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French Are Unyielding In Note Received By British

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FRANCE IS HOPEFUL IN RHUR CRISIS

Reply to Great Britain Received at Office of British Embassy.

PREVENTS RUPTURE

Premier Baldwin, it is Predicted, Will Not Consider Reply Conclusive.

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, Aug. 21.—The French Government's reply to the British Foreign Secretary, on the reparations situation, was handed to the British Embassy at nine a.m. The hope in French official circles is that this note, dictated by Premier Poincaré, will prevent a rupture of the entente and restore confidence in the British cabinet will find it conciliatory and see in it a basis for continued negotiation of the Ruhr occupation and the reparations problem generally.

French Unyielding.
There is no concealment of the fact that the reply is largely conciliatory, that Premier Poincaré is yielding on the outstanding features of the situation, and that it is not expected Premier Baldwin will find the reply conclusive.

It is hoped, however, that he will regard it as encouragement and will without any plans for separate action toward Germany until the points in dispute are further elucidated. There is said to be a separate conference among the allies, and it is thought to be certain that Premier Baldwin will see Premier Poincaré when the latter returns from his vacation today at Aix Les Bains.

The French reply takes up fifty pages of a yellow book, which will be issued tomorrow, together with a summary in both English and French.

LANDS AND MINE SESSION IS ON

Disposal of Damaged Timber to Be Discussed at the Fredericton Conference

(Special to The Times.)
Fredericton, Aug. 21.—The Advisory Board of the Brunswick Department of Lands and Mines began a session this afternoon at 2:30. Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of that department, arrived here last night. Other members arrived today.

The most important matter which will be discussed is the disposal of the damaged timber on the tracts covered by the forest fires of the summer.

Complete reports of the damage done and the condition of the tracts will be discussed. Two men are still at work on cruise. The outside limits have been pretty well defined, but interior is still to be covered by cruisers.

The intention is to have as much as possible of the damaged timber logged this season. Some of the timber can stand till a second season without serious depreciation, but much cannot.

Wood-Boring Beetle.
Dr. J. B. Todd, of Fredericton, head of the Federal Entomological Service in New Brunswick, has given Chief Forester Prince information to the effect that the large wood-boring beetle, Monochamus, the grubs of which make large holes in dead and dying timber, already had laid eggs in vast quantities in the plots examined, which would mean that after the present season spruce, pine and balsam could not be logged for boards, and that every effort for that reason should be directed to getting as much out as possible in the coming winter.

The plots reported upon by Dr. Todd were about Nain and Nepsigait lakes and are considered representatives of the Big Cedar Brook and Mammoet-Nepsigait fires and probably northwest Upsigait.

Forestry Board to Meet at Ottawa

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 21.—The initial meeting of the Royal Commission on Forestry, which is the name by which the commission recently appointed by the Federal Government to inquire into the forest resources of Canada will probably be known, will be held at Ottawa, but will not take place until after the middle of September, according to advice received by R. W. McLellan of this city, the New Brunswick member of the commission.

Bandits Hold Up Train In Texas

Bartlesville, Okla., Aug. 21.—Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train No. 133, south bound, was held up by bandits south of Okesa, Okla., at midnight. The train crew engaged the bandits in a gun fight, and at least one man has been wounded.

An ambulance from Pawhuska was ordered to meet the train at Nelogany. The robbers escaped with 20 packages of registered mail. Value is unknown.

FAILS TO RESCUE STRICKEN SAILOR

Freighter Has No Drugs to Aid Radio.

New York, Aug. 21.—When the captain of the Eastern Star, a freighter, was unable to carry out the wireless prescription of the surgeon of the United States liner President Arthur in the case of a seaman suffering from pneumonia, liner and freighter shifted their courses on August 13 and the man was transferred to the larger vessel. There were no stimulants, cocaine or aspirin on board and asking for help. Dr. Shuey, ship's surgeon, ordered the administration of stimulants and then cocaine or aspirin. The freighter's captain answered there was none on board.

Ship Arrives at Fredericton.
Captain Kreibohm of the President Arthur directed the other vessel to shift its course so the two would meet at a point in the lifeboat with Dr. Shuey aboard when the two vessels were as close as was thought advisable. There was a heavy sea running and the crew of the boat battled through it for forty minutes before they reached the side of the Eastern Star in safety.

When Dr. Shuey went aboard he found the man in a serious condition that he advised his transfer to the President Arthur, where he could be cared for properly in the sick bay. Mariner was lowered into the boat and the return progress toward the liner was begun.

