POOR DOCUMENT

MC 2035

# The Evening Times ★ Star

VOL. XVI., No. 226 | PAGES ONE TO TEN | ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1920 | TWENTY PAGES—ONE CENT

## THE THREE HEAT RACING PLAN TO BE GIVEN TRIAL

### Fredericton and Moncton to Use It at Openers

### An Explanation of Its Working — Some Objection to it and Fredericton Will Work Under Both New and Old.

Fredericton, N. B., June 26—"Three-heat-plan" racing will be tried out for the first time in the maritime provinces at the opening of the harness racing season this year. It will be the system in vogue at the meetings to open on Dominion Day in Fredericton and Moncton and it will also be in use at the first meeting of the Maritime & Maine Circuit in Houlton, Me., the following week.

The "three-heat-plan" has many advocates in the United States and it was suggested as the proper antidote for the various objections trainers have voiced ever since the sport commenced against early racing for their stables. Except under unusual circumstances three is the utmost number of heats to be raced under the plan, as the name implies, and in practice this was declared to be an advantage for early season racing as, is was argued, it would do away with the possibility of getting into a long drawn-out six or perhaps a seven heat race at the outset which would take the "zip" out of the best trotter or pacer in the country for the best part of, if not all season.

Some interesting correspondence from W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, with the Fredericton Park Association has given some concrete illustrations of just how the three-heat-plan works out, how the money is divided, what happens about the winnings of horses that are distanced, and other rulings that will be carefully scanned by followers of racing.

Section 8 of Rule 5 of the National Trotting Association's regulations says: "A three heat plan race is an event limited to three heats, with the money divided as in the published conditions, less 10 per cent of the purse which shall be awarded to the horse standing best in the summary except in the event of three horses each winning a heat. In that event they shall go a fourth heat to determine the winner. Should one horse only win one heat and make a dead heat, he shall be declared the winner. If two horses each win a heat and make a dead heat they shall go a fourth heat to determine the winner."

This rule explains itself pretty well, but Mr. Gocher has sent along instructions as to the division of the monies. "In three heat plan races," he writes, "if a horse standing for money is distanced, the amount that would have been awarded him in the heat in which he was distanced goes to the winner, less whatever deductions are made under the published conditions." It thus is shown that every heat is a race in itself—except that heat records are not winrace records unless the horse eventually tops the summary at the end of the race and thus gets the race winner's 10 per cent bonus, or whatever you wish to call it. In a three heat plan race for $800 purse therefore there is $80 raced for in each heat and it is divided in accordance with the conditions—at the M. and B. M. Circuit tracks it is 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent—and the balance, $80, goes to the winner of the race, there being no deduction made from this amount.

It is a very doubtful question whether the introduction of the three heat plan has drawn any extra entries for the opening meetings of the race season; at any rate there is no evidence that it has and there has already been some evidence of the unpopularity of the new system. One of these objections reached a crisis when a readjustment of the programme of the Fredericton Park Association's opening meeting on Dominion Day brought The Exposer, 2.06, the champion trotting stallion of all Canada as a result of his 2.10 winrace record on the Chatham track July, in conflict with Roy Volo, 2.13¼, one of the most consistent performers on the Eastern tracks in recent years, and Fern Hal, 2.05¼, one of the racing marvels of the sport and double winner at Woodstock's "overcoatless meeting" during a balmy week last October.

"The Exposer can beat either one of that pair single handed" declared H. C. Jewett, the owner of the trotter, "but he would not have an equal chance under this three heat plan, because a couple of pacers are bound to help one another in making quick getaways from the wire, a forgone conclusion and it doesn't give a trotter a chance. I will race on the three in five plan—the good old-fashioned style to a finish—and take my chances." Naturally the owners of the two pacers, Dr. D. H. McAllister of Sussex, and Bert Lint of this city could do nothing but accept the revised terms for it is really a matched race and one that will be contested every inch of the distance every time they turn for the word. The understanding therefore is that the free for all at the Fredericton opening will be raced on the "three-in-five" plan and the other two events—the 2.17 trot and the 2.15 pace—will be on the new "three heat" plan.

The Exposer, as a matter of fact, has been working faster this spring than ever under the direction of "Mac" Steele, brother of Danny Steele, a Prince Edward Islander who so successfully campaigned Peter Farren, 2.07, last season, and there is already much speculation as to whether he will be able to surprise the followers of the fast record pacers he meets in his first race of the season.

