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SOLDIER JONES IS AFTER BECKETT

Empire Championship and a Side Bet of £500.

Hope to Save Schooner Built for the International Fishermen's Race—Devonshire International Contest News—August—Late Sport News.

(Canadian Press.)

London, April 13.—Soldier Horace Jones of Quebec, a Canadian heavyweight boxer, through his manager has challenged Joe Beckett, heavyweight champion of the British empire, to a fight for the empire championship and £500 a side.

Jones, on March 30, was defeated in a twenty-round bout with Albert Lloyd, an Australian, on a foul in the tenth round, just as Jones held the Australian practically out after a strenuous fight.

Gloucester, Mass., April 13.—The fishing schooner Henry Ford, built to challenge for the International fishermen's race, was still fast on Essex bay today, but not sailing easily.

Another attempt to load her was to be made at high water, but she was not seriously damaged, as a false keel and her shoe were torn by the rocks, and the oakum was oozing from her seams.

If the schooner can be saved, an effort will be made to equip her for the fisheries immediately, and to obtain a waiver of the conditions that she must be at sea on a fishing trip by May 1 to qualify for the race.

Lexington, Ky., April 13.—The Devonshire International, Canadian track classic for three-year-olds, will be raced again this year, according to Bradley Wilson, manager of Devonshire Park, Windsor. He predicted that the purse would be larger than last year, which amounted to \$30,000.

The International, which is at a mile and an eighth, will be raced the last week in August.

Harness Racing Declining?

New York, April 13.—The decline of harness racing is particularly on this continent is indicated by the withdrawal of Atlanta from Grand Circuit racing, so a local sporting writer declares. It is generally felt that the track was due to the lack of patronage. Atlanta will keep its charter in the Grand Circuit but will substitute running races for trotting.

Don't Like the Turks' Demands

Allies Reported as Regarding Angora Counter Proposals Unsatisfactory.

London, April 13.—The London Times says it understands that the Allies regard as unacceptable the Angora government's counter proposals to the suggested armistice between the Turks and the Greeks that Asia Minor should be evacuated.

The Turkish Nationalist government Angora were reported to have accepted the allied withdrawal from the matter of the purchase between them and Smyrna, must be evacuated within four months; that the Greeks should leave the Eklisheh-Ahun Karahissar, which line within a fortnight and the remainder of Anatolia to be evacuated under the supervision of allied officers.

Military Site for New School

Matter to be Taken Up by Fredericton Board of Trade—Federal Lighting.

(Special to The Times.) Fredericton, N. B., April 13.—The Fredericton Board of Trade has decided to take up with the city council the matter of the purchase between them and the military site at present not occupied. The park barracks property at the corner of George and Regent streets is suggested as the site for a new high school.

Japs Drive Out Chita Forces

Tokyo, April 13.—Japanese troops have driven the Chita government forces out of the neutral zone between them and the Vladivostok government troops says a despatch from Vladivostok. It says the Japanese have forced the Chita troops far north as Shimokawa, about 150 miles from Vladivostok, and are approaching the Ussuri station, a few miles farther north.

MISS AGNES CLARKIN. The death of Agnes, daughter of the late Philip and Margaret Clarkin, of this city, occurred this morning. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Philip and James of this city, and William of McAdam. The sisters are Mrs. Mary Hogan and Miss Katherine of this city. They will have the sympathy of many in their bereavement. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon from 28 White street.

Round The World Aviators Killed In Trying Out Machine

Sir Ross Smith and His Engineer Die in Crash of 'Plane at Brookland, Eng.—Brother, Tardy in Arrival, Sees Tragedy.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, April 13.—Sir Ross Smith, Australian aviator, who with his brother, Sir Keith, had planned to start from Crofton on April 25, for an attempted flight around the world, was killed when his plane crashed in a practice flight at Brookland today.

Lieut. Bennett, an engineer, who was planning to accompany Sir Ross and his brother on their around the world flight, also was killed. The machine which crashed was the one the Smiths intended to use in their flight. Captain Conkerill, of the Vickers Co. has previously flown it for a half hour, then handing it over to Captain Smith. As the machine was approaching the airfield to land, it got into a spin, and the fatal crash followed. The accident occurred fifteen minutes after Captain Smith and Lieutenant Bennett began their flight. Sir Keith Smith had intended to make the first flight with them, but he arrived at the airfield too late and was among the crowd that witnessed the tragedy.

