 East 56th street, was arrested in Boston, did Mr. Wise learn of the gigantic smuggling conspiracy.

Kate Brennan was a buyer for her company. She made two trips a year always sailing from New York, and returning by way of Boston, it is alleged. Boston, March 28—Although the local United States Custom officials are dumb on the subject and refuse to comment without authority from the Treasury Department at Washington, the widespread operations of a smuggling ring said to involve Boston, people, including at least one and maybe several part-time employees of the government.

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ANOTHER NEW SUB-DIVISION NEAR CITY ANNOUNCED

IN EARLY MORNING, FIRE GIVES CAPITAL BRIGADE SOME WORK

Currie Brothers' Wooden Building in Queen Street Destroyed—Presentation to Rev. Mr. MacDonaid

Fredericton, March 28—Fire, which at one time threatened to assume serious proportions, early this morning destroyed a wooden building in Queen street west of the city. The insurance is held by the National of Hartford and Yorkshire of grocers, James Lyons, who lives in an adjoining building, was awakened at two o'clock by the smell of smoke and gave the alarm.

The fire did little damage outside of the building in which it originated. The fire broke out at about 11:30 p.m. and was extinguished by the fire department. The building was occupied by Currie Brothers, grocers, James Lyons, who lives in an adjoining building, was awakened at two o'clock by the smell of smoke and gave the alarm.

HOUSING IN ST. JOHN

The city commissioners spent an hour this morning discussing the housing problem. After reviewing the situation they were inclined to take the view that the lack of houses was not due so much to a lack of land as the lack of money for building purposes or the necessary enterprise to undertake the work.

WIVES DOWN IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Montreal, March 28—With telegraph wires down in every direction, telephone service within and without the city seriously impaired, and trains delayed from all points, Montreal, was until noon today, cut off from the outside world. By twelve o'clock communication by wire had been established with the maritime provinces and with Ottawa.

AUSTRALIA BACKS UP THE LAURIER POLICY

Melbourne, March 28—The cruiser Melbourne received an enthusiastic welcome on Wednesday. Speeches at a ministerial banquet to the officers emphasized the contention that the Australian policy of separate naval co-operation with the imperial fleet, was a sound policy for the overseas dominions.

The radical press supports the Liberal party's fight in Canada for Laurier's policy. Mr. Pearce predicted that other dominions will eventually follow Australia's lead.

GALANT TURK GIVES UP HIS SWORD TO ENEMY

Adrianople, March 27—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria which fell before the assault of the combined Bulgarian and Serbian armies. He drove through almost entire lines of Turkish prisoners and proceeded to the military club, where Shukri Pasha the heroic Turkish commander-in-chief handed him his sword. King Ferdinand returned him the weapon, with a few complimentary words.

Two days afterwards, accompanied by his two sons and Generals Michael Savoff, Nikola Ivanoff, and Kacho Petroff, His Majesty reviewed his victorious troops. The attempt made by the Turks to destroy the railroad bridge over the Maritza River, was partially successful, but repairs are being carried out and trains will be running within a week.

DEATH LIST MUCH REDUCED TODAY

Revised estimates which came in early today from the flooded districts of Ohio and Indiana, showed that reports of loss of life in many cities and towns had been exaggerated. The greatest anxiety still centred about Dayton, where an accurate estimate of the number of the victims of the flood is not yet possible.

Indiana points continued to report improving conditions during the night, with the estimates as to death shrinking as more accurate reports were made. Evansville, Ind., March 27—The Ohio River rose five feet and two inches overnight, and the local United States weather forecaster issued a warning at 8 o'clock this morning, saying: "All stock and movable property affected by a forty-eight foot stage of the river at Evansville should be moved before midnight tonight."

In the parts of Dayton which have been explored in motor boats, the death list has been greatly reduced from first estimates, and until the number of victims in the flooded sections of the city cannot be large, the dead in the entire city may not number more than 200.

In Piquette where more than 500 persons were reported drowned fewer than twenty lost their lives, according to a despatch today. In Chillicothe, where the number of drowned was reported to be in the neighborhood of 200, the dead will not exceed twenty-five. Similar results were expected at Zanesville and other Muskingum valley towns.

KENNETH CAMERON IS SAFE IN OMAHA

A despatch was last night received by R. K. Cameron from Omaha, Nebraska, from his son, Kenneth, bringing the joyful news that he had not been injured in the chain of disasters which had come upon the city. The house in which he was living had been destroyed in the tornado, but he was unharmed.