#### Votes to Join.

Madrid, June 26—The Spanish National Socialist Congress yesterday voted in favor of joining the third Internationale at Moscow.

## THREAT IN INDIA

### Nationalist Leader's Letter to the British Vice-Roy.

Bombay, India, June 26—Gandhi, leader of the Indian nationalists, has written a letter to the viceroy of India in which he threatens to advise Mussulmans and Hindus to withdraw all their support from the government unless the Turkish peace terms are revised "in accordance with the solemn pledges of the British ministers."

## FREE FROM BLAME

### Master and Pilot of Manchester Division Exonerated.

Montreal, June 26—Both the master of the Manchester Division and the pilot who was in charge when the ship stranded at Quebec in the harbor on June 7 were exonerated from blame by the wreck commissioner's court yesterday afternoon. The finding was that the accident was due to a defective rope.

## THE SOFT COAL SITUATION IN NEW ENGLAND BAD

Boston, June 26—The statement that the bituminous coal situation in New England was rapidly growing worse was made by James J. Storrow, state fuel administer, last night.

"There is not coal enough in New England now," he said, "to meet the daily needs. The coal that has arrived on the railroads of New England is not anywhere near sufficient for their own daily consumption, and about the only way some of them are keeping trains moving at all is by confiscating what they call commercial coal right and left.

"The situation today is far more serious than it was during the summer we entered the war. We are going backwards fast. It is about the most serious coal situation we have ever faced."

Mr. Storrows said so far as anthracite coal for use in the homes was concerned, there was nothing at present to alarm householders.

## NEW RULING RE SALES TAX

Montreal, June 26—The secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers Association here yesterday received a new ruling in regard to the application of the sales tax as follows:

"Sales tax of two per cent is applicable on sales by manufacturers to railways, power companies, municipalities, public utilities and steamship lines. Sales tax of one per cent is applicable on sales by wholesalers to such corporations. The sales tax is not applicable as regards material for the construction of ships licensed to engage in the Canadian coasting trade."

Meetings of the Canadian Manufacturers Association are to be held to consider the new ruling.

## RUSSIA'S DEBT

### Krassin Says it Will be Fathered if Soviet Government Recognized.

London, June 26—Leonid Krassin, Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, says the Evening Standard, told a trade delegation that visited him yesterday that if the Russian Soviet government was recognized by the European governments there was no doubt that Russia would recognize the external debt contracted by Russia under the imperial regime.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Harbor Master at Buctouche is Among the Number.

Ottawa, June 26—(Canadian Press)—The following appointments are gazetted this week:

I. T. Sabean, Port Lorne, N. S., to be harbor master at Port Lorne.

J. J. LeBlanc, Buctouche, N. B., to be harbor master there.

George Fitzgerald, White Point, N. S., harbor master.

W. T. Kenney, Doctor's Cove, N. S., to be harbor master at Barrington, N.S.

#### TORONTO STREET RAILWAY STRIKE SITUATION

Toronto, June 26—At an adjourned conference of the representatives of the striking street railway employes, the company, the Ontario Railway Board and other bodies yesterday afternoon, the company offered to increase the maximum wages from fifty-five cents to sixty cents an hour. The offer will be considered by the employes tonight.

#### R. A. Hurdman Dead.

Ottawa, June 26—Robert Arthur Hurdman, for many years associated with the lumber firm of that name, and since the commencement of the war prominent for his participation in the work of the Canadian Patriotic Association, died here yesterday. He was in his fiftieth year.

## BABE NEEDS BUT EIGHT MORE FOR NEW RECORD

### Sisler Strengthens Position as American Leader

### Hornsby Secure at Top of National List — Late News of Happenings in Sport World.

Chicago, June 26—"Babe" Ruth, New York slugger, has eighty-seven games left in which to wallop out eight home runs to shatter the record of twenty-nine established by himself last season. He is sixth in batting with an average of .355, including games of Wednesday.

George Sisler, St. Louis star, who is leading the American League, boosted his average to .416, eight points, within a week. Tris Speaker of Cleveland, managed to cling to second place with .384. Speaker tops the league in scoring, having counted fifty-seven runs in fifty-eight games. Ruth has crossed the plate fifty-five times in fifty-four games. Rice, of Washington, is running away with honors in base stealing. He has stolen twenty-five, while Bobby Roth, his team-mate, is next in line with nineteen. Sisler is third with fifteen.