The machine had been flying successfully to a height of more than 3,000 feet when suddenly her nose dipped and she went into a spin. The spectators thought at first that the airman were attempting a stunt for the purpose of testing the wings of the machine, but it soon became apparent that the plane was out of control.

Sir Ross was killed instantly and Lieutenant Bennett died a few minutes after the crash. Captain Smith yesterday entertained at the Vickers works in Weybridge a large party of friends who came to wish him luck on his attempted world flight. He had completed all his arrangements and he talked to his visitors with most modest confidence of his chances for success. Sir Ross was a pilot remarkably able for his skill rather than for feats of the dare-devil type. He never took chances beyond the necessary ones. "Safety first" was his motto in the air.

Cross-Atlantic Flight. Lisbon, April 13.—Bad weather conditions prevented a start today by Captains Sacadura and Coutinho, Portuguese aviators, on the third stage of their flight to Brazil from the Cape Verde Islands in mid-Atlantic.

The airman, who started from Lisbon, successfully jumped to the Canary Islands and then to the Cape Verde and whose ultimate destination is Pernambuco, Brazil, had expected to start today from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands at one o'clock this morning. This contemplated jump was over 900 miles of water and they expected to reach St. Paul Rock in approximately ten hours and there refill with gasoline from the Portuguese warship Republica, before essaying the next stage of their flight to Fernando Noronha off the Brazilian coast.

RECOMMENDATIONS RE THE PENSIONS

Dominion Veterans' Alliance Committee Makes Several—In Session in Montreal.

Ottawa, April 13.—After an all day session of the legislative committee on pensions the Dominion Veterans' Alliance yesterday it was unanimously agreed that the pension awarded a widow or dependent widow mother, mother without children or dependents be increased to \$75 a month without regard to income from other sources. For widows with children the pension shall be plus \$25 a month for the first child, \$25 a month for the second child and \$12 a month for each additional child; and that no deductions in pensions be made because of the pensioner's non residence in Canada.

Another resolution that was unanimous was that hip amputation cases "Pensions to widows shall be a higher rate of disability than such able to wear artificial limbs." Other unanimous resolutions included: "Pensions to widows shall be paid irrespective of the time of disability and shall cease when the widow re-marries." "That pensions to orphans were altogether inadequate." "Payment of funeral expenses to widows, widowed mothers or children, and where a member of a pensioner's family above 16 years of age takes the place of deceased wife in caring for children, the pension of the deceased wife shall go to this person."

WITNESS CARRIED INTO COURT ON A STRETCHER

Ottawa, April 13.—The spectacle of a witness being carried into court on a stretcher to give evidence was witnessed in Hull police court yesterday, when Denis Fournier appeared to testify against Percy Webster, who is charged with running him down while driving an automobile. It is alleged that the car driven by Webster collided with a sleigh load of wood owned by Fournier. The latter's horse was killed and Fournier's both legs broke. The case was adjourned.

EXCHANGE TODAY. New York, April 13.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand, Great Britain, 4.4 1/2. Canadian dollar 27-16 per cent discount.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I see by the paper that the Women's Council has been helpin' to get milk for babies that wouldn't her. If it sombody didn't help. An' every baby that got the milk is comin' along fine. I s'pose the most helpless thing on the face of the earth is a baby. If it's fed right an' took care of it grows—an' you s'posed I tell what a lot of good it may do in its lifetime. If it aint fed right an' it's right it may grow or it may grow up to be a poor critter that nobody wants around. Then women an' them nurses is beginnin' at the right time. I hope they'll get all the help they need. A man or woman that's hungry kin go out an' say so, but a baby can't. It just has to suffer if its folks can't afford to buy what it needs. I bet you'll enjoy your Easter dinner a lot more if you help the babies—yes, sir."

BRIDES FOR WALES AND BROTHER?

Lady Mary Cambridge and Lady Rachel Cavendish, is London Report.

Toronto, April 13.—A London cable to the Mail and Empire says: Soon after the return of the Prince of Wales from India and Japan, his betrothal to Lady Mary Cambridge will be officially announced, according to reliable information today. About the same time announcement of the engagement of the Duke of York to Lady Rachel Cavendish will be made.

