

CHATHAM HAS BIGGEST FIRE IN LONG TIME

Four Houses, Two Barns, Several Sheds and Other Out-buildings Destroyed.

FEARED FOR TOWN AT ONE TIME

Origin of Serious Outbreak is Mystery—Lumber Yards in Great Danger.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., June 23.—The most mysterious fire Chatham has experienced for some years occurred early this morning and resulted in the destruction of four houses in Aberdeen street, two large barns, several sheds and outbuildings with the greater part of their contents, besides doing considerable damage to other buildings in the vicinity. It started in a barn belonging to James Foley and by the time the alarm was given had spread to several nearby buildings which were soon a mass of flames. When the fire department and citizens arrived the fire had made great headway and fanned by a strong westerly wind threatened to wipe out the entire eastern section of the town.

Numerous Outbreaks. Sparks and burning embers were carried a considerable distance and it required the services of a very large bucket brigade to put out the numerous fires caused by these falling on the roofs which owing to the long period of dry weather ignited very readily. On the opposite side of the street and also at some distance to the east a large quantity of lumber of various kinds belonging to the J. B. Snowball Co. was piled and had the fire succeeded in reaching this nothing could have saved the eastern portion of the town while the lumber loss would have been enormous.

Brigade did Well. The efficiency of the Chatham Fire Department under Chief W. A. Skidd was never better demonstrated, when after an hour's strenuous effort it was safe to predict that the fire would be mastered.

Out at Noon. It was nearly noon before the fire was finally extinguished. The buildings destroyed included the residence of James Foley, David Smith and Mrs. Canfield, a large three story tenement owned by the Snowball Company and known as the Brunswick House, two large barns, sheds and outbuildings in addition to the loss of his building Mr. Foley lost a valuable horse, several small nets and rigging stored in the barn. The origin of the fire is unknown.

REVOLT AGAINST LLOYD GEORGE A GREAT FAILURE

Gov't Never in Danger in Discussion That Began in the Commons.

PREMIER PREDICTS TRADE REVIVAL

Position Occupied by Hon. Dr. Addison, Storm Centre, to be Discontinued.

London, June 23.—Proceeding in the House of Commons tonight afforded a test of the reality of the so-called coalition revolt against Premier Lloyd George.

Nationalize Industry

London, June 23.—A cable to the Times reports that the Australian Labor Congress has voted almost unanimously to make socialization of industry, including exchange as well as the productive and distributive processes, the objective of the Labor party of the Commonwealth.

GOTTOW WORKERS TO GO BACK TO JOBS

Two Hundred Thousand Employees Accept Wage Settlement Plan Offered by Employers.

Manchester, England, June 23.—The wage settlement plan offered by the employers in the cotton industry has been accepted in all its branches of the spinning trade, the wage reduction involved affecting some 200,000 workers.

GOMPERS FLAYS HEARST POLICY BEFORE A. F. OF L.

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VETERAN LEADER IN MERCILESS SPIRIT

Delegates Cheer Gompers Loudly as He Defends His Irish Policy.

Denver, June 23.—William Randolph Hearst was denounced on the floor of the convention of the American Federation of Labor today by President Samuel Gompers as a "traitor to the cause of America, to the cause of freedom, an enemy of labor and of Ireland."

U. S. Population

Washington, June 23.—The racial composition of the United States in 1920, shows the country to contain 91,622,431 white persons, 10,468,013 negroes, 242,959 Indians, 111,925 Japanese, 61,886 Chinese and 9,485 others.

QUEBEC VILLAGE BURNED

Quebec, June 23.—Lying in the path of the forest fire which broke out this afternoon, the village of Ville Ray, Lotbiniere county, was razed to the ground, while the people had to take refuge in the village of Lotbiniere.

ABITIBI DIVIDEND PASSED

Montreal, June 23.—In view of the strike which caused the closing down of the plant of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Limited, for a period of four weeks and in view of the desirability of conserving cash during the usual general business conditions prevailing at the present time in all industries, the directors of the company at their meeting this afternoon, decided not to pay any dividend on the common stock for the three months ending June 30th.

AIDS THE FARMERS

London, June 23.—The British Government has agreed to compound its last liabilities to farmers under the Agriculture Act, by the payment of three pounds sterling per acre in respect to the oat crop and four pounds per acre in respect to the wheat crop.

