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MANY FOREST FIRES

Fort McMurray, Alta., June 16—Fires are blazing all over this country and are burning down to the water's edge on various rivers. The town of Waterways is in danger.

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Storms Sweeping Northwestern U. S. Take Fourteen Lives

LOCK BRITISH CONSUL IN LEGATION

SEVERAL STATES FEEL EFFECTS OF FURIOUS GALES

In One Place Eight People are Dead; Two are Swept Into a River.

CALGARY IS HIT

Severe Storm Sweeps That District; One Man Struck by Lightning.

St. Paul, Minn., June 15.—At least fourteen persons are reported dead and more than a score injured, as the result of tornadoes, wind storms and heavy hail and rain in the northwest section of the United State Saturday night.

Eight persons were reported dead at Bijou Hills, Brule county, two at White Lake, Aurora county, one at Pierre, and one at Blunt, in South Dakota, while two men were reported swept into the Mississippi river at St. Paul.

Glad Valley, in Seibach county, South Dakota, was reported virtually wiped out when a tornado struck over a territory of 50 miles square and caused probably a score of injuries and property damage which may run over $100,000.

Calgary Suffers.

At Mitchell four persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, and property damage was estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

Calgary, June 16.—One of the worst rain, thunder and electric storms of the last few years struck Calgary and district in the early hours of Sunday morning, causing damage to property, injuring residents, endangering life, uprooting telephone poles and felling trees, temporarily extinguishing lighting power in the city and interfering with telegraphic and telephonic communication.

H. Hannah, a farmer, living 18 miles southeast of Calgary, was struck by lightning and probably fatally burned while standing in the doorway of a barn. His clothing was stripped from his body and he was knocked unconscious. The barn caught fire and was destroyed.

The storm was general all over the Calgary district and cut a path southeast of Gleichen. It was of a freakish and peculiar nature, striking one spot with swift intensity and missing nearby localities. The total precipitation over the week-end amounted to more than an inch.

HERRIOT HAS AN EYE ON GERMANY

Gen. Nollet Made Minister of War—Plain Speech by Premier.

Paris, June 16—Premier Herriot, replying to a Matin reporter today, relative to the selection of his cabinet, lay stress on the choice of Minister of War.

"The competency of General Nollet is unquestionable," he said. "He knows better than anyone the present military condition of Germany. I desire that the fullest significance be given to the appointment of General Nollet. Germany is engaged in carrying out tactics similar to those after the peace of Tilsit in 1807, raising a large army camouflaged by gymnastic associations.

"Our Cabinet is animated by a kindly spirit toward Germany, and we are ready to assist to the best of our ability the young German democracy, but we will display merciless severity to the German Nationalists. We have to uphold France's rights as well as those of the democracy of the world."

Bridge Contracts Are Awarded

Fredericton, June 16.—A contract for the construction of the Chapman concrete arch culvert and roadway embankment, parish of Dorchester, Westmorland county, has been awarded to the College Bridge Construction Company, of College Bridge, Westmorland county. The contract price is in the vicinity of $5,000. A contract for the Estey concrete arch embankment, parish of Douglas, York county, has been awarded to George R. Moore of Woodstock, at a price in the vicinity of $3,200.

Is Assassinated, As His Father Was

(United Press.)

London, June 16—Shot to death in the streets of Sofia, as his father was 17 years before, M. Petkoff, prominent member of the Agrarian Party, died on Sunday, a victim of political assassination which, it is feared, may portent an outbreak of these crimes in Bulgaria.

M. Petkoff was accused of being in more or less active revolt against the present government. In March, 1907, his father, then Premier and Minister of the Interior, was killed in the streets of the Bulgarian capital.

HON. A. HARRISON HAS PASSED AWAY

Member of Prominent Sunbury County Family—Was Ninety Years Old.

(Special to Times-Star.)

Fredericton, N. B., June 16.—A link with the political past of New Brunswick was severed this morning when Hon. Archibald Harrison died at his home in Maugerville, aged 90 years. His birthday was May 20th. He was a native of Jemseg, but for the greater part of his life had been a resident of Maugerville. He was of Loyalist ancestry, and is the last member of his family. The late James and Jeremiah Harrison of St. John, in business in that city some years ago, were brothers.