It is the fact that the royal family never publicly discusses reports referring to it, it is impossible to obtain confirmation of the news from them. Lady Mary Cambridge is a first cousin of the prince. She is the elder daughter of the Marquis of Cambridge, who is Queen Mary's brother. She was born in 1892. Lady Rachel Cavendish is the fourth daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, former governor general of Canada.

OUT OF WATER AND SAILS RIPPED

Halifax, N. S., April 12.—Her crew without fresh water for week, and some of her sails lost in recent stormy weather on the Atlantic, the two-masted schooner Eva June has put into Glen Margrove, a short distance from here, directed from the South Atlantic sealing waters. The Eva June sailed from Halifax on September 1 of last year, and made port once, at Montevideo, where she landed 8,000 pelts. She is the only Nova Scotia vessel engaged in the south seas sealing industry.

AT THE HOSPITALS.

It was reported at the infirmary this morning that there was no change in the condition of James Gibb, who is seriously ill there. Michael Barrett is recovering from his injury, and was expected to be up this afternoon.

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning, two men pleaded guilty to drunkenness charges and were remanded.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. F. J. S. P. A. P., director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is low over the Gulf St. Lawrence and to the westward of the lower Mississippi Valley and high over Manitoba and Northern Ontario. The weather has been unsettled and showery from the Great Lakes eastward.

Fair and Cool. Forecasts—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Friday, northwest winds; fair and cool. Gulf and North Shore—Local squalls. Friday, northwest winds; mostly cloudy and cool. New England—Cloudy tonight. Friday, unsettled, with probably showers; little change in temperature; moderate westerly winds.

Toronto, April 12.—Temperatures: Highest during 9 a.m. yesterday, night. Prince Rupert . . . 38 46 34 Victoria . . . 40 52 38 Kamloops . . . 34 54 28 Calgary . . . 10 32 10 Edmonton . . . 28 36 28 Prince Albert . . . 28 42 26 Winnipeg . . . 30 . . . 22 White River . . . 18 22 18 Sault Ste. Marie . . . 28 36 28 Toronto . . . 37 44 36 Kingston . . . 38 46 36 Ottawa . . . 38 46 36 Montreal . . . 40 46 36 Quebec . . . 34 36 32 St. John, N. B. . . 38 42 34 Halifax . . . 40 46 34 Sable A. N. B. . . 38 42 36 Detroit . . . 42 48 36 New York . . . 50 56 46

Bank of England Rate Down Again; Reduced to Four

London Market Gets Surprise—Welcomed as Another Step Towards Restoration of Normal Conditions.

London, April 13.—The Bank of England today reduced its discount rate to four per cent. The last previous reduction was on February 16 last, when the rate was dropped from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

The reduction coming on the eve of the Easter holidays, was an entire surprise to the money market and financial interests. Business in Lombard street had commenced this morning without the usual subject to lower bank rate, which is usually posted when there is a possibility of a reduction during the day, and the belief is expressed that the action was prompted by the treasury, which has been ruling the money market for some time.

The reduction, however, was welcomed as another step in the restoration of more normal conditions and the loosening of money for trade purposes. Only Swiss Rate Lower.

New York, April 13.—With the exception of Switzerland, Great Britain now has the lowest bank rate in the world as the result of the Bank of England reduction today. Switzerland cut its four per cent. rate to 3 1/2 on March 2, on account of the excessive gold supply in that country.

The present British rate compares with a high ten per cent. on August 1, 1914, and a low of three per cent. on January 29, 1914.

SHOOTING BY A CADET WONDERFUL

Major in High School Battalion in California Scores 644 Consecutive Bulls.

Fresno, Cal., April 13.—M. C. Harris of five and six persons were produced by the city and district held here last night a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the opinion that no reduction should be made in the cost of living.

TROUBLE IN DAMASCUS

Business Suspended—Minister of Interior at Lebanon Reported Killed.

London, April 13.—According to a Cairo despatch to the London Times the press reports from Syria announced the murder of Assed Bey, minister of interior of Lebanon. The conditions at Damascus are reported greatly disturbed and business is suspended. Mobs and rioters have been dispersed by the military with tanks.

GERMANS WANT TO TRY HABISCH

Arrested by Belgians on the Charge of Murder of a Lieutenant.

Brussels, April 13.—The German charge d'affaires called at the Belgian foreign office yesterday and requested delivery to the German police of Otto Habisch, arrested by the Belgian military authorities, charged with the murder of Lieut. Graff, near Dusseldorf, two weeks ago.

