

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

The estate of B. F. Keith, the theatre owner, admitted to probate in Pittsburgh, is valued at \$2,000,000. John P. Holland, inventor of the Holland submarine boat, is seriously ill of pneumonia at Newton, N.J. Miss Ruth Endeman is suing Goodwin's, Limited, for \$5,000, charging false arrest. A bull ran amuck in Lachine, tossing several of the inhabitants. Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad has ordered 3,000 steel freight cars, 105 cabooses, 30 steel passenger cars and 45 locomotives. Nine big office buildings are now under construction in Boston to cost between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Denver has found that commission form of government is costing \$100,000 a year more than under a mayor. Michigan Supreme Court has found National Cash Register Co. guilty of unlawful restraint of trade and imposed fine of \$10,000. Corn 11 feet high is growing on the farm of C. T. Eates, proprietor of the Union Pacific Hotel, near Abilene, Kan. The annual convention of the New York State Retail Grocers' Association will be held in New York on August 2, 4 and 5. Charles Henrotin, first president of the Chicago Stock Exchange and former consul-general in Turkey, died in Chicago, aged 71 years. Earl and Lady Grey acted as host and hostess at a reception given to the visiting Canadian teachers by the Royal Colonial Institute. Judge Teetzel, of the Supreme Court of Ontario, who has been in ill health for upwards of a year, has applied for superannuation, and it will be granted. Lightning struck and fire reduced to ashes one of the great barns of Thomas McGee, near Sherbrooke Que. Sir Hartmann W. Just, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, arrived in Montreal on his way to London from Sydney, Australia and New Zealand. Spontaneous combustion, following the leaving of turpentine and oily rags close together, threatened a newly-built apartment house at 351 Charles Edward avenue, Outremont. To make sure that his body would be recovered, Christopher Stemmer, of Mount Holly, N.J., 82 years old, tied himself to a stake and then jumped overboard. New York Tribune says Sears, Roebuck & Co. will move to Yonkers, N.Y., leaving only a branch at Chicago. Four buildings, each 800x200 feet, are to be erected. Due to decreasing earnings, one-cent charge for a transfer, in addition to three-cent fare, on Cleveland street railways lines, will probably go into effect September 1. Baltimore & Ohio will spend \$2,000,000 for a new passenger and freight terminal on north side of Pittsburgh and for a passenger terminal at Smithfield and Water streets. From 1871 to date, France has called upon its citizens for bond subscriptions of nine billions and has been offered thirteen times that, or one hundred and twenty billions. Mexico City special says Carbajal government has decided to go ahead with \$30,000,000 p. c. loan and issuance of legal tender government bills along lines approved during closing days of Huerta administration. Manufacturers' National Bank and Citizens' Trust Co. of Brooklyn is to consolidate. Capital of new bank will be \$1,000,000 and aggregate deposits of between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000. Over 200 guests arrived for the wedding of the daughter of David Phillips, of Belleville, and Fred Demmes, of Toronto, yesterday afternoon, but the bridegroom came not. The wedding feast, however, was given and a merry time spent by the guests. A request that Toronto help financially in the erection of a monument to the memory of Sir George Etienne Cartier, one of the founders of confederation, was turned down at the Board of Control this morning. A grant of \$500 was suggested. The first half of the present year has been the busiest six months on record in the history of the lower criminal courts in Montreal. Up to yesterday there had been entered 3,954 cases, as compared with 3,122 for the same period of last year.

