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THUNDER STORMS

TWO CENTS

RAINS CHECK ONTARIO AND QUEBEC FIRES

Mercury in Montreal Yesterday Was Only Half Degree Below Record for City.

TWENTY DAYS OF BLISTERING HEAT

Thunderstorm Brings Thermometer Down Twenty-Two Degrees in Evening.

Toronto, July 8.—A severe electrical storm accompanied by heavy rain, struck the city this afternoon, making the first break in the prolonged heat wave that has for more than a week caused much suffering and was the cause of a number of deaths. Heavy rains were reported from Hamilton, Brantford and the surrounding districts. Lightning struck the Victoria Avenue sub-station in Hamilton, causing a fire which did \$100,000 damage.

Montreal A Record.

Montreal, July 8.—It was stated at the McGill observatory tonight that the heat wave here today reached a climax within half a degree of the record of that institution, with an absolute maximum of 95.3 degrees, the previous record being 93 degrees. As a record for longevity the present wave of heat exceeds by many days all others recorded in this city, having lasted now for twenty days against the usual duration of a week or ten days.

Average temperatures for the past 15 days have been 75 degrees with an average daily maximum of 83 degrees and minimum of 67 degrees and on seven different days the heat has been above 90 degrees.

The hot spell was broken this evening by a thunderstorm which gave a little rain and produced a drop in temperature by 22 degrees from the high of the day. While still hot and humid, the weather conditions here are accordingly now more bearable.

Score of Prostrations.

New York, July 8.—Continued heat, which sent many New Yorkers through the streets today in their shirt sleeves, prostrated a score and caused one woman to attempt suicide by jumping off the sea wall at the Battery. She was fished out and sent, temporarily deranged, to a hospital in one of the many ambulances constantly in reserve.

The mercury crept up to 79 at 3 p.m. The maximum humidity was 98 at 9 a.m. The weather bureau would promise little relief in the next 24 hours, saying any thunder storm which might crackle around the city would bring only temporary relief.

Astral Fire Ball.

Saskatoon Sask. July 8.—Following a terrible hail, rain and electrical storm, which swept the Canora, Saskatchewan district today an astral phenomenon in the shape of a comet tore through a clear sky in a rain of sparks and exploded leaving a small cloud in the sky.

FOREST FIRES NEARING SCHOOL

St. Alexander's College at Ironides, Ont., in Path of Flames from Woods.

Ottawa, July 8.—Panned by the tempestuous wind which swept through the Ottawa Valley yesterday afternoon, a bush fire which had been smouldering in some brush and timber land owned by the Rideau Lumber Company, about a mile and a half east of St. Alexander's College, today flamed into activity. One of the faculty at the college tonight expressed grave anxiety for the safety of the college should another heavy wind storm spring up, declaring that the college grounds were directly in the path of the fire. As at present, however, the fire is not considered dangerous.

Five Discharged For Train Wreck

Conductor, Engineer, Fireman and Two Brakemen "Fired" for N. T. R. Collision.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., July 8.—As a result of the investigation into the train wreck at Pangburn on the N. T. R., Saturday morning last, the entire crew of the westbound freight including conductor, driver, fireman and two brakemen have been dismissed from the service. The wreck was the result of a head-on collision between two freight trains and about twenty-five freight cars were piled up and badly damaged. The damage to rolling stock and freight was heavy and the line was blocked for two days.

Harold Power, fireman of the east bound freight, was the only one of the train crew injured. He is still in the Moncton Hospital but recovering. The train crew on the west bound freight were held blameless.

LEAGUE EXPENSES 21,000,000 FRANCS

London, July 8.—The total expenses of the League of Nations for the current year have been 21,500,000 gold francs, approximately equivalent to \$5,312,500, and are apportioned among forty-eight members. Arthur Balfour informed the House of Commons.

Great Britain's share of this expense, he said, was \$200,000.

MONDAY AT NOON CEASE WARFARE CROWN SOLDIERS

Such is the Announcement Made by Premier at No. 10 Downing Street.

ONLY AWAITING DE VALERA'S WORD

Negotiations Could Not Continue if Acts of Violence Were Being Committed.

London, July 8.—Notice was issued tonight at 10 Downing street, the premier's official residence, that arrangements are being made for hostilities in Ireland to cease from noon Monday.

In a letter to Earl Midleton, one of the Southern Unionists, who attended today's conference with Irish Republicans, Prime Minister Lloyd George said:

"The government fully realizes it would be impossible to conduct negotiations with any hope of achieving satisfactory results if there is bloodshed and violence in Ireland. It would disturb the atmosphere and make the attainment of peace difficult."

