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See Collapse Possible
At Lausanne and War
In South-East Europe

No Active Break Yet at Near East Conference, But Some Fear it Will Come—Talk of Crusade Against Turk, All Nations Helping to Quick Finish.

(Canadian Press.)

Lausanne, Dec. 5.—Turkey and Europe have apparently drifted so far apart on the great issues of the Near East conference that the pessimists have a fruitful field for unhappy prognostications of a complete collapse of the parliaments and the resumption of war in south-eastern Europe.

Such a culmination of the conference discussions could easily be argued as a strong possibility, but any such argument based on a reasonable hypothesis would leave out the fact that Europe needs peace and that Turkey has constantly proclaimed her need for building up international relations in acquiring capital to develop her immense resources.

WILL UNITE IN
VOTE TODAY

Georgian and Asquithian
Liberals on Agriculture.

Amendment to Trade Facilities Act Carried in House—Maximum Guarantees Increased to £50,000,000—Some Georgians Did Not Vote.

London, Dec. 5.—The House of Commons early today passed a resolution authorizing amendment of the trade facilities act, to renew it for one year, and to increase to £50,000,000 the maximum guarantee provided by the measure. The resolution was offered by Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

More than twenty Georgian Liberals voted against the government, while thirty-five abstained from voting. Had the latter also opposed the measure, the government's majority would have been twenty-seven.

The action of the House last night in rejecting an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, demanding repeal of the act, and the division of the House today, which was held in the afternoon, are an indication of what might happen if or when the Georgian and Asquithian Liberal joined forces. The amendment was offered by Sir John Simon, Liberal M.P.

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ELEVEN TROTTERS
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Fire Destroys Stable at Race Track at Pittsburgh.

New York, Dec. 5.—(Canadian Press)—Eleven racing trotters, several of them holding local track records, were burned last night, according to a New York Telegram correspondent in a fire which destroyed the frame stable at the Schenley Park race track at Pittsburgh.

George Kay, 218, a pacer by Bash Kay, valued at \$5,000 and Lou H. 218-14, trotter, valued at \$2,000, both owned by Tucker McDaniels, were among the horses burned to death.

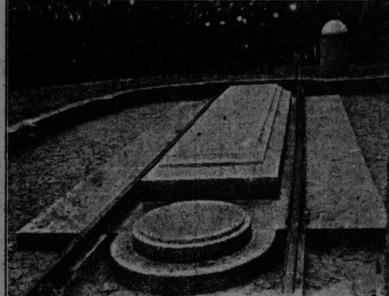
CARING FOR THE
HOMELESS IN
TERREBONNE

Terrebonne, Que., Dec. 5.—The work of clearing the debris of last week's fire will be started in a day or so, according to an announcement by Mayor Labelle. At present, said all efforts are being concentrated looking after the homeless, it being estimated that there are 175 families without homes, assistance is coming from all points, he said, and food and clothes are being distributed as fast as they arrive.

NUMBER OF MOTOR
ACCIDENTS IN TORONTO
IS DECLARED APPALLING

Toronto, Dec. 5.—In a second letter to the press, Sir Thomas White again calls attention to the appalling number of accidents caused by careless motorists, and the ever-mounting lists of those injured. He gave figures to show that the wheels of the juggernaut are more deadly than the most prevalent communicable diseases. In the last three years an average of nearly three people a day have been injured on the streets of Toronto by automobiles, while fifty-five were killed in 1920, forty-two in 1921, and thirty-seven in 1922. The totals of those injured in recent years were 1,018 in 1920, 1,068 in 1921, and 1,075 this year with a month yet to go.

THE SPOT WHERE THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED



A unique memorial established on the spot where the Armistice was signed in the Compiègne Forest, and where the Armistice terms were accepted by the Germans.

KING GEORGE OF GREECE



Who protested against the Greek executions, and was confined to the palace in Athens as a prisoner when he attempted to flee from the country.

UNDERGOES A
13TH OPERATION

A French Professor's Great Sacrifices in Interest of X-Ray Study.

Paris, Dec. 5.—Professor Valliant, director of the X-ray laboratory of Lariboisiere Hospital, has undergone his 13th operation for amputation, made necessary by the withering effects of X-rays during the long experiments that have won his prominence. His right forearm has been amputated in an effort to stop the creeping X-ray malady.