St. Louis, which has been clamoring for baseball distinction for years, is finding solace in the batting performances of Sisler and Hornsby. Hornsby is in no immediate danger of being ousted from the batting leadership of the National League, the averages, including Wednesday's games, giving him .391. Nicholson of Pittsburg is trailing him in second place with .350. Rousch of Cincinnati is third with .337. Hornsby and Robertson of Chicago are giving Cy Williams of Philadelphia a close race for home run honors. Williams has belted out seven while the St. Louis star and Robertson have made six each. Carey, of Pittsburg, setting the pace for the base stealers, has a total of nineteen. Rousch, of Cincinnati, and Hollocher of Chicago are next up with fourteen each.

#### Tennis

Wimbledon, June 26—Yesterday in the fourth round of the British championship tournament, C. S. Garland of Pittsburg defeated A. S. Drew, an English player, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1. R. Norris Williams of Boston defeated J. Brugnon, a young French player, in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2. In the international doubles between Andre Gobert and Wm. M. Laurentz of France and Wm. M. Johnston and Wm. T. Tilden of the United States, the latter won, 6-2, 6-0, 4-6, 9-7. In the second round of the mixed doubles championship, Gerald L. Patterson of Australia, holder of the British singles title, and Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen of France, winner of the British woman's championship last year, defeated C. S. Garland and Mrs. Franklin Mallory of the United States, 6-0, 6-3.

Toronto, June 26—R. L. James of Saratoga, N. Y., lost in the semi-finals of the men's open singles event of the Eastern Canadian lawn tennis tournament yesterday. Baird and Rennie, both of Toronto, will meet in the finals today.

Miss Bancroft of Boston went down before Mrs. Bickle of Toronto, ladies' open champion of Canada, and Miss Bancroft and Miss Sigourney, also of Boston, were defeated in the finals of the ladies' open doubles by Miss Best and Miss MacDonald of the Toronto club, 6-4, 6-2. Miss Sigourney and Mr. James are still in the finals of the mixed doubles.

London, June 26—A despatch to the Times from Amsterdam says it is stated that Dr. Emanuel Lasker has yielded his title of world champion chess player to Jos. R. Capablanca, Cuban expert.

## OREGON MAN ROTARY CHIEF

Atlantic City, N. J., June 26—Estes Snedecor of Portland, Ore., was elected president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at its closing session here yesterday.

## AN ASSOCIATION OF WHOLESALE MILLINERY FIRMS

Montreal, June 26—The Wholesale Millinery Association of the Board of Trade was organized yesterday. All the wholesale millinery trade of the city was represented at the meeting and the association was formed comprising fourteen firms.

The object is to promote the advancement of trade and to watch over such matters as may arise affecting the trade interests of members of the association.

## FIVE MILLION PAPER COMPANY IN NOVA SCOTIA

Ottawa, June 26—(Canadian Press)—The incorporation of Clarke Bros. Paper Mills, Limited, Bear River, N. S., $5,000,000, and the Cyrano Cabinet Company of Canada, Limited, Sherbrooke, $100,000, is gazetted.

#### ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI SPEAKS ON SCHOOL MATTER

Montreal, June 26—Archbishop Bruchesi last night at the concluding session of the Catholic Social Week, referred to the place of the Catholic National Unions. As to the position of the sixty teachers of the Montreal Catholic school commission who were dismissed and reengaged this year, His Grace expressed the view that they should not form unions, as they were not employed by private individuals, but by the commission which represented the public. Teachers who felt they were not being properly treated should submit their case to the bishops of their respective diocese.

## As Hiram Sees It

"When I was eighteen," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I could beat anything in the Settlement on a hop, step an' a lep."

"Which means, I suppose," said the reporter, "that you are going to take in the sports this afternoon."

