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THUNDER STORMS

TWO CENTS

SINN FEIN LEADER CAME TO DOWNING STREET LIKE GREAT CONQUERING HERO

Lloyd George's Residence Surrounded by Irish Mob With Colors Flying When De Valera Drove up for First Conference With the Crown Authorities.

FIRST DAY'S WORK SATISFACTORY IS REPORT ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING

Premier is Summoned for Private Audience With the King After the Discussions and Sir James Craig is Called from Belfast to Take Part in Meeting.

London, July 14.—One of the men who accompanied Mr. De Valera to the Irish peace conference today with Premier Lloyd George said tonight: "We are satisfied with the results of the initial conference."

A communique issued stated that a free exchange of views took place between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera and their relative positions were defined.

The conference will be resumed at 11.30 o'clock tomorrow morning, it was announced.

The communique began: "Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera met at 4.30 this afternoon. They were alone and the conference lasted until after seven o'clock." It then told of the exchange of views and the outlining of the positions of the prime minister and the Irish leader.

Called To Palace.

Mr. Lloyd George had an audience with the King tonight. Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, has been summoned to London to confer with the prime minister on the Irish situation, it was announced here tonight. Sir James Craig is at present in Belfast.

Crowds Greet De Valera.

(By GRATTAN O'LEARY)

Canadian Press Staff Correspondent. London, July 14.—The Irish peace conference at the British premier's official residence, 10 Downing street, today crowded out the conference of dominion prime ministers. As a consequence there were merely meetings of the committees dealing with reparations, shipping and imperial communications and which are to report to the main conference within the next few days. It is understood that a basis for the division of reparations among the various portions of the empire has been agreed upon and that it is likely to be satisfactory to Canada. There is not, however, a great deal of enthusiasm over the matter, British statesmen having apparently long since concluded that no substantial amount can be got out of Germany.

Premier Meighen.

Premier Meighen did not attend today's committee meetings. He spent the forenoon preparing the speech which he will deliver tomorrow when he receives the freedom of the city of London and in the afternoon motored out for a visit to the Canadian team at Biscay Camp.

Meanwhile, scenes extraordinary to a Canadian had been enacted at Downing street. Eamon De Valera's reception, as he drove through White-

hall was that of a conquering hero.

Great Crowd There.

More than a thousand people swarmed around Premier Lloyd George's residence, most of them wearing rebel colors and as the Sinn Fein leader, a tall, slender and almost ungainly figure dressed in black and wearing his famous spectacles, stepped from his motor car he was almost borne down by the throng which swarmed around him. It was a typically Irish crowd with pretty Colleenes predominating, but with a goodly sprinkling of unmistakable Saxons and its enthusiasm knew no bounds.

Beneath it all, however, there was a note of solemnity and there was something stirring in the spectacle of hundreds of men standing bareheaded and singing Davis' half-martial, half-melancholy ballad, "A Nation Once Again" and then relapsing into silence as girls and women recited the Rosary for the success of the conference.

Pleased With Reception.

De Valera seemed immensely pleased with the reception accorded him. He waved his hand again and again to the crowd while his face beamed with smiles as he sprang lightly up the steps of No. 10 Downing street to greet Premier Lloyd George who was awaiting him within.

As the afternoon wore away and the conference continued, it overflowed to enormous proportions. It overflowed into Whitehall, practically blocking the traffic and demanding the attention of scores of policemen. A noteworthy feature of it all and certainly one most impressive to a Canadian was the tolerance and good humor shown by everybody. English traffic was blocked, English pedestrians were compelled to make a treacherous detour to get to their destinations and English officers saw the strange green Irish Republic flag floating in the breeze while the crowd fairly roared out songs of the Sinn Fein, yet one looked in vain for any sign of resentment.

Not Over Confident.