Mr. Harrison was a member of a family prominent in the political affairs of Sunbury county for more than one generation. His father, the late Charles Harrison, represented the county in the legislature prior to Confederation; and his brother, the late Charles B. Harrison, also represented it.

Hon. Archibald Harrison represented the county in the Legislative Assembly and also was a member of the Legislative Council, then the Upper House of New Brunswick. That House voted itself out of existence in 1891, and Mr. Harrison was the last living member. He was president of the Upper House and Government leader in it, being a member of the first Blair administration of 1883, without portfolio. Other offices which he held included membership in the Board of Education and the Senate of U. N. B.

Two daughters survive, Miss Elizabeth Harrison, of Maugerville, and Mrs. W. M. Thurrott, of Fredericton. His wife died seven years ago to a day. There are 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. H. E. Harrison of Fredericton is a nephew.

SAY GOOD CROP IN WEST PROMISES

Newspaper Men Return After Tour—See Need of Immigration.

Toronto, June 16—"Western Canada is all right and is off to a fine start for another splendid crop of the prosperity making kind," is the consensus of opinion of the Canadian newspaper publishers and editors who arrived here yesterday after a tour of the west. They said that, given favorable weather from now on, the west is assured of a wheat crop that may be equal to that of last year. They say also that they observed a feeling of confidence in the future.

All along the line they were impressed with the need for immigration and they report that the demand for farm labor is already active in practically every settled district.

At a meeting held on the train during the last stage of the journey votes of thanks for their efforts in making the tour a complete success were passed to Arthur Partridge and D. B. Taylor, manager and assistant manager of the newspaper association, to J. W. B. Livesay, general manager of the Canadian Press Limited and to the C. P. R.

Wire Briefs

Saskatoon, June 16.—Saskatoon postal employes favor a walk-out, according to a strike vote taken yesterday by the postal section of the Amalgamated Civic Service.

New York, N. Y., June 16.—Sterling exchange firm. Demand rates (in cents) Great Britain 432⅛; France 557¼; Italy 430½; Germany (per trillion) .23⅞. Canadian dollar 1⅝ per cent. discount.

London, June 16.—Parliament reassembled today after the Whitsuntide vacation, with the prospect of long and arduous sessions and small probability that the Government will be able to carry out several legislative measures to which it is committed.

Hong Kong, June 16.—The spare airplane rushed from Hakodate, Japan, to Akyab, Burma, India, to enable A. Stuart MacLaren, British around-the-world flyer, to resume his flight was landed at Akyab on June 13, according to radio advices received here from the United States destroyer Preston.

MACDONALD AND M. HERRIOT MEET AT END OF WEEK

Latter Will Spend Three Days in Conference at Chequers.

HOPE FOR PEACE

Greater Optimism Than Has Prevailed in England for Many Months.

London, June 16—(British United Press)—Premier Ramsay MacDonald's statement: "I hope before long that peace will be established," corroborates the belief expressed by the leaders of all political parties during the past few weeks. A greater optimism prevails than has existed for many months, owing in no small measure to the assumption of power by M. Herriot and his known views.

The conversations which will take place during the stay of M. Herriot at Chequers, at the end of the present week, will be much wider in scope than would have been the case had M. Poincare survived the elections and been France's representative at the visit. It is generally believed that the discussions between the two Premiers will include the problem of the operation of the recommendations contained in the Dawes scheme, and other cognate issues such as political amnesty for Ruhr prisoners.

Allies' Conference.

The arrangements for a plenary conference of all the Allies, and the likely attitude of the United States towards such a conference, will also be carefully considered, M. Herriot's decision to remain in England three days is regarded as giving promise of satisfactory and encouraging results.

French Cabinet Meets.

Paris, June 16—(United Press)—The new French Cabinet met with Premier Herriot today to discuss the ministerial programme and the declaration which must be made to the Chamber of Deputies. The programme and declaration will be submitted to President Doumergue for approval this afternoon.

SECOND DEATH IN BRENNAN SHOOTING

Wounded Trooper Succumbs—Bootlegging May be Behind Killing of Pugilist.