BISHOP JAGGAR'S FUNERAL

With many prominent Episcopalian clergymen from various sections of the state attending, the funeral of Bishop Thomas Augustus Jaggar, who was bishop of Southern Ohio from 1875 to 1894, but was well known in Boston, where he lived upon retiring and preached at St. Paul's church frequently between 1903 and 1908, was held yesterday at the Cathedral church of St. Paul in Boston.

WEDDING RING LOST 20 YEARS AGO IS FOUND

Paris, March 28—While walking along the beach at Trouville a girl found a wedding ring on which was engraved—"F. de Beaumont and Charlotte Laboulaye, 24th March, 1892."

DEPORT SUFRAGETTES TO ISLAND HIS PLAN

London, March 28—Lord Robert Cecil, member of the House of Commons for the Hitchin Division of Herts, and son of the late Lord Salisbury, in a letter to the London papers advocates the deportation of Suffragettes convicted of military offences to a remote island. He says, "It is futile; so the courts should be empowered to sentence the women to deportation to some distant island. Once there they could be left at large. Food and lodging would be offered to them, but no compulsion put upon them to accept it."

START TOMORROW

Stetson & Cutler mills at Indianston and Pleasant Point will resume work tomorrow morning.

IS ASHORE IN ST. MARY'S BAY

Schooner Men's Rough Night on Fundy Waters

QUICKSTEP GOES ON BEACH

Had Fish Cargo for Eastport; Sheltered in St. Mary's After Hard Time, Parted Cable and Chais and Went Ashore

(Special to Times) Digby, N. S., March 28—A telephone message at three o'clock this morning announced that the American schooner Quickstep, Captain Matiewick, was ashore in St. Mary's Bay about one quarter of a mile west of Speech's Cove and that the crew were safe after a terrible night's experience in the bay. The Quickstep has between 70,000 and 80,000 pounds of fish on board and there is no insurance on either vessel or cargo.

In an interview over the telephone with Captain John Simms, who is a member of the crew, your correspondent learned that the Quickstep left Barrington at daylight yesterday for Eastport to land her fish. The wind was then about east south east. After getting around the cape the wind blew away their job. The mainmast was reefed and they decided to run for Westport.

The lot then became dense, as Yarmouth Cape was passed at two o'clock but it became so rough that they decided to run up St. Mary's Bay. Captain Simms says that the seas were the worst he has experienced in that locality in thirty years. After running until dark they anchored and tied up everything giving the vessel the cable anchor with seventy-five fathoms and the other one with all the chain she had. In less than two hours both the cable and chain parted. Sail was again made, soon after which the jumbo sheet parted and the sail became useless. With both anchors and headsails gone the vessel became helpless but nevertheless she was cleverly handled and the captain and crew endeavored to beach her where they could save their lives and also, if possible, the vessel. She struck west of Speech's Cove, back of Clementsport, between one and two o'clock this morning just before high water.

She appears to be very little damaged if any. The tide has left her and she will not float again before this afternoon. The vessel was west southwest when she was struck but has since hauled more westward and will probably go northward, which will be directly on Cape. The Digby agents of the vessel, are D. & O. Sproule.

LABOR TEMPLE FOR SYDNEY, N.S., PLANNED

Three Story Building is the Project—Some of the Details

Sydney, N. S., March 28—Sydney may have a labor temple. The Sydney Trades and Labor Council has the scheme under consideration. It will involve the erection of a large building for the home of labor unionism in the city.

The plan contemplates a structure of at least three stories. On the ground floor there would be one or two large stores. The establishment of a co-operative business to handle only union made goods is one of the details for consideration.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

Fredericton, N. B., March 28—A meeting of the New Brunswick and Maine Baseball League to organize for the coming season will be held in the Queen Hotel this afternoon. D. B. Donald arrived from St. John last evening to attend and H. J. Fleming came in this morning. The purchase was made through Taylor & Sweeney of this city and they will handle the sale of the lots.

TRAP SHOOTING

Preparations for the maritime trap-shooting meet to be held in St. John on June 3, 4 and 5, are advancing rapidly and indicate a most successful gathering. It is expected that about sixty members of the various maritime clubs will be on hand and in addition there will be about ten professionals from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and the United States.

AWAITING WORD ANXIOUSLY

H. S. Culver, American consul here, is eagerly awaiting news from the flood district in the south western states. His home town is Delaware, Ohio, which is one of the communities that suffered heavily.