What is to be the outcome of it all few here dare to predict. There is a position to know what is transpiring behind the scenes are not overly confident. They know how great are the financial difficulties to be faced and how great is the gulf of suspicion and fear to be bridged before agreement is reached and always there is the position of Ulster. Nevertheless, the fact that today's meeting apparently is to be followed by a fuller conference is regarded as a hopeful sign. Even the most confirmed pessimists admitted tonight that at last it might be the dawn.

COMING HERE TO STUDY BUSINESS

Ontario Furniture Dealers to Tour the Maritime to Put Stratford on the Map.

Stratford, Ont., July 14.—With the idea of promoting business and also of meeting the dealers of the different towns and putting Stratford even more strongly on the map as a furniture centre, a party of local furniture manufacturers leave Saturday for the Maritime Provinces. It is expected that trade with Eastern firms will be greatly increased. The visit will include the following cities: New Brunswick, Campbellton, Newcastle, Moncton, Sackville, St. John, Fredericton.

Prince Edward Island—Summerside and Charlottetown.

Nova Scotia—Halifax, Amherst, Pictou, New Glasgow, Sydney, Truro and Windsor.

Last year the furniture manufacturers visited the Western Provinces.

BRIDEGROOM IN TROUBLE

Toronto, July 14.—As the result of being unable to meet a \$125 taxi bill for transportation from Newport, Vermont, to Toronto, Harold Heys was remanded one week on a charge of fraud in yesterday's County Police Court. The vehicle had been hired by Heys in order that he might bring his bride on one week's acquaintance to this city.

FOUR ARE KILLED.

Oakland, July 14.—An airplane from the Jacousi Brothers airplane factory in Berkeley fell at Modesto, killing the pilot and three passengers today, according to word received by the Oakland Tribune.

Mystery Ship Again Seen By U. S. Vessel

Craigrownie Meets Craft Showing No Running Lights Not Far from Boston.

Boston, July 14.—The sighting of an unidentified steamship without running lights off the New Jersey coast was reported here today by Captain Herbert H. Wallace, of the shipping board steamship Craigrownie.

Adding his story to those of other skippers who have seen mysterious ships by night in recent weeks, he said the incident occurred early on the morning of July 3, about fifteen miles east of the northeast end light vessel. A steamship of about 3,500 tons appeared off his starboard bow, he said, and completely circled the Craigrownie. Only two lights were visible, one on the main deck forward of the pilot house and the other abreast of the engine room.

After circling his vessel, Captain Wallace added, the stranger slowed down and stopped, while the Craigrownie continued without interference.

WOOLEN MILLS BUSY.

Ottawa, July 14.—Canadian mills are showing greater activity in the manufacture of woolen goods as a result there is a strong demand for Canadian wool, but without any advance in price, according to the Dominion wool market report for the week ending July 12 issued today. Sales of Eastern domestic wools continue to be made at 19 cents to 21 cents for medium. Quotations on lower grades are ranging from 11 cents to 25 cents, for coarse 15 cents to 17 cents for low combing and 17 cents to 19 cents for low medium combing.

News of The World

LITTLE BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

North Sydney, N. S., July 14.—Gerald Davis, aged 9 was rescued with some difficulty at Indian Beach this afternoon when he got out of his depth. Alice Kwage and William Buchanan attracted by his cries, swam out and brought the boy ashore. At Hamilton Hospital tonight, it is said he is suffering from shock but will recover.

PREMIER GOES TO TELL KING OF DAY'S WORK

His Majesty Taking Keenest Interest in the Deliberations Between Leaders.

LOYD GEORGE IS HOPEFUL OF TERMS

"Pact of Peace" on Disarmament is Fondlest Wish of Lloyd George.

London, July 14.—Premier Lloyd George held a council of ministers at the House of Commons tonight to discuss his meeting with Eamon De Valera, Irish Republican leader. Later he proceeded to a dinner of the Liberal coalitionists, where he received a great ovation.

