

THE VICKERS-VIMY AIRPLANE TRIAL TRIP SATISFACTORY

The Entry for the London Mill's \$50,000 Trans-Atlantic Flight Worked Smoothly Monday.

St. John's, Nfld., June 9.—The Vickers-Vimy entry in the London Daily Mail's \$50,000 trans-Atlantic flight competition made a trial flight here today. The machine, piloted by Captain Jack Alcock, took the air at 4:41 p.m. local time, and descended 40 minutes later after a highly successful test.

LAKE STEAMERS AGROUND IN FOG

Three Plying on Lake Superior Lost Their Way—One a Passenger Liner.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 9.—Three large steamers, one a passenger liner, are aground on Lake Superior above this port, as the result of heavy fog last night and this morning.

The Canadian passenger Hamonic, and the carrier Trevor Dawson, are aground at White Fish Point, resting on a sand bottom. No damage to the latter twoships has been reported but it is feared the rock bottom has injured the plates of the Wilkinson.

NURSE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Alleged to Have Murders a Patient by Administering Poison at Andover, Mass.

Lawrence, Mass., June 9.—Mrs. Bessie M. Skeels, Landgren was put on trial for alleged murder by poisoning in December, 1917, of Miss Florence Day, of Andover for whom she had acted as nurse. The defendant still unconvicted after an operation two months ago, was brought from her home at Andover to the court house. She has been at liberty under nominal bonds. Her husband, Alfred J. Landgren, who married Mrs. Skeels at a hospital when she appeared in danger of death, attended her in court.

Mrs. Skeels is also involved in charges of poisoning in New Jersey, where a grand jury has indicted her for murder in connection with the death of her brother, Albert J. Wilkins of Bayonne. Witnesses from that city will be called both in the defence and prosecution. The trial is expected to last about two weeks.

SOME REMARKABLE IRISH VERDICTS

A coroner's jury at Kilmallock found that Constable Michael Barrington of the loyal Irish Constabulary, was shot by some person unknown during an attempt by armed men to rescue a Sinn Féin prisoner, at Knocklong, near Limerick.

The jury added a rider that the British Government should cease arresting respectable persons, because such arrests caused bitter exasperation among the people. They also called on the Government to give Ireland self-government at once.

Sergeant Peter Wallace, who was also killed in the attack, was found by the jury to have died from shock and hemorrhage, and they strongly condemned the Government for exposing policemen to danger.

LABOR GAZETTE HOLDS OUT NO HOPE TO THE POOR

City Commissioners Asked to Investigate the Cost of Living in This City—Presumed More Light Will be Forthcoming.

Information contained in the last issue of the Dominion Labor Gazette relative to price movements does not hold out much hope that the people's prayers for a decrease in the cost of living will be realized; but the city commissioners, having been asked by the Labor Department, to investigate the cost of living in this city, we may presently get more light on the subject, for according to the investigators, the commission form of government, specially designed to deal with difficult problems and provide a speedy solution when at last it really gets to work. The opportunity kindly offered by the commission form of government will no doubt be seized with avidity, and with the earnest intention of proving that dubious critics, who have arisen in these latter days are not justified in their pretension that it is not fulfilled the high hopes entertained of it. Certainly if the commission form of government can solve the high cost of living question, its friends and foes are likely to rally to its support in an exuberance of enthusiasm never seen before.

Meantime the Labor Gazette says that the index number for wholesale prices in Canada was slightly higher for April, standing at 279.6 as compared with 277.5 for March, 268.4 for April, 1918, and 136.7 for April, 1914. For November, 1918 the index number was as high as 290.9, and there were slight decreases each month until April. Increases for April were in grains, foddere, hogs, meats, butter, vegetables, wool, silks, hides, boots, fuel and house furnishings, but there were decreases in fish, fruits, metals, building materials and chemicals.

In retail prices the average cost of a family budget of staple foods in some sixty cities of Canada was higher for April than in March, being \$13.55 in the middle of April, as compared with \$12.65 in the middle of March, \$12.57 in April, 1917, and \$7.51 in April, 1914. The retail increase was mostly in butter and meats, particularly beef and mutton.