Setting War Bills

Washington, June 23.—Unrestricted authority for the secretary of the treasury in refunding the approximately \$10,000,000 owed by the Allied nations to the United States was asked by President Harding today in the first administration bill sent to congress.

SEIZE LIQUOR WORTH \$45,000 NEAR OTTAWA

Entire Lot Will Come Into Possession of Quebec Government Without Cost.

INTENDED FOR A WHOLESALE HOUSE

Over 1,800 Cases of Good Stock in the Lot That Officers Capture.

Montreal, June 23.—As a result of a seizure operated early today, liquor to the value of \$45,000 has come into the possession of the Quebec Liquor Commission at practically no cost. The seizure was made under "the alcoholic liquor possession and transportation act," passed last session as the supplementary measure to the Quebec liquor law.

MINERS WHO ARE WORKING INTIMIDATED

No Actual Violence Yet But Fear is Keeping Many of the Pits Idle.

GENERAL STRIKE IS DISCOURAGED

Clyde Shipyard Workers Have Accepted a Cut in Their Wages.

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STAR—"Son of Tarzan," "Mutt and Jeff," Western Drama and 2 Real Comedy.

News of The World

CANADA

Five bandits made second attempt in week to rob Imperial Bank at Bolton, Ont.

UNITED STATES

BRITISH ISLES

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While Guards Were Locked up Liquor Valued at \$160,000 Was Carried Away.

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Halifax Priest Who Figured in Church Smash, Recalls War Experiences.

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ROBBERS MAKE NEW ATTEMPT TO GET CASH

Gang Fled When They Saw Two Cars of Armed Men Appear on Scene.

MAN HUNT STARTED BUT THIEVES ESCAPE

Hiding Spot Discovered Where Vision of the Road Bankers Used Was Excellent.

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INCOME TAX WILL BE ABOUT \$100,000,000

First Instalment Brought Into Dominion Treasury Over \$30,000,000, But Others Will Be Less.

Ottawa, June 23.—Close to \$100,000,000 is the estimated revenue this year from income taxation, the second instalment of which is due a week from today.

LAST STAGE OF FIGHT AGAINST THE SINN FEIN

Crown Forces Endeavor to Save Irish from Criminal Republican Element.

ULSTER HOUSE READS ROYAL SPEECH

Urges Ulster to Form Wise Government to be Example for Rest of Island.

Beifast, June 23.—In line with his expressed desire to meet Eamonn De Valera in the council of All Ireland, provided for under the Home Rule Act, Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, was nominated to the council by the Ulster House of Commons prior to the adjournment of the parliament today until September 20.

Senate Actions

The Senate, before adjournment, nominated its members, including a peer and a laborite, to the council of All-Ireland to be established under the Home Rule bill.

Wire Flashes

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Three Die from Heat

New York, June 23.—Three deaths and several prostrations from the oppressive heat which has kept the city sizzling since yesterday, were reported tonight. The highest climb of the mercury was 86 at 3 p. m., compared with 93 yesterday.

Edmonton, June 23.—Writs were issued today calling for a provincial election in Alberta to be held on Monday, July 18, with nominations one week earlier, on Monday, July 11.

Killed in Theatre Collapse

Johnstown, Pa., June 23.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and many injured in the collapse of the Grand Theatre at Baraboro early tonight. Nineteen persons were rescued from the ruins and sent to Spangler Hospital.

Fog at Halifax

Halifax, N. S., June 23.—Foggy breezes off the Atlantic and a thunder shower this afternoon kept Halifax from perspiring and the mercury in their thermometers below seventy today. Late tonight the mercury touched fifty-five and was slowly climbing.

Rideout is Acquitted

Sydney, N. S., June 23.—A charge of breaking and entering against Temperance Act Inspector George R. Rideout was thrown out by Magistrate Muggah when the case was called for trial in the city court this afternoon. Last April Rideout seized a car of liquor belonging to William Petrie, and Petrie entered the breaking charge.

West York By-Election

Ottawa, June 23.—The date of the by-election for West York, Ont., has not yet been definitely decided upon, Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, stated tonight.

Curzon Attacks League

London, June 23.—An unexpected attack on the covenant of the League of Nations was made in the House of Lords tonight by Lord Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs. He declared that many existing international difficulties were due to the Allies having taken the wrong turning in the making of peace.