Apologizing for his late appearance, he said he had been engaged in important tasks during the day and after discharging them had to meet his colleagues and report to his sovereign, who, he declared was taking a very keen and close interest in the proceedings and to whose intervention so much was attributable. "We owe him," added the prime minister, "a deep debt of gratitude for this, one of the greatest services he has rendered." This was greeted with loud applause.

Signs of Cheer.

With reference to Ireland Mr. Lloyd George besought his audience not to get into an indisposition.

"The less said the better at this stage," declared the prime minister, "but there is the great fact—that Mr. De Valera, chairman of the vast majority of the Irish, was here in conference for nearly three hours with the prime minister of this country, discussing various methods and suggestions for the settlement of this long, long controversy—an old, bitter, wasteful feud, a feud in which there has been for ages long a number of disastrous blunders and endless opportunities lost."

"Let us trust that this one will not be lost. I can say, after the long discussion that I am certain we both did our best to secure peace. (Loud cheers). Beyond that it would not be wise for me to go at this moment, because we both have our difficulties to deal with."

"Pact of Peace."

Mr. Lloyd George alluded to "the remarkable invitation issued by the president of the United States to discuss the issue involved in the Pacific problem or in the future peace of the world depends."

He went on to say "I am hopeful that it will result in a pact of peace that will make the Pacific a really pacific ocean. I also trust that it will lead to a useful discussion of the problem of disarmament, upon which so much depends for the future of our race."

Toronto Builders Take 10 Cents Less

Representatives Agree to Accept Reduction from Master Contractors to Secure Work

Toonto, July 14.—Representatives of the building trades after an all-day conference today decided to recommend a general cut in wages of ten cents an hour, as a means of stimulating activity in the building industry. The conference was representative of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Toronto Building Trades Council, the Builders' Exchange, the Brick Manufacturers and the Building Contractors.

Effective July 25. If the cut is accepted by the unions concerned, it will become effective July 25. The brick manufacturers and others supplying the main items in the construction of buildings will endeavor to cut wages to offset the cost of their materials. The resolution to cut wages was endorsed by the seven representatives of labor present at the conference.

Northern N. B. Gets Big Thunder Storm

Woodstock, July 14.—The Northern part of the province was the scene of a big storm this afternoon and evening. Telephone connection is interrupted and reports of damage have not been received. It is said that Edmundston was the centre of the disturbance.

STEEVES AS WITNESS IN OWN DEFENCE

Prisoner Breaks Down at Every Reference to His Daughter Beatrice.

EVIDENCE CONCERNED HOUSE SITUATION

Defence Maintains That Hope-well Cape Tragedy Was Only Unfortunate Accident

Moncton, July 14.—With the conclusion of the evidence of Curtis Steeves, son of the accused, at the trial of O. Galus Steeves, at Hope-well Cape this afternoon the prosecution closed its case.

Senator Fowler opened for the defence and in outlining the character of the evidence to be submitted said the defence were simply contending that the fire in which accused's wife had five children lost their lives, was a most unfortunate accident.

The defence first called as witnesses Merritt Crossman, Fred Steeves, John Mallish, Jr. the latter being a new witness.

Accused is Called.

The accused was then put on the stand and was under direct examination when court was adjourned for the day. The accused was examined as to the interior of the house the condition it was in at the time of the fire, and also as to the room where the family slept. He described the events of the evening before the fire, his coming home from Moncton and his preparation for returning to the city early in the morning. At each reference to his daughter Beatrice, his favorite daughter, the accused broke down.

To Continue Today.

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MOOSE FACTORY FLIGHT REGULAR BOARD DECIDES

United States' Balloonists Who Made Sensational Trip Last Winter Blameless.

NEVER INTENDED TO CROSS BOUNDARY

Fight Between Two at Mattice Was Due to Complete Exhaustion.

Washington, July 14.—The romantic story of last December, when a naval balloon left Rockaway, Long Island, carrying three naval aviators who subsequently landed in the wilds of the Northern Ontario and reached safely only after hardships which so affected their nerves that two of them engaged in a fight, ended today when a court of inquiry made its report.

