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# HOSTS OF CHILDREN STARVE TO DEATH

## Roads From German Volga to Russia Sprinkled With Bodies—British Relief Effort.

On the Letvian Frontier near Zilute, Letvia, Aug. 11—Even their own children are being left behind to starve by the hunger maddened peasants fleeing to Siberia or the Ukraine, from hunger and death in the German Volga colony, which is the worst affected of all the places in the Russian zone, according to German colonists arriving at the frontier here yesterday.

"The roads along which swarms of people are migrating are liberally sprinkled with the bodies of children," the colonists said, "Cholora is not much in evidence, but death from hunger is threatening everybody."

**Appeal for Relief.**

London, Aug. 11—An urgent appeal to the British people for a "generous national effort" on behalf of the starving Russians has been issued by the Imperial War Relief Fund, of which the King is patron.

The signatories, among whom are the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Birkenhead, Lord High Chancellor and many prominent politicians, writers and clergymen, after emphasizing the desperate conditions in Russia, say:—

"Of all the countries scouraged by the war none has suffered so terribly as Russia and none has received so little of the healing gift of sympathy."

# RESIGNATION OF SPANISH CABINET

## Premier Allendesslazar Gives Up Today—The Moroccan Situation—Report of Desertion from Moorish Ranks.

Madrid, Aug. 11.—The Spanish cabinet of Premier Allendesslazar resigned today. Former Premier Maura, it is said, will form a new cabinet.

**Reinforcements Landed**

Madrid, Aug. 11.—Very strong Spanish forces have been disembarked at Larestinga, on the Moroccan coast, southeast of Melilla, says an official statement issued here.

It is declared that soldiers who have escaped from Mount Arruit where Gen. Navarro is virtually surrounded by the Moors, declare that as a result of conferences between Gen. Navarro and enemy chiefs a number of Moorish leaders have deserted Abdel Krin and have joined forces with the Spanish troops.

## MORE EVIDENCE IN AUTOMOBILE CASE

The case of Robert J. Ritchie, charged with receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, was resumed in the police court this morning. K. A. Wilson and G. H. V. Belyea acted for the prosecution and W. M. Ryan for the defence.

Sergeant Detective Power said he went to the Great Eastern garage on the night of June 11 and was shown two automobile wheels by the defendant's son, Robert. Robert Ritchie, Jr. brought the wheels to the police station.

The witness then said that he went to the same garage the next day for some other parts and found a radiator and a rim. These he also had brought to the central station. Detective Power said he saw the defendant at the garage and asked him if he had had a telephone conversation with Albert Cammack concerning the automobile belonging to Daniel Coughlin, which was burned on the Red Head road. He said the defendant replied in the affirmative.

Cross-examined by W. M. Ryan, the witness said he knew the defendant for [illegible] years and that as far as he knew [illegible] standing in the community. He said that he had had reports [illegible] before but never had taken him in charge.

The case was postponed until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Three men were charged with drunkenness were remanded.

Joseph Carr charger with vagrancy and having no visible means of support was remanded until arrangements could be made to have him sent to the municipal Home.

John Fielding, charged with lying and lurking in a box car in the Island yard, pleaded guilty and was remanded.

John Martin, charged with stealing a suit and overcoat, the property of Thomas Hunt, was again in the court this morning but was remanded again.

The case of Joseph Elliott, arrested on a charge of appropriating to his own use goods belonging to the D. S. C. R., was in the court this morning. No evidence was taken and the prisoner was remanded.

**Ward-Mahoney.**

St. Joseph's church, Seattle, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Camille Mahoney of Seattle was united in marriage to J. Walter Ward, formerly of St. John. The Rev. Thomas J. Madison read the service and the Right Rev. J. O'Dea, Rev. D. J. Hanley and Rev. E. A. Brodman assisted in the ceremony. The ushers were Dwight Hartman, Ralph Keenan, Taylor Castlen and Joseph Ward. The flower girls acted as groomsman. The flower girls were Mary Kane and Rose Castlen and the matron of honor was Mrs. Cecille Mahoney Kane. Gregory Ward sang "For You Alone" during the ceremony. Among out of town guests were Josh Ward and Joseph Ward of St. John, father and brother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cronin, Miss Katherine Cronin and the Rev. William Cronin of Portland.