New York, N. Y., June 16.—The police today are continuing their efforts to determine the motive which caused two men to shoot to death William James (Bill) Brennan, heavyweight pugilist, in his cabaret, the Club Tia Juana, early yesterday. James Cullen state trooper, and friend of Brennan's, died early today from wounds he received in fighting the bandits after they shot his friend.

Two men charged with the murder, Frank Rassi, 27, and Jas. Hughes, 31, will be arraigned in Homicide Court today. Both, according to the police, have criminal records. Rassi is a taxicab chauffeur and Hughes is a pugilist, known in the ring as Terry O'Neill.

Rassi, the police say, has engaged in bootlegging operations and this is considered of some significance in the hunt for the motive. A search of the cabaret revealed a barrel filled with empty whiskey bottles and it is thought that a quarrel over bootlegging operations may have resulted in the murder. The police point that no attempt was made at robbery.

Detectives learned this morning that Brennan had ejected two men from the resort some hours before the shooting. They think that these two might have returned later and sought revenge, although they attach more importance to the bootlegging operations theory.

Twenty-Eight Are Ordained Priests

Toronto, June 16.—With impressive ceremony 28 students of St. Augustine's Seminary were ordained to the priesthood by His Grace Archbishop McNeil in St. Michael's Cathedral on Saturday. His Grace was assisted by Rt. Rev. Dr. Kidd, president of St. Augustine's and vice-president Father Morressy.

Among the successful students was George McCabe, Prince Edward Island. Among those elevated to the rank of sub-deacon was Angus McIsaac, Antigonish, N. S.

U. M. W. District Loses Autonomy

Indianapolis, June 16—The autonomy of District No. 17 of the United Mine Workers of America, which includes practically all of West Virginia, was suspended by the international executive board of the union here on Saturday, and Percy Tetlow, of Ohio, was named head of the district by John L. Lewis, international president.

The order is effective June 16. That the policies of the international union have not been applied and enforced with sufficient vigor in District 17 is given as the reason for the suspension.

SIR C. TOWNSHEND DEAD IN WOLFVILLE

Was Former Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and an Outstanding Man in Province.

Wolfville, N. S., June 16. — Sir Charles Townsend, former Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, died at his home here this morning.

Sir Charles was born at Amherst on March 22, 1844, son of Rev. Canon T. and Elizabeth (Stewart) Townshend. He was educated at King's Collegiate School and King's College, Windsor, from the latter institution receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Civil Law and the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law. He received his early law training in the offices of Hon. Senator Dickie of Amherst, and Hon. S. L. Sherman, Halifax. He was admitted to the bar in 1866, and in his early years practiced in Amherst. In 1881 he was made King's Counsel, and in 1887 was appointed Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. On November 2, 1867, Judge Townshend was created Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, which office he held until his retirement in April, 1915.

He was a Conservative in politics and represented Cumberland County in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1878 to 1884, and in the Federal House from 1884 to 1887. He was a member of the Provincial Government from 1878 to 1882. In 1911 he received his knighthood. He held numerous important offices in various organizations—was a member of the law faculty of King's College for some time and was chancellor of his alma mater for many years. Judge Townshend was a prominent and active member of the Church of England.

His historical and legal writings are widely known and he held a high reputation as an authority on these matters, especially in eastern Canada. Dr. David Allison, in his history of Nova Scotia, says of him: "He is universally regarded as one of the most representative citizens of the province and one of the greatest public benefactors of the same."

The late ex-Chief Justice was twice married: in 1867 to Laura Kinnear, daughter of J. Kinnear, whose death occurred in 1884, and afterward to Margaret MacFarlane, daughter of John MacFarlane. He spent most of his declining years at "Rayn Lawn," his Wolfville residence.

LOWELL SMITH IS AGAIN ON THE WING

U. S. World Flight Commander Gets New Motor and Speeds Away.

(By RAY G. MARSHALL)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Peking, June 16.—Lieutenant Lowell Smith, commander of the U. S. round the world flight, arrived at Tourane yesterday, rejoining his companions, and the three flyers intended to depart together for Saigon today.

The flight commander had been forced down at a little town on the coast of French Indo China by engine trouble and the motor of his plane was wrecked. A destroyer took him a new motor, while the other pilots, Lieutenants Eric Nelson and Leigh Wade, proceeded to Tourane.

Reports that Smith had caught up with the others were received here by the official government wireless.