"In the United Kingdom the Ministry of Labor reported the retail price of food to be only 112 per cent. higher on April first than in July, 1914, as compared with a level 120 per cent. higher a month before. The chief decreases were in tea, margarine, cheese and eggs. In wholesale prices the index number of the London Economist was higher and that of the Statist was scarcely changed. Food and minerals were higher. Textiles declined but recovered.

In the United States, wholesale prices of food were upward, being higher at the beginning and middle of April as shown by the various index numbers. Bradstreet's, New York, April 12, 1919, commented as follows: "The features of the commodity price movement in March were the very notable tendency of food prices to advance, and that of other products, mostly manufactured goods and raw materials, to decline, the two movements almost balancing each other. Because of the slight net gain and of the further fact that an equal number of commodities rose and fell, it might be said that the entire price movement was what might be called a stand-off, were it not for the disappointment naturally felt at the upward rush of food prices, which touches the average person in a tender spot.

For this strength in food prices of course, the exigencies of the European food situation are no doubt chiefly responsible; but as many observers have stated and recent months' export returns confirm, Europe's food needs are many and acute, and probably will not tend to lessen, but rather to grow as the spring season advances and the world's stocks of food fall off pending the new season's production becoming available. If, as past experience has shown, food prices are a very important element in prices of other commodities, there certainly does not seem to be much immediate prospect of the headlong break in prices which has been so frequently predicted since hostilities ceased on the western European front.

On and after Saturday, June 14th, steamer Champlain will leave St. John on Tuesday and Thursday at twelve o'clock noon, and Saturday at 2 p. m. (daylight time.)

DETROIT SEEKS REMEDY FOR ITS CITY TROUBLES

Municipal Ownership Viewed as Only Solution of Long Standing Traction Trouble.

Detroit, Mich., June 9.—Municipal ownership is the Mayor's solution of the long standing controversy with the Detroit United Railway Company, which reached its climax late Saturday night in a strike of carmen who had been refused wage increases because the city would not permit the company to make a charge for transfers in addition to a flat five cent fare on all city lines.

With the complete tie-up of all services continuing today Mayor Coussens asked the city council to ask a special election, within twenty days, and submit a proposal to bond the city for \$10,000,000 with which to build a municipally owned traction system.

U. S. SENATE WANTS TO KNOW THE REASON WHY

The Appearance of Copies of the Peace Treaty in the Hands of New York Speculator Causes Row.

Washington, June 9.—Investigation of how copies of the peace treaty got into the hands of certain persons in New York was begun today by the senate foreign relations committee, and before it was fairly underway a copy of the document was presented to the Senate by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, and ordered printed in the congressional records. It was a copy brought to the United States by a Chicago newspaper man, probably one of those now on sale in the Scandinavian countries.

TREMENDOUS WHEAT CROP FORECAST BY U. S. GOV'T

The Whole Crop is Not Quite up to the Record Reached Last Year.

Washington, June 9.—A wheat production of 1,260,000,000 bushels this year combining the winter wheat and spring wheat crops was forecast today by the department of agriculture from the condition of the crop June 1. Winter wheat production is forecast at 829,000,000 bushels compared with 839,915,000 bushels forecast last month making it the largest ever grown. Condition of winter wheat was 94.3 per cent. of a normal compared with 100.5 last month, and 83.8 last year. Spring wheat production is forecast at 348,000,000 bushels compared with last year's production of 369,000,000 bushels, which was a record crop, acreage this year is 22,639,000. Condition of the crop June 1, was 91.2 per cent. of a normal, compared with 85.2 a year ago.

TERRORIST PLOT INCLUDED 130 TOWNS OF VIRGINIA

Map and Evidence Has Been Found in Possession of an I. W. W. Leader.

Charleston, W. Va., June 9.—More than 130 towns in West Virginia were marked by terrorists for bomb explosions, according to a map and evidence found in possession of Edwin L. McGurty, alleged I. W. W. leader, arrested in Millsburgh last Thursday. It was announced at the Governor's office here today. Governor Cornwall, who is investigating ramifications of the nation-wide plot in West Virginia, said a roundup of radical agitators would be made as a result of data secured in the McGurty.

PRES. BEATTY OPTIMISTIC OVER CANADA'S FUTURE

Believes a Bumper Crop Will Restore the People's Confidence, and Thinks it is Coming.