# Impressive Scene as Lord Byng Lands at Quebec

## CANADA'S NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL IS GIVEN NOISY AND ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

## Sworn in with Great Pomp in Presence of Many Notable Canadians—In Reply to Premier's Address, Lord Byng Pays Tribute to Canada's Fighting Men.

Quebec, Aug. 11—(Canadian Press)—With the air vibrating from the firing of guns from Quebec's ancient citadel, the sound of whistles from river craft, the ring of bells and the applause of a large crowd, Lord Byng of Vimy, Canada's new governor-general, landed this morning at King's wharf, proceeded through the beflagged streets to the provincial legislature buildings and was there sworn in officially with a pomp and impressiveness which probably have never before been equalled in the history of the domniion.

RECEIVES THE PREMIER.

After having spent the night on the Empress of France, the liner which conveyed him from Liverpool, his excellency this morning received Premier Arthur Meighen, who went on board to pay his respects. Later the government steamer Lady Grey took off his excellency and Lady Byng and conveyed them to the King's wharf, where a distinguished coterie, consisting of Mr. Justice Anglin, the acting administrator of the government of Canada, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, the lieutenant-governor of the province of Quebec, Premier Meighen and members of the federal cabinet and Premier Taschereau and members of the provincial government awaited him in a specially constructed chateau.

The dominion cabinet ministers present were:—

Right Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice; Hon. P. E. Blondin, postmaster general; Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries; Hon. Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, and acting Secretary of State, Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works; Hon. E. K. Spinney, minister without portfolio.

**In General's Uniform.**

A band played the national anthem as Lord Byng came ashore. The governor-general wore a general's uniform, stood smartly at the salute while it was being played and afterwards inspected the guard of honor on the wharf.

Behind an escort of cavalry the governor-general and Lady Byng and their staff proceeded in carriages to the parliament buildings. Lord and Lady Byng received a series of ovations as they passed through the crowds.

**A Brilliant Scene**

In the executive council chamber, the ceremony of swearing in took place. The scene was one of great brilliancy. Against a background of vivid red, the color scheme of the chamber, there stood out the gold, red and black of the uniforms of the military officers present, the sombre tones of the uniforms of Premier Meighen and his cabinet ministers, who are privy councillors, the scarlet robes of Cardinal Begin, and the variegated tints of the ladies dresses.

His Excellency and Lady Byng entered the chamber, preceded by representatives of the militia, air forces and navy, the lieutenant-governor of the province, and aides-de-camp to the governor-general. After the governor-general had taken his stand on a dais, Mrs. Meighen presented Lady Byng with a bouquet of white roses.

Lord Byng's commission as governor-general was then read by his military secretary, Captain O. P. C. Balfour, his excellency immediately afterwards taking the oath of allegiance to the king and swearing to "well and truly" exercise his office as governor-general and subscribing his name in the oath book. He was next handed the Great Seal of Canada by Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, which, according to custom, he handed back to Thomas Mulvey under secretary of state "for safekeeping."

The proclamation of the governor-general's swearing in ordering the government of the dominion to continue was ready, and after his excellency had signed it, it was sealed with his privy seal. The ceremony ended with the playing of the national anthem by the band in attendance. The installation completed, a salute of nineteen guns from the citadel shook the building. There was for a moment or two after they had been fired a solemn and tense silence, testifying to the effect upon the gathering of the dramatic episode in the country's history which had just been enacted.

**Address of Welcome.**

A felicitious address of welcome was made to the governor general and Lady Byng by Premier Taschereau, on behalf of the province of Québec, and by Mayor Samson, on behalf of the city of Quebec.

**Baron Byng's Reply.**

Reply to Premier Taschereau, Lord Byng said:—

"I have listened with the greatest pleasure to the kind and warm welcome that you have given me from the province and city of Quebec, and Lady Byng and I thank you most heartily. My stay in your province on this occasion is necessarily a very brief one, but we are looking forward to visiting Quebec, and seeing as much as possible of your historic province at an early date.