"Yes, sir," said Hiram. "I want to see them jumps—an' I want to see that Injun run. We hed a young Injun went to school when I was a boy. Say—he could wrassle like an eel. You couldn't git a square fall out o' him nohow. Some o' the scholars turned up their noses because he wus an Injun—but I told 'em he belonged to the fust families—an' so he did—By Hen! Him an' me was great chums. We used to go huntin' together, an' what he didn't know about the woods was mighty little. He was quick at school, too. I got letters from him after he growed up an' went away, an' he was a brakesman on a train. I s'pose he's livin' yit somewheres. His mother could bake a pan o' bread under the live coals that there aint no domestic science gal in Noo Bruns'ick could hold a candle to—no, sir. The white man never give the Injun no fair show. I see some feller burnt up an Injun's camp out to Rothesay. He orto be tied up to a tree an' fed to the muskeeters fer a spell—an' then let the Injun shoot arrers at him. What time did you say them sports started? Half-past two? Well, sir, you'll see me right up on that gran'stand hollerin' like a hull tribe of Injuns when the races gits goin'. My! I'm glad the old town's woke up. This here lettin' young fellers grow up so they can't do nothin' but spit on the sidewalk wont never make Canady the greatest country on airth. Give 'em a chance to run an' jump, an' play ball, an' git lots o' fresh air—an' try who's got the best wind an' muscle. I'll bet Hanner could walk furder in a day than half the young rapscallions I see standin' round the corners of an evenin'—yes, sir."

## ANDERSON NOT THE MISSING MAN

### Was Thought He Might be Secretary of Millionaire Theatre Owner.

Sarnia, Ont., June 26—According to the police last night, it is fairly well established that a man giving his name as F. H. Anderson, who is in custody here and who was suspected of being John Doughty, missing secretary of A. J. Small, Toronto theatrical magnate, is not Doughty. The statement is made by John Myers, manager of the Imperial Theatre, who says that he knows Doughty personally and that the man under arrest is not Doughty.

"Anderson,' 'who still stoutly maintains that he is from Schnectady, N. Y., and that he is an electrician, who came here on the understanding that plans were being made for the wiring of St. Clair Tunnel, has no address, according to the authorities, who have word from Schenectady saying that the address he gave there is fictitious.

## DECISION BY JULY 20 IS PROMISED

### Declaration Removes Danger of General Railway Strike in States.

Chicago, June 26—A decision on the demands of railroad employes for wage increases will be made on or before July 20 by the railway labor board, Judge Barton, chairman, said yesterday. The award will be retroactive to May 1.

According to W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and spokesman for union leaders who gathered here yesterday, the board's declaration would end all danger of a general railroad strike.

Mr. Lee said that secret plans had been made by a disaffected union element to spread the strike throughout the country because of the continued delay in announcing the wage ruling.

"The men would have quit at midnight tonight," Mr. Lee said. "It was impossible to hold them longer. Men of my organization have been waiting patiently for nearly a year."

The railway board's statement declared that an agreement on a method of working out the wage problems had been arrived at and that no time would be lost in reaching a conclusion.

Phelix and Pherdinand

## WEATHER REPORT

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

Maritime — Probabilities: Moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

## British Warship Guns Roaring, Bombarding Turks In Ismid Region

### Losses Heavy — Estimate Is Thousand Killed

### Greek Forces in Smyrna District Reported Advancing Along Four Routes into Asia Minor — Towns, Prisoners and Guns Captured.

London, June 26—British warships at anchor before the town of Ismid, Asia Minor, have violently bombarded the Turkish line stretching around that place, and have inflicted heavy losses, it being estimated that 1,000 Turks have been killed, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Athens.

Reports from Ismid, the message states, indicate that violent fighting continues there. Three shells from artillery fired by Turkish nationalists, under the command of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, have fallen in the town, and have caused damage.

London, June 26—Greek forces stationed in the Smyrna district are advancing in four directions into Asia Minor, according to a statement made public here today by the Greek legation, quoting an official communique given out in Athens Saturday.

The towns of Some, Perativi, Mendelhora, and Chauush-Datkiosk have been captured, and many prisoners, cannon and machine guns have been taken by the Greeks.

The Greek losses, it is announced, were twenty-one dead and 100 wounded.

Some is a town northeast of Smyrna, approximately 60 miles, and Mendelhora is about 70 miles straight east of Smyrna. The other two places taken by the Greeks are not shown on available maps.

## THE BIRTH RATE HERE LOWEST FOR PROVINCE

### May Statistics by N. B. Health Department

### Restigouche Led with 52.6 — Figures of Marriages, Births and Deaths — Only Two Tenders for Houses.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, June 26—The provincial department of public health has issued interesting statistics for May. Although the collection of data is not proceeding so smoothly in some parts of the province as in others and although not complete for certain sections, much information is contained.

Births, deaths and marriages are recorded and the rate per thousand of population is worked out for each county for the month. The counties with large French populations show high birth rates, although there are some notable exceptions. The marriage rate shows remarkable variation, as does also the death rate.