ROTARIANS TODAY BESIEGE TORONTO

Ten Thousand Expected by Tomorrow—Empire Dinner Wednesday is Feature.

Toronto, June 16—Rotary has besieged Toronto. There are estimated to be approximately 3,000 delegates and their wives within the city. Today some 6,6000 additional registrations are expected and by Tuesday the full probable quota of 10,000 will be reached.

One of the interesting features of the week's programme is the empire dinner, scheduled for Wednesday night, when representatives from every corner of the empire, with the exception of India, will sit at one board, accompanied by their wives.

Besides the accredited delegates from the various countries, British subjects living in other parts of the world will be welcomed at the convention.

ST. JOHN MEN ARE ALL KEYED UP NOW FOR OLYMPIC TEST

"Billy" Maynes in Fast Company in His Heat Tomorrow.

THE OTHER EVENTS

Zan Miller in High Jump Tomorrow; Malcolm in Shotput Next Day.

(From a Member of The Times-Star Staff.)

Montreal, Que., June 16—"Billy" Maynes, St. John's crack quarter miler, arrived here on Sunday morning and had a light workout on the track at McGill Stadium this morning under the experienced eye of Captain J. R. Cornelius, head Olympic coach for Canada.

He satisfied the coach he was in tip top condition for his races tomorrow in the 400 metre event at the M. A. A. A. grounds here.

The programme Tuesday opens at 5.30 o'clock, daylight time, at St. John, with the high hurdles, followed by the 100 metre heats.

In the draw, Maynes will face Hay of British Columbia, R. Shea, Ontario and P. McDonald, Ontario. There are four heats for this event, and the first in each heat and second in the fastest heat will compete in the finals.

The St. John boy will have plenty of competition but is looked on to do well. This distance in yards is 437.35 yards, and the Olympic record now is 48 and 1-10 seconds, set by Taylor on Friday at the United States tryouts at Boston.

Malcolm On Wednesday.

"Beef" Malcolm, St. John's second entrant here, does not compete until Wednesday in the shot put.

"Zan" Miller, of Sussex, competes Tuesday in the running high jump.

The pick of Canada in these two events will furnish the opposition to Miller and Malcolm. Miller has five men against him while Malcolm has seven opponents.

None of the men in camp have done anything near Malcolm's best heave here of 24 feet, and if he can maintain his form he will pull through. The man most looked upon to upset him is McDonald of British Columbia, who arrived in camp here Sunday accompanied by Murdock, also a shot putter from British Columbia. The other men entered against Malcolm are C. Neilson, Manitoba; P. McDonald, Ontario W. R. Kennedy, Quebec; J. Dakin, Quebec; and D. Clark, Quebec. The Olympic record for this event is 51 feet 1-4 inches.

The referee at the meet will be W. E. Findlay of Montreal, President of the A. A. U. of Canada, while one of the starters is W. E. Roughton, well known in St. John through his work at the skating meets.

Commenting on the work of young Elliott MacGuigan, P. E. Island flash, the head coach said he was improving fast. Len McDonald, he declared, was doing better at the high jump than the pole vault, while Ross Cameron was getting in some good jumps. Cameron's one fault, according to the coach was that he lacked speed in the take off.

(See Sport Page)

TRADE OF BRITAIN HAS IMPROVED

May Showed Increase in Both Imports and Exports—More Manufacturing.

(British United Press.)

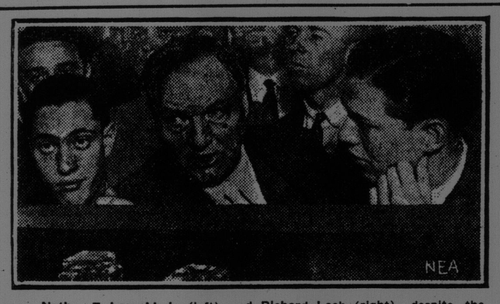
London, June 16.—The general trade improvement in Britain is becoming more and more apparent every week. Overseas trade returns for May, just published, are most encouraging, although the increase of imports is still much higher than that of exports. The greatest advance is in the imports of raw materials, to the amount of fifteen million pounds, showing that business men are confidently buying in large quantities for the purpose of increasing manufacture.