"It was a moment of great pride and delight to me when His Majesty the King graciously informed me that he had chosen me to perform the high duties of governor-general of Canada, and it will, I assure you, be my object to follow in the footsteps of my distinguished predecessors.

"You have only recently given a very warm, though regretful farewell to my distinguished immediate predecessor, the Duke of Devonshire, who by his sincere love for Canada, his devotion to duty and his constant thoughts for the welfare of the people of the dominion, both during the times of the great war, and the later period of reconstruction, has left Canada followed by your best wishes for his future career.

"In first setting foot in your province and city, I cannot help feeling as His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, did on a similar occasion, when he expressed his gratification that his first impressions of the dominion should be formed in this province, so rich in

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# THINK TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS SHOULD ASSIST

## Fire Chiefs Suggest Enclosing of Warning Notices in All Packages of Tobacco and Cigarettes — Move to Prevent Fire Waste.

Three Rivers, Que., Aug. 11.—The Canadian fire chiefs, assembled here in annual convention, last night adopted a resolution declaring that inasmuch as the hazard of fire was inseparable from the use of smoking, tobacco manufacturers or packers of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes were under a moral obligation to provide and enclose with their products suitable warnings against the risk of fire.

The resolution stated that as eighty per cent. of fire waste of the dominion was due to carelessness, and much of it is the direct result of the careless habits of smokers in handling matches and burning cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, smokers should be informed of the fire dangers that result in the throwing away of unextinguished matches, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco by the enclosure in all cigarette boxes and smoking tobacco cartons of such printed warnings as may bring this serious matter to their attention.

# MUCH DAMAGE IN HAIL STORM

## Crop Loss in Alberta Area Will be 75 to 100 Per Cent —One of the Worst in History.

Calgary, Aug. 11.—Damage to crops in the twenty-mile area north of here between Crossfield and Strathmore, swept by hail on Tuesday evening, will be between seventy-five and 100 per cent., is the estimation made last night by experts.

"One of the worst storms in the history of Alberta," was the way F. H. Malcolm, of the Hail Insurance Board of the province, described it.

Many claims were filed today with the board as a result of the storm.

Another storm at Gleichen did one hundred per cent. damage in a small area, while at Nanton, south of Calgary, forty per cent. was done on three thousand acres.

# 200 FROM HALIFAX FOR THE REGATTA

## Special Train from Halifax to Bring St. Mary's Supporters to Renforth Races.

Halifax, Aug. 11—A special Dominion Atlantic Railway train will convey a party of about 200 of the St. Mary's Rowing Club, Halifax, to Digby, from whence they will proceed by steamer to Renforth, N. B., to attend the maritime amateur rowing championships at Renforth on Tuesday, Aug. 23. This was announced by club officials today.

A special car for the shells will be attached to the train.

The Italian Socialist party has decided to work co-operatively with the existing regime in Italy, according to a Central News despatch from Rome, dated yesterday.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to the Hiram Hornbeam "are you ready to accept the vacant senatorship?"

"What's the terms?" asked Hiram.

"You must be a worthy citizen," said the reporter.

"Worth how much?" asked Hiram.

"I am of the opinion," said the reporter, "that in order to meet the requirements on the eve of an election a candidate should really be a man of substance. To be clothed in righteousness is not enough. You should have garments with pockets—pockets that bulge."

"Well," said Hiram, "me an' Hanner talked it over las' night an' she says I'd be an old fool to think about it."

"I have great respect for Mrs. Hornbeam's judgment," said the reporter.

"She says they orto appint a woman," said Hiram.

"That," said the reporter, "would be horrible."

"Hanner don't think so," said Hiram.

"But, my dear sir," said the reporter, "don't you see what would happen? How could those dear old gentlemen enjoy the spicy details of a divorce case if a woman's cold gaze was upon them? They would resign in protest."

"All the more reason for sendin' a woman up there," said Hiram. "Yes, sir."

# DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS OPPOSED

## Commercial Interests of Vera Cruz Threaten to Shut Down Industries if the Law Stands—At Least Ten Per Cent for Employes.