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NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Trouble in Europe May Result in Immediate Compromise in Ireland is Opinion of English Press MME. CAILLAUX FREED Court Acquitted Politician's Wife Who Shot Calmette to Death — Body of Missing Woman Found in Cellar of Doctor's House. The dark developments of yesterday were received in London without excitement but with the deepest gloom. The immediate effect of the war cloud is likely to be a compromise on Home Rule, since all parties feel that domestic dissensions must be settled at all costs in the face of peril from without. The fierce demands of the Conservative papers for a general election have been wholly hushed. The Foreign Office has become the most important branch of the government, and no one wants to risk the possibility of losing Sir Edward Grey, with his unexceptional influence in the councils of Europe. The Government is confronting the situation with perfect calmness. There is no sign of unusual events at the Foreign Office, except that the Prime Minister Mr. Asquith, who seldom visits that office, called there this evening and conferred with Sir Arthur Nicolson, Permanent Under-Secretary, and the Austrian Ambassador came to make formal announcement of his declaration of war. The ships of the British fleet everywhere are taking in supplies. Soon after it became definitely known that Austria and Serbia were at war, all the officers and sailors ashore at Portland and Weymouth were summoned back to their ships. One of the darkest features the situation presents is the probable paralysis of financial enterprises. One example that may be quoted has to do with a Chinese railway contract. The British firm of Pauling on Saturday obtained a long sought contract for the construction of this road and proposed to float a big loan for that purpose. It now finds the time an impossible one for an operation of that character. Mme. Henriette Caillaux was last night acquitted by the jury in the court of assizes of the wilful murder, on March 16 last, of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro. The jury brought in its verdict after 50 minutes' deliberation, and the announcement was followed by the wildest tumult. It has now transpired that the Mexican who arrived in Toronto Monday afternoon and in an interview with two Toronto papers represented himself as being Luis Elguero, recently a delegate to the Mexican peace congress, and declared that he was in the city for the purpose of conferring with General Felix Diaz and ex-President Huerta, regarding a counter revolution in Mexico, misrepresented his identity. Attempts to locate him yesterday failed. Mexican representatives have been flitting in and out of Toronto for the past few days, but their statements have been various and contradictory. Great secrecy is maintained in the Parkside residence occupied by General Diaz and a coterie of compatriots. Yesterday his secretary stated that the General had left for Chicago and would not return till the end of the week. Diaz has so far denied himself to all interviewers. The necessity for more serious co-operation between Britain and the overseas dominions for the development of the Empire, with some sort of supervision with regard to emigration, was urged by Donald MacMaster in the debate on a colonial vote in the Commons yesterday. The member for Chertsey also pointed out the need for improved means of communication with the dominions and a better news service. The latter suggestion was developed by Mr. Alden, member for Tottenham, who thought the Colonial Office might do worse than institute a service of cablegrams to the dominions, giving the important news from Great Britain. The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Miss Blanche York, the 22-year-old dressmaker who disappeared from her home in Tamworth, Ont., on the night of July 8th, and for whose remains an exhaustive search was made, was cleared up at six o'clock this evening, when the body of the woman was discovered in the cellar of the home of Dr. C. K. Robinson, the physician who, it was learned early, was the last to see her. The remains were covered with rust and a few inches of dirt. In connection with the visit of Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the west in the course of the next few weeks, arrangements have been completed by the organized farmers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba for representative delegations to meet both the Premier and ex-Premier, and present to them the needs of the West, as seen by the grain growers, at every point where the leaders hold a public meeting. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, representing the Grain Growers' Association of all three provinces, held in Winnipeg. It is reported that Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, will make a tour at the same time as Premier Borden's tour, and if this is correct arrangements will be made to wait upon him also. The tariff is considered by the grain growers the biggest question in the West.

A BIG STRAWBERRY CROP. (Special Correspondence.) Sackville, N.B., July 29.—Promises of a plentiful strawberry season this year are seen in the shipments which are as heavy, if not heavier, than last year. Daily shipments this season have averaged over 250 crates, containing thirty-two boxes each which net an average of \$2.50 a crate to shippers. With favorable weather for the next few weeks, and figuring that growers of berries ship on an average daily 250 crates a day for twelve days, the total shipment would be 3,000 crates, or about 96,000 pounds of berries, which would net growers over \$10,000. The local consumption of strawberries is quite heavy, and would undoubtedly bring the quantity grown in the Sackville district to 100,000 pounds. While the above is only a rough estimate, better results might be obtained under fine weather conditions, which would guarantee a still larger crop.

AROUND THE CITY HALL

Mayor Thinks He is on Track of Person Who Stole Sewer Plans. "I think we shall know, perhaps in a few hours, who stole the plans from the City Hall, but that young man," said His Worship, in reference to a clerk of the public works department, who had been closed with him for two hours, "I don't think is responsible for what has occurred." There were rumors around the City Hall corridors all the afternoon that an arrest was about to be made, but just before leaving the City Hall Mayor Martin said no arrest was contemplated for the moment. "But I expect," he added, "to have the affair cleared up—perhaps in a few hours." Mayor Martin stated he could not make a declaration as to all the reasons he had in support of his statement. But it was true they knew the name of the cabman who called at the City Hall for the plans, and took them away, as was supposed, and it was quite evident that His Worship knew more than he cared to tell, but he practically exonerated the clerk, who is the son of a prominent alderman, from any complicity in the affair.

BUILD MODEL HOMES

Workmen in Regina To Have Well Constructed Dwellings at Nominal Rental. Regina, July 29.—The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, at Regina, has taken steps toward the erection of a block of workmen's cottages, at a cost of about \$100,000, in block 216. It is expected that 300 men, at least, will be employed in erecting these cottages, which will be rented to tradesmen and mechanics in Regina, at a low rate. The city has promised to install the necessary water and sewer connections. The houses will be fully modern in every respect, containing seven rooms and bath, and heated by hot air furnaces.