Transferred to High Sea.
The liner meanwhile had circled around to make a lee for the boat, which after another struggle through the waves was brought alongside. Mariner was hoisted aboard, but was too weak to resist the disease, of which he died soon after.

The Eastern Star was bound from Danzig to Norfolk, the President Arthur from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg. The liner brought 804 passengers and two stowaways.

Among the passengers was John A. Parker of the Judge Advocate's Department, U. S. A., who returned from London, where he successfully pressed a claim for \$200,000 insurance for the Government in the case of a number of barges burned during the war.

TO FLY TO POLE

Amundsen Plans to Make Trip to the North Next Year.

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 21.—Captain Amundsen, who arrived here last night on the coast guard cutter Bear, announced that he would try next year to fly to the North Pole from Spitzbergen. Captain Amundsen, who last spring abandoned an attempt to make a flight over the pole from Wainwright, Alaska, because the landing gear of his plane broke in a test, said yesterday that the machine was unsuitable for the project. He declares that it has sufficient power to lift two persons and the fuel necessary for a flight over the pole.

Asserts Dempsey Must Act Early

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Unless Jack Dempsey wins from Louis Firpo within four or five rounds, he will not win at all, in the opinion of Jess Willard, who is in Chicago on a visit.

In my opinion it is a toss up, but I believe that Dempsey is a better fighter and hit with little regard for boxing, and it is merely a question of which one lands the first punch.

"I consider Dempsey the greatest quick starter in the business, but I do believe that unless he cops in five rounds he will not cop at all. I honestly believe Dempsey is going to get the surprise of his life, when he goes against Firpo."

POTATOES EXPORTED TO BERMUDA

First Seed Shipment from New Brunswick Leaves This Week.

DEMAND IS HEAVY

Recent Reports Indicate the Crop This Year Will be Record One.

Fredericton, Aug. 21.—What is said to be the first shipment of seed potatoes for export from New Brunswick this year is being made this week and comprises three or four carloads which are to be sent to Bermuda.

For several years New Brunswick has been furnishing some seed potatoes for Bermuda, where there is a demand for northern grown seed stock available for planting for the crop planted early in September for the Christmas market in England.

This shipment to Bermuda will go from Kewville and Millville in York county by rail to Halifax, where it will catch a steamer for Bermuda.

Recent reports regarding the potato crop indicate that New Brunswick will this year have the largest and best crop of seed stock in history. Buyers from Virginia who have lately toured the province have bought up large quantities of potatoes in the fields; their representatives are remaining right on the ground after inspection has been completed by the pathologists who accompany the buyers and nothing is being left undone to insure the best disease-free seed stock being shipped.

NEVER AGAIN TO SEE HIS MOTHER

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Aug. 21.—"The Man Without a Country" has a rival here in Fred Linton, 27, who is under court orders never again to see his mother, Mrs. Harriet Linton, 71.

Linton was convicted in justice court of assault and battery, it being charged by his father that he beat the aged woman and threw her out of the front door of the family home into the street.

After sentence had been passed the father turned to his son and said: "Please stay away from me too, I don't ever want to see you again."

Wire Briefs

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21.—An emergency meeting of the Halifax Housing Commission, called today, suspended T. M. Hayes, secretary of the commission.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—Charred or broken remains of eleven persons, three of whom remain unidentified, have now been taken from the ruins of the Wawa Hotel, at the Lake of Wabigoon.

Baltimore, Aug. 21.—The British liner, the British Columbia, which sailed this port yesterday with a cargo of coal for Leghorn, went ashore on the middle ground between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, in a dense fog today.

London, Aug. 21.—Hugo Stinnes and Dr. Wilhelm Cuno, the former chancellor, are coming to London this week, says the Daily Sketch. The newspaper adds that the nature of their mission is a mystery.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—While the curator has his staff at work on the affairs of the Home Bank of Canada, which announced suspension last Friday night, Toronto depositors, of whom there are hundreds, are talking of an organization.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The U. S. Government probably will make an immediate effort to hasten negotiations of debt funds agreements with its foreign war-time creditors as a result of information brought back to the treasury yesterday by Secretary Mellon.

Bucharest, Aug. 21.—A bequest of about \$3,500,000, left by Jacques Elias, a Jewish millionaire, for Romanian charity and charitable purposes has been formally handed over to the Romanian academy and the distribution of the fund will be started in October.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The Epsom Derby winner, "Epitaphus," owned by Barney Irish, and a U. S. three-year-old to be selected through tests, will meet at Belmont Park Saturday, October 20, in a race over the Derby distance, a mile and a half, for a purse of \$100,000.