Vera Cruz, Aug. 11.—Commercial and industrial interests of the state of Vera Cruz have informed General Tejada that they are absolutely opposed to the operation of the state law providing for the distribution of the profits of industries among workmen and employers.

They have declared that it will be impossible for them to operate under this law, which was signed by the governor on July 3, and that, rather than submit to its provisions, they will shut down all industrial plants.

Farmers assert that they, too, will strike and refuse to plant crops if the law is enforced.

Among the companies affected are the petroleum firm operating in the northern part of Vera Cruz, particularly in the region of Tuxpam, where rich oil deposits await development.

The law provides that the share of the workmen in the profits of a concern where they are employed shall not be less than ten per cent., while in some instances their share may be as high as fifty per cent.

**DERELICT SCOW SIGHTED.**

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 11—A wireless from the steamer Watuka to C. H. Harvey, marine and fisheries agent here, stated that the steamer passed a scow bottom up nine miles east southeast of Canso. It is thought this is the scow which sank the tug Musquash of Halifax off the Cape Preton coast recently, while the tug had it in tow.

Phelix and Pherdinand

# WEATHER REPORT

*Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.*

Synopsis—A moderate area of low pressure has developed west of the Great Lakes during the night. Local showers have occurred in the western provinces, Ontario and the Ottawa Valley, and it is rainging this morning in the gulf and St. Lawrence. Weather has been cool in the west and in northern Ontario, while moderate temperatures have been prevalent in eastern Canada.

**Scattered Showers.**

Maritime—Moderate south and southwest winds, fair and warm today. Friday, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and warm.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds, a few showers with fair intervals, cooler today. Friday, a few local showers, but mostly fair and comparatively cool.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight. Friday, unsettled, probably showers, not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh southwest to south winds.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Temperatures:

| Stations. | 8 a. m. | Highest yesterday. | Lowest during night. |
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| Prince Rupert | 60 | 64 | 50 |
| Victoria | 48 | 64 | 48 |
| Kamloops | 54 | 82 | 52 |
| Calgary | 52 | 66 | 50 |
| Edmonton | 48 | 60 | 40 |
| Prince Albert | 48 | 68 | 46 |
| Winnipeg | 60 | 74 | 52 |
| White River | 52 | 64 | 34 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 58 | 72 | 58 |
| Toronto | 64 | 82 | 62 |
| Kingston | 68 | 80 | 68 |
| Ottawa | 68 | 80 | 68 |
| Ottawa | 66 | 86 | 62 |
| Montreal | 70 | 86 | 68 |
| Quebec | 68 | 84 | 66 |
| St. John, N. B. | 56 | 82 | 54 |
| Halifax | 66 | 78 | 50 |
| St. John's, Nfld. | 70 | 70 | 58 |
| Detroit | 70 | 80 | 70 |
| New York | 66 | 82 | 66 |

BURYING THE HATCHET

— London Sunday Chronicle.

# Report on Polish-German Boundary Expected Today

## Meanwhile Supreme Council Considers Other Matters.

## Body to Study Russian Famine Relief — The Greco-Turkish Situation—British and French Leaders Confer.

Paris, Aug. 11—Experts directed by the supreme Allied council to fix the frontier between Poland and Germany in Upper Silesia resumed work today with the exception that they would be able to present a completed report to the council when it met late this afternoon. The task of drawing the boundary, which was agreed to on general lines by the Allied premiers on Tuesday, presented many difficulties.

The delegates to the meeting of the council were guests of President Millerand at a luncheon at the presidential mansion.

Besides deciding that the Allies would maintain an attitude of strict neutrality in Asia Minor, where the Greeks and Turkish Nationalists are engaged in hostilities, the council yesterday went on record as being opposed to interfering with the liberty of private firms in dealing with the belligerents.

**Russian Relief.**

The council agreed that a committee should be appointed to study the best means of bringing about allied co-operation in sending relief to famine-stricken districts of Russia, and it was stipulated that the committee should submit a report before the present meeting is over. There appeared to be a general agreement that the forwarding of supplies to the suffering provinces of Russia need not necessarily involve recognition in any form of the Soviet government, the question being described by Premier Lloyd George as a "humanitarian, not a political matter."