Winnipeg, Man., June 7.—E. W. Beatty, K. C., president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who arrived in Winnipeg today from the West, where he has been on an inspection trip, said he was optimistic regarding the future in Western Canada. He says crop prospects in the West were never better.

"A bumper crop will restore the people's confidence. That is the best cure the industrial could have," he said in an interview. "This industrial unrest is nothing more than mental trouble due to the war."

"If we get a good crop, and prospects were never better, the things will right themselves. Conditions in the West are such that there is nothing to prevent every man from being an optimist."

"All agree that there is something wrong with the cost of living," he said in reply to a query. "The government should at once undertake a thorough investigation to discover how this was brought about. The investigation should be scientific. If it finds there are too many handouts, the production of the soil it should increase production and thus create a greater market for soil products."

Commenting on the strike situation in Winnipeg, Mr. Beatty said "no movement that has for its purpose the strangling of constituted society can hope to succeed in any law-abiding country such as Canada. The general public will not stand for it," he said, referring to a sympathetic strike, and this being so, will not get strikers very far. Mr. Beatty said there was a good deal of uncertainty as to what would ultimately be done as far as the strike was concerned in Vancouver. With regard to his company's development in Alberta the president stated that plans were afoot for the construction of the Empress branch, and also a line from Empress to Medford. It was expected that these would be approved at an early date. This work would be proceeded without delay. The company, he said, had also under consideration a line running north from Empress through Coronation and Whiteford Lake.

Mr. Beatty looks for considerable immigration from the old country and from the other parts of Europe, (this applied particularly to agriculturalists, he asserted.

THOUGHT IT WAS A BOIL DOCTOR SAID ABSCESS.

Mr. Gleason R. Young, Kingscourt, N. B., under date of Feb. 27th, 1918, writes us as follows: "About five months ago, a lump came on my nose. I thought it was a boil, and after it had been there quite a while I began to get larger. I went to a doctor and he said it was an abscess, and lanced it. He gave me a wash for it, so I went by his directions until it calmed up, but it commenced coming again, and in about three weeks it broke itself. I thought it would get better, but it did not. A neighbor advised me to get a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters, so I sent and got a bottle, and by the time it was all gone, the abscess had disappeared, and now it is all better."

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DR. KARL MUCH TO BE DEPORTED

Was Arrested in Boston as an Enemy Alien and Has Been Under Internment at Fort Oglathorpe.

Boston, Mass., June 9.—Dr. Karl Much, former conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who is under internment at Fort Oglathorpe, Ga., as an enemy alien, is to be deported to the United States. Assistant United States Attorney Dewey said today. The date of his sailing, which will probably be from Charleston, S. C., was not known to federal officials here. At the home of Dr. Much, friends said he would probably go to Switzerland. When arrested, as an enemy alien, Dr. Much claimed his father had become a Swiss citizen, and that he so regarded himself, although he was born in Germany.

NO RESPITE FRANK McCULLOUGH Will Be Executed on Friday at Toronto.

Ottawa, June 9.—Frank McCullough is to be executed at Toronto on Friday. Since McCullough was captured, following his sensational escape from the death cell, the department of justice has been flooded with petitions urging clemency. The case was reviewed in all its details but the government declined to interfere with the sentence.

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VON BERNHARDI IN DEFENCE OF EX-KAISER
Says His Only Guilt Was in Not Beginning the War Early Enough.

Berlin, Saturday, May 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—General Friedrich von Bernhardi, the military writer, under the title "Kaiser Wilhelm and Responsibility for the War," declares that the former Emperor's only guilt was in not beginning the war early enough, when his opponents were not equipped. He says of the Kaiser: "To the last moment he believed Russia would surrender its imperial intentions, and England would not take part in the fighting. In this belief he negotiated to that end and only with difficulty could he be induced to take up the gauntlet that had been thrown down to him."

JEWISH POGROMS ON THE INCREASE IN RUSSIA

London, June 9.—Jewish pogroms have occurred in fifty different places in Russia, according to a Russian wireless message, which gives as its authority the newspaper Izvestia. Most of the pogroms were carried out in the neighborhood of Proskury. Three thousand Jews have been killed in Felebyn; 2,000 in Zhitomir; 4,000 in Teplak and 350 in Ovrutsk.

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