Jumps Into Falls But Is Rescued

Buffalo, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Charles E. Watson, of Niagara Falls, Ont., climbed over the railing at the Canadian Power plant above the falls and leaped into the water yesterday.

Despite the terrific current rescuers got her out but too late to save her life. She was about 30 years of age and leaves a husband and three children. She had been ill for some time and was very dependent, relatives said.

SAYS MAYOR IS AN EX-CONVICT

Newspaper Demands an Investigation Into Charge Made Against Manila Executive

Manila, Aug. 21.—Manuel Quizon, who recently resigned as president of the Philippine Senate because of his differences with the U. S. executive administration, has called the U. S. Secretary of War that Mayor Rodriguez of Manila, lately appointed to that position by Governor-General L. Wood, was an ex-convict from Bilid Prison. The Herald issued an extra edition, demanding editorially that the Governor-elect request Mayor Rodriguez's resignation.

St. John Girls In Golf Tournament

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 21.—Ideal weather and the perfect field condition favored the lady golfers in their opening qualifying rounds for the Maritime tournament. A feature of the day was the splendid score of 42 made on the first round by Miss M. A. McLeod, of St. John, who finished in the first match with a score of 94. Miss Edith Baud, Halifax, Mrs. Bonneyman, and Mrs. G. J. G. of St. John, all made scores of 95. Miss E. J. and Miss P. G. Amherst, made scores of 100 and 110 respectively.

CAPTAIN DYING AFTER BATTLE

Ship's Cook Also In Hospital Following Fight Off Rock Point

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 21.—Capt. A. Moore of the Nova Scotia schooner J. Scott Henderson, who was in a critical condition at the hospital here today, with recovery improbable, a result of a battle between the schooner crew and a run pirate off Rock Point, yesterday.

Harvey Harm, the ship's cook, also was at the hospital, suffering from several wounds, which were not considered dangerous.

What became of the pirates after they attacked the vessel is not known. This morning the schooner could not be seen from shore, and it was uncertain whether the remainder of the crew had worked her into some other position or had set sail for another port.

Two Board Schooner.
Members of the crew told fishermen who responded to distress calls late yesterday and took the wounded men ashore that two men had boarded the schooner from a motor boat and discharged their revolvers without wounding anyone.

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JUDGE HOLDS COURT IN AUTO OF SICK DEFENDANT

Washington, Aug. 21.—Judge Robert E. Mattingly of the Municipal Court left the bench and held court in a "motor" parked in front of the Court House after being informed that M. B. Elbert, defendant in a law suit, was unable to leave his car because of paralysis.

Elbert was sued for a small amount by a real estate agent who said he had the contract to sell the Elbert home. Judge Mattingly sat in the rear seat with Elbert and heard his testimony and listened to the cross-examination. The unusual proceedings attracted a large crowd. The case was taken under advisement.

ESTABLISH RECORD IN AIR POWER

Greatest Demonstration in America—From Virginia to Bangor.

CITY IS "SAVED"

Rail Centres and Many Factories "Bombed" by 16 Huge Fliers.

Bangor, Maine, Aug. 21.—The U. S. air service yesterday carried out the greatest demonstration of air power seen in the U. S. since the war, when 16 huge Martin bombers flew from Langley Field, Virginia, to Bangor in eight and a half hours. Eight hundred miles was covered in the flight, which was under simulated war conditions. Rail centres, cities and factories along the route were thoroughly "bombed" by the airmen in their practice, and Bangor, a "city in danger," was saved.

MUNICIPALITY MEETING OPENS

New Era of Civic, Economic and Social Welfare Aim of Delegates.

(Special to Times-Star.)
Campbellton, Aug. 21.—Mayor McKay in opening the eighteenth annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick municipalities in the council chamber of the new municipal building began with a tribute to the late Governor King, who died in the city last week. He hoped their deliberations would speed a new era of civic, economic and social welfare.

Motor Climbs Tree, Thrown To Another

Vineyard Haven, Aug. 21.—One of the queerest of motor accidents happened on the state highway in West Tibbury, when a small car struck an oak tree, bent it to an angle of 45 degrees, shinned up the entire height of the tree and made a perfect catapult curve, landing in the middle of another tree 20 feet away.

A branch of this tree turned the car over and it fell to the ground. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Richards, who were in the car, were spilled into the underbrush, but were not seriously hurt.

The police could hardly credit the story of what happened, yet the scrap board and bent tree were mute witnesses.