**Anglo-French Conference.**

During the forenoon Premiers Lloyd George and Briand, with Lord Curzon, British secretary for foreign affairs, and Louis Loucheus, French minister of the liberated regions, were together two hours in conference.

## TENDLER TO CLAIM THE CHAMPIONSHIP

### He Will Appear Tomorrow Night on Scheduled Time and Demand $5,000 Forfeit Posted by Benny Leonard.

Philadelphia, Aug. 11—Lew Tendler, who was to have met Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, in a bout for the title here tomorrow night, which was called off when the champion dislocated his thumb, has announced he would appear at the promoters headquarters at the scheduled weighing time and claim the forfeit of $5,000 posted by Leonard with a local sporting writer.

Tendler announces he will claim the title, declaring he trained faithfully for the match and was ready to carry out his part of the contract.

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

Montreal, Aug 11—Wayagamack which established a new low record yesterday by descending to 33, broke all its previous records by going down three more points this morning to 30, at which figure seventy-five shares were sold.

Abitibi was unchanged at 30, as was also Atlantic Sugar at 25.

Brazilian was weaker by half a point at 23.

Brompton at 20, as was Laurentide at 69. Other leaders did not appear.

# THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

## New York Times Discusses Dominion Representation.

## Delegates from Dominions Will Likely be Included in British Delegation — Sees Strength for U. S. Position —Lloyd George to Attend.

New York, Aug. 11. — (Canadian Press.)—Discussing what it terms the renewal of the "six British votes myth," at Washington, the New York Times today makes a strong plea for representations of the British dominions at the coming disarmament conference.

"The dominions would like to be invited to the Pacific conference," the paper says, "but the administration will probably leave them out. They must be heard, if at all, through the British delegation, or, rather, their spokesman, if any, must not be included in the delegation which will be led, commanded and dominated by Mr. Lloyd George.

"The argument that the conference should not be of cumbersome size is sound—so sound that speculative persons might profitably make their bets right now that before the meeting is over, a "big four," or something like it, will be doing all the work. But if there is anybody whom United States officials might be expected to welcome to the Pacific conference it is the delegates of the British dominions. A few weeks ago the dominion premiers met Mr. Lloyd George in London. One of the chief topics of discussion was the renewal of the Japanese alliance, and it was promptly made clear that the dominion premiers did not want the Japanese alliance or, at any rate, wanted it only in very much expurgated form.

**Credit to Dominions.**

"That the whole question of the alliance was put off, thus clearing the way for President Harding's proposal for a Pacific conference, was due almost entirely to the dominion premiers, as was much of the change in British sentiment which was evident during the imperial conference.

"This recent instance only proves what was before apparent to any man of sense—that on problems of the Pacific the interest of the British dominions is virtually identical with our own. If we keep them out of the conference, we keep out five nations who are almost certain to support us on every point. To be sure, the decisions of the conference must be unanimous, but if by any possibility a situation arose where the vote stood five to one, or four to two, unanimity would be much more probable if the dominions were there to make it ten to one or nine to two.

"The president and Mr. Hughes can hardly share the view that the numbers of the conference ought to be kept down by excluding everybody who is likely to support the American position."

**Lloyd George to Attend.**

London, Aug. 11.—The London Times understands that Premier Lloyd George intends to accept the invitation to the Washingtfon conference as the official representative of Great Britain.

Fighting on the River Drina, in Northern Albania, between forces of Jugo-Slavs and Albanians is reported in Avlona messages, says a Central News despatch from Rome. The Jugo-Slavs are alleged to have burned thirty Albanian villages. A force of 2,000 Jugo-Slavs, defeated by the Albanians, retired toward Kossovo.

# Birth of Quintuplets in Hungary Interests British Physicians

## Mother and Five Babies All in Good Health—Report is Authenticated by London Lancet.

London, Aug. 11.—British physicians are intensely interested in an authentic report from Budapest giving the details of the birth of quintuplets.