THE EFFECT OF WAR ON U. S. SHIPPING

Should European War Break Out It Would Mean Material Appreciation of Tonnage Values, Because of Demand for Foodstuffs. New York, July 29.—In local shipping circles a great deal of interest has been aroused by a discussion as to effect on ocean shipping of a war between Austria and Serbia, involving Germany and Russia, and possibly England, France and Germany as allies. As a matter of fact, foreign and domestic shipping representatives do not seriously believe that there will be a war. They say that the European nations directly affected, or involved by reason of treaty engagements, must realize that war will not gain for them anything that would begin to be commensurate with the prices they would have to pay in loss of life and destruction of valuable property.

Particularly this year would Europe look to the United States because of the fact that crops abroad have been more or less below normal yield, and instances pretty close to failure. Foreign purchase of wheat from the United States alone amounted to something of 5,000,000 bushels. A war involving some of the European maritime powers, as for instance, Germany and France, might result in the cancellation of many of the passenger and freight services of lines belonging to those countries for fear of reprisals at sea, such as were resorted to in the war of 1870-71, and to an extent to the later Russo-Jap war. Supplies to those countries, shipping men say, would be sent under neutral flags. Should all of the maritime powers of Europe become involved in war, it is likely that those countries, in order to protect their merchant shipping, will place it under neutral flags, probably Norwegian or Dutch.

ELECTRIC HAZARDS IN COUNTRY

Many of the People in Country Districts Are Almost Entirely Ignorant of the Danger of Electric Wiring. The following letter is being sent out to all policyholders using electricity by the Mutual Fire Prevention Bureau of Oxford, Michigan, as a typical example of conditions throughout certain parts of the country concerning the electrical hazard: Enid, Oklahoma, July 8, 1914. Mr. Chas. H. Ridgway, Kansas City, Mo. In answer to your letter of the 6th, about the fire in the mill, will say, that from time to time it is the custom of the millwright to delegate some assistant on the job to fix the wires which have been torn down, and evidently this was done some time in the Enid Mill. About 2 1/2 years ago a machine was put in, and the wires which caused our present fire were directly under the hopper bottom of that machine. The joint was made in the shape of two button hooks, and worse than that, a drop light was put in at that point, and the wire of the drop light was wrapped twice around the lead wire so loosely that it had very little connection. This whole joint was then heavily taped and apparently stood 2 1/2 years before it made any trouble. It is needless to say that we have gone over, since the fire, all of the wiring with careful inspection in particular of every taped joint, and the engineer, the millwright and the miller have been cautioned that no one but the engineer should at any time make a joint in a wire in the mill. Very truly yours, ENID MILL & ELE. CO., FRED. MILLER.

DOMINION COAL JULY OUTPUT.

The correspondent of the Journal of Commerce in Sydney quotes F. W. Gray, of the Dominion Coal Company, as placing the July output for the collieries at 45,000 tons. This is less than the output of June, 1914, and July, 1913. Shipments are likely to be heavy, however, for the coal already mined and piled up is moving rapidly.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

The Royals Came Near Losing Vainly Looked Like Easy Victory CAPTAIN POWELL WON Canadian Tennis Player Doing Well in Western U. S. Championships—G. S. Lyon Also Winning in Golf Championships. Benny Purtell's errors gave the Orioles three runs yesterday and what would have been an easy victory for the locals was won only in the 9th, through the good stick work of Whitman and Yeager. Joe got two hits in four times up, had three putouts and five assists without an error, while Whitman, in addition to getting 2 hits, scored just half the runs scored by the Royals. The tally was 9 to 5. Toronto hit the ball hard and beat Newark yesterday by 9 to 5. The other day local batsmen were unable to touch Mays' delivery but yesterday Rochester jumped on him hard and beat the Greys 8 to 2. At the end of the fourth yesterday, the Bisons had the Skeeters 7 to 0. At the end of the sixth it was 8 to 4 and when the last man was out in the ninth the Skeeters had forged ahead and won the game 9 to 8. Rain held up all the games in the National League yesterday, but the full schedule was played out in the American. Three hits in four times up and all of them timely by Crawford, set the Athletics back one game by 4 to 3. This was the first game lost by the champions in the last thirteen played. Boston put 16 men in the line-up yesterday, but three hits were all they could get from Mitchell. The Red Sox made a run out of each hit, however, and Cleveland won by only 4 to 3. Scott held New York to three hits and the White Sox won 6 to 2. St. Louis got 11 hits off Boehling but the Senators trounced four St. Louis pitchers for 13 hits and won 7 to 3. Cottrell, of Baltimore, has been bought by the Boston Nationals. R. B. Powell, Canada's Davis Cup captain, thrilled tennis enthusiasts at Lake Forest, Ill., by winning three matches in the western championship tournament. In the preliminary round he defeated L. P. Brintwell, of Chicago, and Kansas City by the one-sided score of 6-0, 6-1, and with the same figures won from James Weber, a local school-boy crack. It remained for Al Lindauer, a Chicago boy, to give the Canadian a contest, and he did so, winning the first three games. Then Powell showed a flash of Davis Cup form and won the match—6-4, 6-0.

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