TELEGRAPH CO.
WINS THE CASE

Question Liability in Matter of a Delayed Telegram.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—A finding in law which is of Dominion-wide interest was rendered in the Superior Court here yesterday, when Mr. Justice Dugas dismissed action taken by the Montreal Trust Exchange against the Great North Western Telegraph Company to recover loss alleged to have been suffered through delay in delivering a telegram. His Lordship found that the sender of a telegram was insured of delivery only when he "repeated" his message. The telegram in question was sent from here to Los Angeles ordering a carload of oranges at the price of a previous load. The message was not delivered for some days, by which time the price had gone up, entailing an alleged loss of \$300 to the sender.

ICE PATROL OF
STEAMER LANES

Boston, Dec. 5.—The coast guard cutter Tampa left yesterday for Halifax to take up the annual ice patrol. With periodical reliefs the patrol will be maintained on the trans-Atlantic shipping lanes in the vicinity of the Grand Banks until next spring.

MEXICO HAS EARTHQUAKE

Mexico City, Dec. 5.—An earthquake of twelve seconds duration is reported to have been felt at Oaxaca City yesterday morning. Earth tremors were felt in Jalapa and Vera Cruz on Sunday. No damage has been reported.

CANADIAN ROY MURDERER IS SAVED FROM GALLOWS

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—(Canadian Press)—Sentence of death passed upon Maurice Barrie, who is the youngest murderer on record at the Justice Department, has been commuted to life imprisonment. Barrie was sentenced to hang on December 14, by Mr. Justice Latchford, at the Belleville assizes last summer, for the murder of his employer, a farmer of Belleville, called Wesley Moul. He was sixteen years old when the crime was committed.

Doyle and System
Criticized in Report
On Bungled Hanging

Sheriff Foster Found to Have Done His Duty Blamelessly—J. B. Dickson Reports to Government on the Execution of Bennie Swim.

The provincial government had before it today at Fredericton the report of J. Bacon Dixon, the commissioner who inquired into the matter of the execution of Bennie Swim who was executed at Woodstock for the crime of murder. The body of Swim was cut down before he was entirely dead, and it was necessary to repeat the hanging. So many rumors regarding the affair had been sent broadcast that the government appointed Mr. Dixon to make a thorough inquiry.

He went to Woodstock, summoned all the witnesses to the execution of Swim and now reports upon the evidence. There was the governor of Montreal jail, and F. G. Gill, who was also well recommended. These men were engaged after Sheriff Foster had failed in his efforts to get Arthur Ellis or Holmes, both of whom were regarded as official hangmen. The commissioner finds that Sheriff Foster did all in his power to have a capable man for the execution of Swim.

There were rumors that Doyle was intoxicated on the morning of the hanging while four witnesses believed Doyle had been drinking fourteen others saw no sign of intoxication and the commissioner concludes that if he had taken any liquor it did not so affect him as to interfere with his work. He does find that Doyle was less considerate of the feelings of the condemned man than he might have been, and he concludes that it was Doyle who ordered the unfortunate man cut down after the first hanging. Recommendations as to future executions are contained in the report, the text of which is as follows:

Fredericton, N. B., Hon. J. E. Hebbington, Provincial Secretary, Fredericton, New Brunswick: Sir—By letters patent under the Great Seal of the Province of New Brunswick, bearing date October 11, 1922, I was appointed a commissioner under Chapter 12 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1908, respecting investigations by commission, and departmental enquiries, and was authorized to investigate and enquire into the matter of the execution of Bennie Swim and the conduct of the execution on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. I am pleased to report that the commission is annexed to this report.

Upon receipt of the commission, I appointed Thursday, November 8, 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the County Court house at Woodstock, New Brunswick, as the time and place for the holding of the commission. I obtained a list of persons present at the execution of Bennie Swim and summoned or requested to be present and give evidence.