MANIFESTO BY NEW PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, April 13.—Declaring his intention to carry out the mandates given ex-Premier Martin at the provincial election last year, Hon. C. A. Dunning, Saskatchewan's new premier, last night issued a manifesto to the people of the province. He makes an appeal for the support of the farmers in the following terms: "On the basis of record and policies, both myself and government have at least an equal right for the support of the farmers of Saskatchewan with those who are opposed to the government in the legislature, whether they be members of the Grain Growers' Association or not."

FOUR DAYS ADRIFT IN DORY; NO FOOD; GETS ASHORE

Martha's Vineyard, April 13.—After four days in a dory without food, William Donahue of Gloucester, given up as lost at sea from the fishing schooner Sable A. Nina, was blown ashore yesterday at Squinnoctet. He is recovering.

McGill Degree for Pershing. Montreal, April 12.—General John Pershing, G. C. B., chief of staff of the American Army, will visit Montreal on May 12 to receive an honorary degree of doctor of law at McGill.

MAY COMPROMISE ON IRISH ELECTIONS

August Voting on New Register Possible.

This is Hoped For as Outcome of Peace Meeting of Faction Leaders in Dublin Today—Those at the Conference.

(Canadian Press Cable)

Dublin, April 13.—An agreement whereby the Irish people at a free election can decide the dispute between the Free Staters and Republicans was hoped for at the conference of leaders of opposing forces and others interested in peace, called for today.

It was recognized that the issue between the two parties was too sharply drawn to admit of a political accommodation, but efforts will be made to reach such an understanding as will discourage further disorders throughout the country. Those invited to the conference are: Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins for the provisional government; Eamonn De Valera and Charles Burgess for the Republicans; Archbishop Byrnes of Dublin and Stephen O'Mara, lord mayor of Limerick. Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin, who called the meeting, was expected to act as chairman.

Mr. De Valera has opposed an election on the existing register, which, he contends, would exclude many young men and women who have reached voting age since it was compiled, and Mr. Griffith has been against a new register on the ground that its preparation would delay the elections, which he had planned for June.

Those seeking to bring about an adjustment believe an agreement can be reached whereby the elections could be held in August under a new register, and thus avoid any interference at the polls by the dissident section of the Irish Republic in the Winnipeg strike about two years ago.

CIVIL SERVANTS FOR FULL BONUS

Meeting in Quebec, Pass Resolution Against Rumored Cut at Ottawa.

Quebec, April 13.—(Canadian Press.)—At a large meeting of the federal civil servants of the city and district held here last night a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the opinion that no reduction should be made in the cost of living.

The reason of this meeting was an intimation from Ottawa that the bonus to civil servants would be suppressed altogether. The question of bonuses was discussed at length and budgets based on families of five and six persons were produced by men receiving the maximum salaries of their class to show that they would have a deficit if the bonus were reduced. A committee appointed to interview local members of the House of Commons reported that two members had been seen yesterday and that they had promised the civil servants their support to prevent the reduction of the bonus.

NEW NOTE TO BE SENT GERMANY

Reparations Commission's Decision—Some Payments She Must Make.

Paris, April 13.—The reparations committee yesterday discussed the reply of Chancellor Wirth of Germany to the commission's recent reparations demands. It was decided to send a new note to Germany, the terms of which will be drafted today.

RANEY MAKES STATEMENT RE LIQUOR MATTER

Toronto, April 13.—Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney general, replied last night in the legislature to a charge made by Herbert Loxton (North York) recently that the attorney general's department had offered to release liquor seized at Fort Francis if assured that it would be shipped out of Ontario to British Columbia or some other place.

Mr. Hales, chairman of the license board, which said that the company was asked if it would be willing if the proceedings were ended, to ship the liquor out of Ontario to some place to which it could be lawfully sent. Mr. Raney's communication said:—"I assume no responsibility for mentioning the province to which they should send their liquor and I never departed from the express stipulation that there should be no violation of the law of the country to which shipment might be made."

Mr. Raney then compared that statement with what Mr. Loxton had said, and declared he left the issue to the judgment of the house.

COTTON MILL MATTER. It was reported at the Cornwall and York Cotton Mills this morning that there was no change in the situation which arose yesterday when some forty weavers quit work in protest against a cut in wages.