CITY IS DARK

Vera Cruz, Aug. 21.—This city was in darkness and without street car service last night as a result of the issuance of a call for a general strike. Nearly all the labor unions responded.

Weather Report

Synopsis.—A fairly pronounced disturbance is passing eastward across the Great Lakes, accompanied by rain, while an area of high pressure and cool weather has come in over the Western Provinces from the northward.

Gales and Showers.
Maritime.—Strong winds or gales from southwest and west, with showers tonight and part of Wednesday.

Ottawa Valley.—Strong winds or gales with rain; Wednesday strong winds or gales from northwest and west, with showers tonight and part of Wednesday.

Temperatures.
Stations. 8 a.m. yesterday. night. Victoria... 62 68 86 Winnipeg... 68 68 82 Toronto... 51 72 82 St. John... 49 70 80 Halifax... 72 84 New York... 71 78 83

Fannie Brice Wants New Nose

She has decided that she wants to have her nose changed. Dr. Henry J. Selderson, plastic surgeon of Chicago, went to Atlantic City to change the nose from Roman to Grecian. Here he and nurses are preparing Fannie for the operation.

Oscar, Blind 'Newsie,' to Marry Yetta, Sweetheart He Never Saw

New York, Aug. 21.—Oscar Herman, the blind newsboy of Clinton street, has never seen his bride-to-be. He probably never will, but they tell him that Yetta is pretty, with large brown eyes that can see for them both. So Oscar is happy, and for several blocks the children are waiting to pile into the synagogue on Peck street a week from next Sunday to see the "newsie" and Yetta married.

Wall Crashes In

Without warning, a fifty-foot section of wall crashed in. A heavy steel girder, recently installed as an additional roof support, with the crumbling wall, and carried its burden with it. The wall crushed most of the live men on the floor under tons of debris. Those on the fire escape were carried with the wall into the burning mass of the lower floor.

FREAK IS DEAD

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Doctors at the institution discovered to their amazement that not only his skin, but all of his organs and tissues, including brain, heart and muscles, were of the same brilliant color.

The coloring, the doctors announced, was due to chronic silver poisoning. Some forty years ago Walters is said to have worked in a mine in Australia. If this report is correct, it is probable that while in the mine Walters breathed into his body nitrate of silver, which turned him blue.

Mrs. Ambrose Small Takes Over Theatre

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The Trans-Canada Co. is now in Hamilton.

Whale Fights and Shakes Up Captors

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 21.—A monster sperm whale, after being harpooned, charged the whaling vessel Brown of the Pacific Consolidated Whaling Company, and damaged both propeller and shaft forty miles out from Kyquoo whaling station, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, recently. The boat was badly shaken. The propeller blades were snapped and the huge shaft bent nearly double, but the whale was captured.

30 INJURED WHEN ROOF COLLAPSES

Actual Death Toll is Not Known as Ruins are Smoldering.

RECOVER 6 BODIES

Many Linesmen Crushed Under Tons of Debris as Flames Spread.

(Canadian Press)
New York, Aug. 21.—Rescue workers early today estimated that at least ten firemen had been killed, and more than 30 had been injured, some of them fatally in the collapse of the roof and a section of the wall during a fire which destroyed an old three story brick building in Brooklyn shortly after midnight.

The toll cannot be known until the still smoldering heart of the wreckage can be reached. Dawn found the weary rescue squad of firemen still burrowing toward the centre of the heap of brick and girders which was believed to be the sepulchre of at least a half dozen of their comrades.

Many Will Die.
From the ruins six dead had been taken before daylight came. Five or six more are believed to be in the debris. There were thirty-two injured in Brooklyn Hospital. Several of them will die, the police said.

The fire, of unknown origin, was in a 40-year-old building that formerly housed a Masonic temple. Of recent years it had housed two stores in its ground floor, while on the second and third stories were given over to dance halls. Firemen found a stubborn fire burning in a wooden beam which had heart of a close packed tenement district, three additional fire alarms were rung.

Working under the glare of a half dozen hastily erected arc lights, the fire fighters apparently had the fire under control at two a.m. The curious crowd had begun to disperse. A score of linesmen were on the lower floor with hysteresia, and their cries rose above the shouts and groans of the injured.

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Employes In States Show a Decrease

Washington, Aug. 21.—A decrease of 18 per cent. in the average number of employes in July as compared with June was shown in a report made public today by the department of labor giving preliminary figures for 6,738 representative establishments in fifty-one U. S. manufacturing industries.

The total amount of wages paid in the month showed a decrease of 4.7 per cent., while the average weekly earnings of the 2,333,258 employes were 2.9 per cent. less.