A large increase in exports may reasonably be expected to follow in a short time. The increase in exports is affected by the drop of four millions of pounds worth of coal. The goods exported are mainly wholly manufactured products, which is regarded as a most encouraging sign.

"Fighting Cop" For Olympic Trials

Sydney, N. S., June 16—Police Officer James Cruickshank, Sydney's "fighting cop," accompanied by Officer Vincent Campbell of the Sydney Police Athletic Club, left for Toronto last night where he will take part in the Olympic boxing finals.

"Not Guilty," They Pleaded



Nathan F. Leopold, Jr. (left), and Richard Loeb (right), despite the confessions they made to State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, pleaded "not guilty" to the kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks, 14-year-old Chicago school boy, when arraigned before Chief Justice R. Caverly in Cook County Criminal Court. Here they are at the bar with their chief counsel, Clarence Darrow. August 4 was set as the date for their trial to begin.

U. S. Shipping Board, Now in Funds, Revives Life of Vessels Idle in Harbors

Washington, June 16—One more effort to save the 375 idle Shipping Board vessels from rust and decay in the harbors and roadsteads, where they lie, is to be made by the Shipping Board, it was announced today.

With funds made available by Congress, installation of Diesel type internal combustion engines is to be made in 60 of them, while private enterprise will be encouraged by the Shipping Board to take over and similarly equip the remainder on a 50-50 basis.

Twelve selected ships will be drydocked in the near future and their rusting engines replaced with the up-to-date Diesel engines, which operate like automobile engines, generating electricity which in turn drives the propellor shafts. Ultimately 60 in all will be so outfitted.

The money for these improvements is to come from the $67,000,000 "construction loan fund" of the board, originally planned for use in aiding private capital to build ships. Congress, however, recently provided that the money also could be loaned for repairs and improvements on vessels already built. It also authorized the board to use $25,000,000 for modernizing its own ships.

The board believe that the motorship, being more economical in operation, will be better able to meet foreign competition than steam propelled vessels.

CAPITAL COMING

British Money For Mining Development in Canada, Says Sir John Aird.

Quebec, June 16.—Sir John Aird, who arrived in the C. P. steamship Empress of France, from Southampton and Cherbourg, said that he had made a short trip to England, where he had endeavored to interest British capitalists in the development of Canada's mineral resources, and that his efforts had been rewarded by a promise that enough capital would be availaable to develope the mining regions of Northern Quebec and Ontario.

The Minister of Mines of the latter province, Hon. Charles McRea, who was on an official mission for his Government, reported that his mission had also been very successful, and would have an important influence in mining activities in this country in the near future.

NO FREE TRADERS SAYS G. W. KYTE, M.P.

Chief Liberal Whip Defines The Attitude of The Liberal Party.

London, Ont., June 16—Reviewing the Robb budget changes at a meeting of London Liberals, at Hyman Hall on Saturday evening, George W. Kyte, chief Government whip at Ottawa, declared: "There is not a Liberal in Canada, who has influence in the Government, who believes in free trade—the whipping off of all duties."

"That would be an ideal situation," he said, "the products of one country flowing freely to another; but, while the United States, Germany and France and all other countries with which we trade maintain a protective tariff we also must have a tariff. But we say that the tariff that is in the best interests of this country and the best interest of the consumers and working men is a tariff which will raise sufficient revenue to meet the needs of the country, but will not give such added protection to any manufacturer as will enable him to exploit the people and add more to prices than he has a right to do."

Alleges Shortage In School Accounts

Sydney, N. S., June 16—Shortage in public school accounts amounting to thousands of dollars was announced in the Sydney Post today in a statement made by Mayor James McConnell. No record can be found, according to the Mayor's statement, of fees paid by non-resident pupils attending the city schools, nor can any basis be found for certain "pay roll" charges against the public schools.

Fain St. Lawrence River Project

Toronto, June 16. — That narrow self-interests and provincialism must not be permitted to interfere with the St. Lawrence river project providing for the creation of a gateway linking up the Great Lakes with the Atlantic seaboard was a warning sounded at a dinner given in honor of Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce in the U. S., and his colleagues of the U. S. section of the St. Lawrence Waterways Commission at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, on Saturday evening. Earlier the U. S. commissioners inspected the new Welland Canal and the Toronto harbor works.