Alton B. Foster, High Sheriff of Carleton County, Healey V. Moore, Deputy Sheriff of Carleton County, Dr. Thomas W. Griffin, Physician, Dr. L. Dec. McIntosh, Physician, Dr. George Thomson, Moses Moore, Death-watcher, Rev. H. Bragdon, Clergyman, Rev. Perley Quigg, Clergyman, Harry Dewitt, Undertaker, Owen Kelly, Chief Alderman of Woodstock, Gladstone D. Perry, Darius Carleton County, Avon News, Liquor Inspector, S. L. Lyndott, Editor of Carleton Sentinel, Manager, Clark, Postmaster, Edward Caldwell, Salesman, Fred Seely, Salesman, Burrell Hatfield, Farmer, Henry Dewitt, Undertaker, Owen Kelly, Chief of Police of Woodstock.

The investigation was held at Woodstock on November 2, 3, 4, and 5, and witnesses above named appeared and gave evidence. I obtained from Sheriff Alton B. Foster the names given to him by the two hangmen employed for the purpose of carrying out the death sentence. The names given were, M. A. Doyle and G. Gill. I attempted to communicate with these men by letter with a view to having them attend the investigation, but they were not available.

While at Woodstock on November 2, I received the following telegram from G. Gill: "Montreal, Nov. 2, 1922. J. B. Dickson, Woodstock, N. B.: Protest inquiry. Leaving 1 p.m." (Continued on page 9, second column.)

CONFESSES FRAUD
ON FORD COMPANY

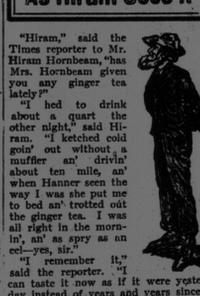
Timekeeper Says He Kept Eleven Men Wrongfully on Payroll—Two University Students.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 5.—According to a confession by G. W. Permitt, timekeeper at the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company, he used eleven men, two of them university students, as accomplices in a scheme by which he defrauded the company of \$10,000 in three months. It is alleged he kept the eleven men on the payroll after they left the plant on September 1. Police declare that each of the eleven men has made restitution of his share of the money, \$800 and upwards, and his confession has been made public through the newspaper.

CANADA NOT A
NATION, SAYS SIR
ALAN AYLESWORTH

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Declaring that Canada is not a nation but a colony still, Sir Alan Aylesworth, K. C., a former Minister of Justice for Canada, in an address to the Knights of Columbus here yesterday, said political and newspaper talk about Canada being a nation was "bores." "Since the passing of the British North America Act there has been no change in Canada's status with relation to the empire," Sir Alan said. "It is no insult for Canadians to be called colonials."

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "has St. John had took the right dose two years ago you'd s-b-hed hydro lamps shinin' on every street corner. Yes, s-b-hed it's ginger tea or ordinary horse-sense you want to get busy at the right time."

BAD SPILL IN
SIX DAY RACE

Some of the Riders Drop Out—Some Fifty Miles Behind Record.

New York, Dec. 5.—Ten of the sixteen teams of bicyclists that started the 38th annual six day race at Madison Square Garden at midday on Sunday came in at 489 miles and 8 laps at the 32nd hour at eight o'clock this morning. Walker and Lorenz, dropped out last night. But, partner of Lorenz and McBeath, Walker's partner, formed a new combination, leaving fourteen teams in the race. The record for the 32nd hour is 706 miles and one lap, made by Lawton and Root, in 1916.

A crash in a sprint for which a \$10 prize was offered forced Oliver from the race with a fractured toe. His partner, Assini, paired with Joe Kospiak and accepted a penalty of one lap. Nine riders crashed last night in one of the worst spills. Whirling about in a spiral for points, Reggie McManara and Willie Lorenz accidentally locked handlebars. Both fell and rolled down the incline, taking seven other riders with them.

CHURCH AT O.K.A,
SEMINARY AND
HOUSE BURNED

Famous Trappist Monastery Escapes the Flames.

Montreal's Mayor Gets a "K. K. K." Threatening Letter—Princess Block in Yarmouth Prey of Flames and Business Section is Threatened.

Olea, Que., Dec. 5.—The Sulphur church seminary and priests' residence here was destroyed by fire this morning. The great monastery of the Trappist Monks was not touched by the fire.