The London Lancet quoted Professor Barsony, who watched the case, as saying that such an event occurs once in 700,000 times. In the Budapest case the mother was forty-one years old and at the time was the mother of ten children, including one pair of twins.

The mother was taken ill after alighting from a street car. She was removed to a hospital, where the five births occurred over a period of two weeks. The mother and the five babies left the hospital a month later in healthy condition.

# PITCHERS MAKE TIMELY WALLOPS

## Cadore and Coumbe Win Games by Opportune Clouts — New York Again at Head of the List — Late Sport.

New York, Aug. 11. — Two major league pitchers proved their hitting ability yesterday by hitting in winning runs. Cadore of the Brooklyn team won a pitchers' battle from Morrison of Pittsburg by knocking in the only tally of the contest. Coumbs of Cincinnati made up for the runs scored off him by St. Louis, when his double and single accounted for three Red runs, the margin of victory.

New York again went into first place in the American League with a one-point margin over Cleveland, the latter team losing to Philadelphia. Detroit finally won a game from Boston after losing ten straight to the Red Sox.

**Yankees Buy Pitcher.**

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 11.—The management of the Dallas baseball club announced today the sale of Pitcher George Swartz to the New York Yankees for $4,400. He came to Dallas this season from the Western Canada League.

**Davis Cup Teams.**

New York, Aug. 11—Selection of players to represent the U. S. in the defence of the Davis Cup, due to the numerous upsets in the play of ranking stars, has presented a great problem for the Davis Cup committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

In keeping with the Davis Cup regulations, selections must be made by the committee tomorrow.

Wm. T. Tilden, of Philadelphia, despite his recent defeat by Vincent Richard, national junior champion, is considered a certainty.

Wm. M. Johnston, of San Francisco; Watson Washburn and Richard, New York; R. N. Williams, Boston, and Robert and Howard Kinzey, of California, appear to be among the leading candidates in the opinion of the experts.

**Grand Circuit Today.**

Cleveland, Aug. 11—Eight of the best trotters in training have been declared in the North Randall free-for-all trot, worth $15,000, the richest stake of the Grand Circuit this season, at North Randall today. The event is open to all trotters excepting Peter Manning and Arion Guy.

The field includes Periscope, Peter Coley, Walnut Friscoe, Nedda, Millie Irwin, Grey Worthy, Early Dreams and Arion McKinney.

Three other events are on the day's programme. They are the 2.10 class trot, with seven entries; the News sweepstakes, for two-year-old trotters, with four named to start, and a pace for the 2.10 class, with ten probable starters.

**Navy Team For D. R. A.**

Ottawa, Aug. 11—An outstanding feature of this year's meet of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, which starts next Monday at the Connaught ranges is the presence for the first time since 1910 of a team representing the Canadian navy. This team, eight in number, are entered from H. M. C. S. "Aurora" now stationed at Halifax. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have also entered a team from Regina and the enteries are ahead in numbers of any corresponding date since 1914.

# AT LEAST 38 IN DEATH ROLL OF WRECKED SHIP

## Twenty Known Dead and 18 Missing From the Alaska—Question of Efficiency of Crew.

San Francisco, Aug. 11. — Thirty-eight persons, at least, lost their lives in the sinking of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company's steamer Alaska on Blunt's Reef, near Eureka, last Saturday, it appeared certain here, yesterday, after the lists of missing and known dead had been carefully checked and corrected.

The list of dead totals twenty, eighteen of whom have been identified. The list of missing contains the names of eighteen persons, all of whom are presumed to have been drowned.

Evidence that the alleged inexperienced crew militated against effective rescue work was given yesterday by rescued passengers at the official government enquiry into the vessel's loss, while ship officers testified that the crew was efficient and handled the emergency well.

# ASK FOR TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT TO GREAT BRITAIN

## People of German Samoa Dissatisfied With Prohibition Regulations and Other Matters.

London, Aug. 11—(Canadian Press)—A despatch to the London Times from Wellington, N. Z., says that owing to the drastic prohibition regulations and [illegible] of the people of former German Samoa, a petition has been prepared asking that the government of the island be transfered from New Zealand to Great Britain.