Restigouche county has the highest birth rate, 52.6. Its population is predominatingly French. Madawaska county has the next highest birth rate, 42.6. The element of its population which is of French extraction also is great. Fredericton city is a close third with a birth rate of 40.5. Gloucester is fourth with 36.8.

St. John city and county with a birth rate of 19.7 has the lowest birth rate of the province and Kings county has a rate only fractionally higher, 19.8. Victoria county has the highest marriage rate, 15.7; Fredericton city is second with 15, Albert county is third with 12. In Sunbury county there were proportionately the smallest number of marriages, the rate being 3.6. Queens and Northumberland counties are the next lowest with a rate of 4. Kings county is very little better with 4.2. The rate for the city and county of St. John is 7.3.

Fredericton city has the unenviable distinction of having the highest death rate, 25.5. The reason is that Victoria Public Hospital in this city draws cases from all over central New Brunswick and many of the deaths occurring here are of non-residents. Gloucester county with 18.9 and Charlotte county with 16.5 are second and third. Sunbury county with 9.2 has the lowest death rate; Carleton county 9.3. Other low death rates are: Victoria county, 11.1; Northumberland county, 10.6; Madawaska, 11.4. St. John county and city had a rate of 12.8 and York county 14.9. Kent county is omitted from the record entirely.

Based on the rate per thousand for May the annual rate per thousand for the whole province is: Births, 29.5; deaths, 7.8; marriages, 13.4.

Fredericton Co-operative Limited held a shareholders meeting last night and elected directors. E. C. Barry was re-elected and W. J. Dillon and F. A. Good were elected. The term is for one year. The retiring directors were Harry Ryan and P. J. Perkins.

#### Tenders for Houses

The Fredericton Housing Commission on Friday night opened tenders for houses. John C. Smith and Al. Judson Barker of Fredericton were the only tenderers. St. John contractors were invited to tender, but did not do so. No announcement of the prices is made, but it is said that the estimate is considerably exceeded by the bids. The houses are of wood and of the type erected in Moncton by the housing commission of that city. On account of the contractors' prices exceeding the allowance under the act, applicants will be required to pay the difference themselves in cash.

## MILLIONAIRE CREW ON FREDERIK VIII.

### Notable Men Volunteered to Take Striking Seamen's Places at Copenhagen.

New York, June 26—More than 150 Danish bankers, doctors, lawyers, teachers and professional farmers were enrolled among the engine and deck crews of the Scandinavian-American steamship Frederik VIII., which arrived here from the strike-bound port of Copenhagen, the first vessel of the line to reach the United States in three months.

The departure of the Frederik VIII. was made possible, it was said, only through the services of her volunteer "millionaire crew," the members of which belong to the "government help league," organized to bring order out of the chaos caused by the strike.

Officers of the ship kept the identity of the volunteer members of the crew secret, but were loud in praise of their work. This praise was shared by the 700 passengers on board the liner, who joined in a signed testimonial to them.

Indicating the make-up of the crew, it was said that in the "black gang," as the engine room crew is termed, there was a wealthy banker, a professor of mathematics, and an engineer who is head of a well known Danish technical institute.

#### ONE ARREST.

One man was arrested on a charge of drunkenness early this morning, but he did not appear in court on account of his condition.

## GERMANY WANTS PAY FOR WORK ON ROADS IN FRANCE

### Claim Indemnity for Reduction for Work of Prisoners

### Three Notes Sent to Berlin by Allies Dealing with the Question of Disarmament—New Reichstag President.

Paris, June 26—Germany has filed with the reparations commission a claim that 215,000,000 marks should be deducted from the 7,000,000,000 gold marks due France as her share of the indemnity fixed by the Versailles treaty, says the Petit Parisian. This sum, it is asserted, is the value of improvements made on French roads by German prisoners of war.

Berlin advices report great uneasiness in labor circles, especially in the Ruhr region.

Berlin, June 26—Three notes dealing principally with the question of German disarmament have been received by the president of the German peace delegation. The first outlines many infringements of the military clauses of the peace treaty, saying the Allies have determined Germany shall carry out the terms and that their decision to reduce the German army to 100,000 men still stands. The security police, this note adds, must be disbanded within three months, but gives permission for the disciplinary force to be increased to 150,000.

Demand is made that the German constitution be made to conform with these military stipulations, so that conscription may be abolished by law. In conclusion the note asks that legal measures be taken against the export of war materials.

Details for the substitution of 150,000 disciplinary police for the security police are supplied in the second note.