In this document, made public by Secretary Denby, the court does not censure the three aviators, Lieut. Lewis K. Kior, Stephen A. Farrell and Lieut. Walter T. Hinton, for making the flight, but instead says that the journey was authorized by the commanding officer, although crossing the Canadian border was never contemplated.

About the Fight.

Of the sensational encounter between Farrell and Hinton, the findings of the court are as follows:

"The conduct of the personnel was creditable throughout the flight and subsequent journey to Moose Factory and back to the States. The flight was a feat of co-operation and mutual assistance was shown in overcoming hardships and sufferings incident to their landing in a barren, unpopulated, inaccessible country in the heart of winter."

"Shortly after arrival at Mattice, Ont., a personal altercation between Lieut. Farrell and Hinton took place in which Lieut. Hinton was struck by Lieut. Farrell. Lieutenant Farrell at the time was in a highly excited, nervous and exhausted condition, due to exposure."

All Ended Happily.

"This difference was later adjusted in a many way by the giving and accepting of an apology re-establishing the amicable relations which had previously existed."

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Heat Prostration At North Sydney

Citizen Who Collapsed in Barber's Chair Now in a Serious Condition.

North Sydney, N. S., July 14.—The first case of heat prostration reported in Cape Breton in several years occurred here today when D. C. Muirgrave, a prominent local citizen suddenly fainted in the chair of a barber who was waiting to take him home and given prompt medical treatment but his condition tonight is reported still serious.

DOUBTS PLAN TO RUN OCEAN SHIP TO GREAT LAKES

Col. W. I. Gear Thinks Smaller Craft to Bring Goods to Montreal Are Essential.

WATERWAY'S MEN VISIT MONTREAL

W. G. Ross, Chairman of Harbor Comm., Predicts Ocean Liners on the Lakes.

Montreal, July 14.—that the development of Montreal during the past ten years was one of the strongest arguments in support of the St. Lawrence deep water way project, and that the people of Montreal were willing to put their shoulders to the wheel in order to solve the problem, was stated by W. G. Ross, chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commission, at the luncheon today to the delegates from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Waterway Association, aboard the steamship Megantic, Montreal. Mr. Ross stated he would welcome the day on which the great work was started. A more cautious view was expressed by Colonel W. I. Gear, of the Robert Reford Co., and chairman of the Montreal Shipping Board.

Not So Hopeful

Mr. Gear argued that ocean-going vessels might not use the canals to the interior and that the economical side of transportation would be best served by bringing the freight down to the seaboard in lake boats and shipping to ocean vessels. One question that required study developed the effect the building of dams would have on the water levels at Montreal, especially in the spring and fall.

Albert Halstead, American Consul General in Montreal, Congressman W. J. Chalmers, of Toledo; Hon. O. W. Larson, of the United States Harbors and Rivers Congressional Committee; Hon. J. M. Brennan, of Detroit, and Kent Hubbard, president of the Connecticut Manufacturers' Association, voiced the appreciation of the visitors for Canadian hospitality.

During the afternoon the delegates were the guests of the City of Montreal, when they were taken on a sight-seeing tour.

Montreal Tram Men Refuse 20 P. C. Slash

Board of Conciliation May Be Sought If Company Refuses to Reconsider.

Montreal, July 14.—At a meeting here tonight of employees of the Montreal Tramways Company an unanimous decision was reached to refuse to consent to the proposition of a twenty per cent. wage cut made by the company. This is the answer of the men which will be taken to the company at a conference scheduled to be held next Monday.

The meeting was given the information in the hands of the committee which had interviewed E. A. Robert, president of the company yesterday, and had then been informed of the attitude of the company towards the question of wages which was that a cut of 20 per cent. should be put into effect on August 1. If the agreement of cut wage cannot be reached the men will apply for a board of conciliation under the Lemieux act.