HAS SPEEDY RUN

Empress of France May This Year Make Record For St. Lawrence Over New York

Quebec, June 16. — The Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of France, in from Southampton and Cherbourg, has just completed her first voyage to the St. Lawrence as an oil burner. She averaged nearly 20 knots an hour. Her highest days' run was 505 miles, beating her own record made in April, 1921, by 31 miles. Her exact time from Cherbourg to Cape Race was five days, 20 hours and 19 minutes. The St. Lawrence route may this season take the record from the New York route for the speedy transportation of overseas passengers to Toronto.

Weather Report

Toronto, June 16—Pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes, and comparatively low over the western provinces and near the Atlantic coast. The weather is fine and warm in Ontario and British Columbia. Elsewhere is it showery.

Forecasts:

Lower St. Lawrence Gulf and North Shore—East and Northeast winds cold and showery. Tuesday westerly winds, fair and warmer.

Fair and Warmer.

Maritime—Moderate winds, a few local showers but mostly fair. Tuesday westerly winds, fair and warmer.

Northern New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday; moderate northwest and north winds.

Toronto, June 16—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Highest yesterday	Lowest during night.
Victoria	50	66	50
Kamloops..	50	76	48
Calgary	46	70	40
Edmonton..	46	72	42
Winnipeg...	58	74	52
St. John....	56	62	52
Halifax....	54	52	50
New York..	66	82	64

MEXICANS HAVE CUMMINS PENNED IN OFFICIAL HOME

Water Supply and Telephone Cut Off by Order of Obregon Govt.

IS BESIEGED

British Government Backs Its Official and Trouble May Ensue.

(United Press.)

Mexico City, June 16.—Locked in the British legation, with the water supply and telephone cut off, H. A. Cummins, representative of the British government here, is resisting the efforts of the Mexican Government to expel him from the country.

Eighteen men from the Police Department, the Foreign Office, the War Office, and the Department of the Interior surround the building for a block. It is expected the police will break into the legation and arrest and deport Cummins, but invasion of the legation would mean violation of extra territorial rights, and might be followed by grave consequences.

Ordered Out by Obregon

The order to expel Cummins was given by President Obregon after repeated efforts had been made by Mexico to persuade Britain to withdraw him as "persona non grata."

Since June 10, Cummins has been locked in the legation, but it was not until Saturday that the secret police began their preparations to arrest him, as the expulsion order only then took effect.

There is plenty of food in the legation, and the official is prepared to withstand the siege now effective. It is understood that his Government has ordered him to remain in the legation.

The Chilean Minister visited the British legation yesterday and made an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Cummins to leave quietly.

If force is used in expelling him, Mexico will violate the extra territorial rights of the British legation, but it is understood that the Obregon Government intends to take the step if Cummins does not leave.

The Chilean Minister is now holding conference with other members of the diplomatic corps here, in an effort to find a way out of the situation.

Foreign Office Statement

The Foreign Office, in a statement issued to the press, says that Cummins, who was in charge of the archives at the legation, had no diplomatic position but was responsible for Britain's failure to recognize Mexico, due to the fact that he made false and villifying statements to the British Government regarding conditions here. He also sent notes to the Mexican Government, the statement says, which were invariably discourteous and couched in violent terms. Two years ago, in view of these facts, Mexico advised Britain that he was "persona non grata," and suggested that he be withdrawn. No action was taken on the request, however, and on January 15 Mexico advised the British Consul that the Government would suspend all correspondence with Cummins. At the same time it was suggested that the Consul transmit to London two discourteous notes which the Government had received from the official.

The foreign office statement says that both these notes showed disrespect for the Mexican government.

MacDonald Speaks

London, June 16.—(Canadian Press).—Prime Minister MacDonald stated in the House of Commons today that the British Government regarded the action of the Mexican Government against Herbert C. Cummins, the British Agent in Mexico, as a grave breach of international courtesies.

Belleville, Ont., June 16.—King's weather, the three stirring [illegible] try of military units and martial music, with thousands lining the streets in cars or on foot, made a memorable Sunday afternoon preceding the formal opening of an United Empire Loyalist celebration here, commemorating the 140th anniversary of the settlement of Upper Canada. The celebration was continued today.