In view of the incomplete delivery of aeronautical material, the third note says, the construction of such material which was to be resumed in Germany on July 10, may not be resumed until three months after the surrender to the Allies of the aeronautical material called for is completely carried out.

Berlin, June 26—Paul Loebe, editor of the Breslau newspaper Volkswacht, yesterday was elected president of the Reichstag. He was a compositor, and afterward became a city councillor of Breslau. He is a free thinker and Social Democrat.

Wilhelm Dittman, Independent Socialist, was elected first vice-president of the Reichstag. He was one of the six people's commissioners during the revolution.

## IS FATHER OF 35 CHILDREN

El Centro, Calif., June 26—Frank Valle, sixty years of age, a native of Mexico, became a father for the 35th time yesterday when his second wife, whom he married in 1900, gave birth to her seventeenth child, an eleven pound boy. Sixteen of Valle's children are living.

## GREAT CROP OF CANDIDATES TO BE BALLOTED ON

### Forty or Forty-Five in City of Winnipeg

### Comments of Lawyer There on Election to be Contested Next Week — A Noticeable Apathy Causes Conjectures.

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, June 26—A prominent Winnipeg lawyer sends to an Ottawa citizen an interesting sum up of the situation there with reference to the provincial elections on June 29. It is in part as follows:—

"In Winnipeg there will be at least forty and probably forty-five candidates out of whom ten will be elected. It is a most peculiar election. The apathy of the people is something to marvel at. Even the labor people seem to be in a somnolent condition.

"What this apathy indicates it is difficult to say. The government interpret it as a sign that the people generally are altogether satisfied with their administration. Opponents of the government point to the recent elections in Ontario and take comfort from the fact that the upheaval was not accompanied by any premonitory symptoms. My own idea is that the explanation of the phenomenon is to be found in the feeling of disgust that the people entertain towards movements in general. I thing the government will be returned to power, but there will be some new faces in the legislature. Quite a number who are running as independents will be found supporting the government if they are elected. They find it good politics to run as independent, but the fact that the movement is not opposing them in many cases indicates the measure of their independence.

"The result in particular constituencies is hard to predict on account of the multiplicity of candidates in the field. In many of the single member constituencies there are three and four candidates running. In Winnipeg the general opinion is that three or four labor candidates will be elected, Dixon for a certainty and possibly Ivent and John Queen. The government will likely carry about five seats, and one or two might go to the Conservative faction."

## CANADIAN FIRM

### Statement re Men Engaged in Re-organization of Civil Service.

Ottawa, June 26—The firm of Griffenhagen and Associates, Limited, is a Canadian organization, made up of Canadians, carrying on work for Canadians, and is composed of men who have special qualifications for carrying out such work as is involved in the re-organization of the Canadian civic service according to E. Griffenhagen, who, on his return to Ottawa after some days, replied to some of the criticisms which have been made regarding the retention of his company by the committee of the cabinet for the work of re-organization.

No contract has been entered into, according to Mr. Griffenhagen, although the word was used in the order in council. He said that his firm was retained on a professional basis, and that it could not be foretold how long the work would take. Already preliminary conferences are taking place between the firm and officials of the post office department.

## HON. MR. FIELDING CORRECTS REPORT

Ottawa, June 26—In the house this afternoon Hon. W. S. Fielding drew attention to a press report which, he said, incorrectly included his name with several opposition members as being favorable to an increased indemnity for members of parliament. He was absent from the house at the time.

## SAY GOUIN WILL RESIGN IN JULY

Quebec, June 25—It was said here positively today by friends of Sir Lomer Gouin that on the return of the premier after salmon fishing he will attend one meeting of the provincial cabinet at which he will tender his resignation.

This will be about July 7 or 8. His successor will be Hon. L. A. Taschereau, attorney-general.

## SOLDIER KILLED IN FIGHT WITH DOG

Barnet, Vt., June 26—G. Clough, a farmer, died yesterday from wounds received on Thursday night while he was trying to shoot a vicious dog. Clough had led the animal, a coach dog, to a secluded spot on the farm. As he raised his weapon, the dog sprang at him and Clough, having no time to take aim, started to club the animal with the butt. The gun was discharged and Clough was fatally wounded.

He was a war veteran, twenty-eight years of age.

#### FEAR ILLNESS IN JAIL IS BUBONIC

Buenos Aires, June 26—The minister of the interior has been informed that several cases of suspected bubonic plague have been reported in a jail in the La Pampa territory.