WEATHER
REPORT

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over Iowa yesterday has moved northeastward to the upper Ottawa Valley, causing gales with rain on the lower lakes and heavy gales with snow on Lake Superior. The weather is fair and quite cold in the western provinces. Clearing and colder.

CANADA'S GRAIN
WINS THE PRIZE

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Canada won the oats growing championship at the International Grain and Hay Show last night. The entry of J. W. Biglands of Lacombe, Alberta, won the sweepstakes over a large field of U. S. and Canadian growers competing for \$10,000 in cash prizes. Bigland's sample weighed 44 1/2 pounds to the bushel. The Board of Trade cup was awarded to R. O. Wylter, Lussland, Sask., for having grown the best wheat produced on the continent this year. He won with a sample of hard red spring. Montana had held the title, having won it last year.

GAME CONSERVATION
MEETING IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—(Canadian Press)—Game officials representing every province in the Dominion, together with federal officers, will meet in conference on December 6, 7 and 8 to discuss means of securing further co-operation in wild life conservation. The conference has been called by the department of the interior.

THE FREE STATE
GOVERNMENT IN
CHARGE TOMORROW

First Meeting of the Dail as Lower House of Parliament

Yeates, Earl of Dunraven, Sir James Campbell and Perhaps Lord Decies to be Senators—Nationals Bomb Out Irregulars from Airplane.

(Canadian Press.) London, Dec. 5.—Autonomous government for Ireland today lacked only the formal assent of King George to the Irish Constitution Bill. The Anglo-Irish treaty will expire tomorrow, when the Provisional Government will cease to function and the Free State Government will officially take charge. The first meeting of the Dail as the lower house of the Oireachtas, or Irish Parliament, has been fixed for five o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile the Dail will sit privately to choose thirty members of the Seanad Eireann, or Senate. The choice will be made from about 150 candidates and the selection will be announced tomorrow. The Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent says that the appointees of Wm. Cosgrave include the well-known writers Wm. Butler Yeats and George Russell, also the Earl of Dunraven, the Earl of Wicklow, Lord Glenavy—better known as Sir James Campbell, the former Irish Lord Chancellor—and possibly Lord Decies, husband of Vivien Gould. Mr. Cosgrave was in London yesterday.

The nature of his business is unknown. His hands are not only full of national business but he is gravely ill, and it is not believed he would have left if he could have avoided doing so. TRISH TROUBLES NEAR THE END. Holyhead, Wales, Dec. 5.—An historic meeting occurred here last evening between the first president of the Irish Free State and the first President of the Dail, Wm. Cosgrave, president of the Dail, warmly congratulated Mr. Healy. They returned to Dublin together this morning.

President Cosgrave declared that the situation in Ireland was well in hand and that he had high hopes that the troubles of the Irish people were at an end. He said a union of the north and south could not be delayed, inasmuch as the line dividing the two sections was usually placid appearance in the appointment of Mr. Healey was undoubtedly popular among all classes in Ireland. He said the ecclesiastical Bishops' Conference had met in Dublin with calmness and fortitude. As an evidence of the rapid improvement of conditions in Ireland, President Cosgrave said that the last year had shown a large increase in exports as compared with 1921.

OUR WINTERS
NO MILDER
THAN OF OLD

Meteorological Service Official Says Popular View is Not Correct.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The winters in Canada are not becoming milder, as many persons suppose, according to A. J. Conroy, M. A., climatologist of the Meteorological Service of Canada. "On December 30, 1875," he remarked, "the coldest winter in the history of this city, of a maximum of sixty-one degrees. On no December day before then and on none since, so far as our records go, has there been such a high temperature in December until the first day of this month, when the official registration was recorded at 60.5."

PHILIX AND
PHEEDAND

Phelix and Pheedand, two of the most famous of the Irish Free State, were killed or wounded. The Nationals had one man killed. Dublin, Dec. 5.—The stormy career of the provisional parliament came to an unceremonious end when it adjourned at five o'clock yesterday, taking the oath under the treaty and thereby becoming the chamber of deputies of the Irish Free State. The members returned their usual placid appearance in spite of the fact that some of the members had received warnings from rebels, while the business section of Dublin was alive with soldiers who searched strangers, and a strong guard was maintained at the hotels where the deputies were stopping.

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