Sir Sam Worse

Lindsay, Ont., July 14.—The condition of Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia, is not so hopeful today. He is suffering exhaustion from the extreme heat.

REJECT GERMAN OFFER

London, July 14.—The city council of Sheffield, England, has refused to ratify the recommendation of the Electric Supply Committee to purchase an electrical plant from Germany at a cost of £49,000, though the lowest quotation from a British firm was over £90,000.

BODY IS RECOVERED.

St. Stephen, July 14.—The body of James Eagan, the little boy from Milltown, drowned here Thursday afternoon of last week, was recovered this afternoon on the river bank in Dufferin above the narrows, and about three miles below where the accident occurred.

SAFE BLOWER'S WIFE REVEALS BANK'S DANGER

Explosive Hidden in Vault by Husband Who is Now Doing a Term in Jail.

FEARED DISASTER SO NOTIFIED WIFE

Director of Safety for Philadelphia Collapses When He Tastes the Deadly Mixture

Philadelphia, July 14.—Half an hour after he tasted a quantity of nitro glycerin found in the safe-deposit vault of an uptown bank to ascertain whether it was really an explosive, the Director of Public Safety Cortelyou collapsed in his office yesterday.

Heat and overwork were ascribed by Dr. Hubley H. Owen, chief police surgeon, as the cause of the collapse. When asked whether or not the tasting of the explosive might have induced his collapse, the physician said he did not think so.

The finding of the nitroglycerin and a stick of dynamite in the safe-deposit box was the result of the receipt of a letter by the wife of Joseph Berger, alias Joseph Smith, alias Joseph Harris, now serving an eight-year term in Cleveland for blowing a safe.

Fearing that the nitroglycerin might destroy the bank and kill many persons, Berger, who has shown indications of a purpose to reform, wrote his wife that he had hidden the explosives, which he intended to use in the perpetration of robberies, in the bank vault.

Woman Sends Letter

He gave her the name of the bank and the box number. Immediately after the receipt of the letter the woman sent it to Director Cortelyou. Detective George Benz, in charge of the safe-breaking squad of the detective bureau, was summoned by Cortelyou and the letter turned over to him.

Yesterday morning Benz went to the bank and with extraordinary care opened the box. A half-pint bottle, filled with nitroglycerin, and surrounded by papers and a stick of dynamite, was found in the box, as per directions. Benz took out the bottle and carried it to the office of Director Cortelyou.

The question then arose whether the bottle really contained nitroglycerin or whether the whole thing was a hoax.

"I'll test it the way we used to test the stuff at the postoffice," said Director Cortelyou, who as chief postal inspector in this district had on many occasions been placed in charge of similar explosives seized by postal agents.

'It's Nitro,' Says Director

"It's nitro," the director said after tasting it.

The explosives were then taken from the office and later thrown into the Delaware river.

Director Cortelyou collapsed in the office of Assistant Director Ellis after he went there to speak to the Rev. Cresson McHenry, 33 West Aspley street, German town, who called to discuss the mayor's plan to place against commercialized Sunday baseball.

RUSSIA BLAMES UNITED STATES

Soviet Officials Think Their Troubles Due to Failure of America to Start Trade.

Washington, July 14.—"The Russian people, starving and desperate, hold the United States and France responsible for their condition by their blockade."

This was the message brought back by William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, on his return from Europe today.

Mr. Johnston was denied permission to enter Russia. He deplored the fact that many newspapers asserted that he was offended at the refusal, declaring he understood and sympathized with the attitude of the Soviet officials, though admitting that it was disappointing.

"From such a condition it is impossible to foretell what sort of a government would emerge. It would probably be a modified form of communism."

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Eugene O'Brien in "Guided Lies."

OPERA HOUSE—Jack Roof Musical Comedy Co.

QUEEN SQUARE—"The Undercurrent."

STAR—Fox News. Two Real West. "Son of Tarzan" serial and Other Subjects.