"As soon as we hear Mr. De Valera prepared to enter into conference with the British Government and to give instructions to those under his control to cease from all acts of violence we should give instructions to the troops and police to suspend active operations against those who are engaged in this unfortunate conflict."

Expect Irish Truce Announced Today To Start Next Monday

Sir Neville MacCreedy, Military Commander, Took Part in Conference.

Dublin, July 8.—General Sir Neville MacCreedy, military commander in Ireland, took part in this afternoon's conference of Eamon De Valera the Irish Republican leader and representatives of the Southern Unionists.

The Irish Bulletin, the official organ of the Sinn Fein in a special edition this evening states that Eamon De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, informed those present at the conference in the Mansion House this afternoon of his proposed reply to Premier Lloyd George's proposal for a truce, to start Monday, will be announced tomorrow, the Bulletin adds.

Trans-Pacific Flight Planned

Lieut. Parer to Attempt a Journey from Australia to United States.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 8.—An airplane flight across the Pacific Ocean is to be attempted soon, it was announced recently by an Australian aviator, Lieut. P. Parer, who some time ago flew from England to Sydney.

To raise fifteen thousand pounds to finance the Trans-Pacific attempt, Lieut. Parer has started on an exhibition flight around Australia. It will be possible to follow a chain of islands from Australia two-thirds of the way across, but on the Canadian side of the ocean there will be a long stretch in which there is no land.

SIR SAM HUGHES ABOUT TO RESIGN

Lindsay, Ont., July 8.—In a letter written to Mrs. J. C. McNevin, wife of the late U. F. O. candidate, who was to oppose the Conservative member for the Federal House, Sir Sam Hughes not only extended his sincere sympathy and consolation, but took the occasion to intimate that he was about to retire from active politics and suggested that all parties get together and elect a member by acclamation, thus avoiding a by-election.

DE VALERA TO ACCEPT LLOYD GEORGE OFFER

Sends Message to London That He Will Discuss Terms to Reach Settlement.

DESIRES HARMONY FOR ALL PEOPLES

Irish People, He Says, Genuinely Desire to Establish Friendly Relations.

London, July 8.—Eamon De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, has written to the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, accepting the latter's invitation to participate in a conference in London with representatives of Northern Ireland and the British Government on the Irish situation, it was announced here tonight. The letter of Mr. De Valera reads:

"Sir.—The desire you express on the part of the British Government to end the centuries of conflict between the people of these two islands and to establish relations of neighborly harmony is the genuine desire of the people of Ireland."

"I have conferred with my colleagues and secured the views of representatives of the minority of our nation in regard to the invitation you have sent me. In reply I desire to say I am ready to meet and discuss with you on what basis such a conference as that proposed can reasonably hope to achieve the object desired."

Ready For Truce.

Referring to the expression of the views at the previous meeting of the Republican-Unionist conference that negotiations were impossible without a cessation of bloodshed, the Irish Bulletin says that a letter from Mr. De Valera to Earl Midleton was read at today's session, in which the would disturb the atmosphere and make the attainment of peace difficult.

ROGERSVILLE NOT BURNED

Moncton N. B. July 8.—Latest reports from Rogersville which has been threatened with destruction by the surrounding forest fire state that a heavy pall of smoke envelops the village but no buildings have been burned and the fire is now considered under control. In response to calls for assistance this afternoon a contingent from the Moncton fire department with apparatus left for Rogersville by special train about four o'clock. New castle firemen also responded to the call for assistance. The Moncton contingent returned at midnight and reported that the fire has been completely under control and is now under control with no immediate danger of buildings being burned.

Mansfield Ross Weds Clara Perry

Yarmouth N. S. July 8.—The romantic touch necessary to complete the story of the insolvent mystery surrounding the death of Captain George Henry Perry the trial of his widow, Clara Elizabeth Perry, on the charge of murdering her husband and her acquittal was added today when Eleanor Rogers youngest of the Perry daughters was married to Mansfield Ross who had been held by the crown on a charge which was later dropped of being accessory after the fact of her father's murder.

SEIZE QUEBEC LIQUOR

Montreal, July 8.—Two raids made by officials of the Quebec Liquor Commission have resulted today in the acquisition of over \$45,000 worth of liquor, which is now safely stored in the commission's warehouses. One raid on a shed on the Lachine Canal, netted the officers 141 barrels, containing 48 bottles each, and 47 boxes, containing 36 bottles each. The liquor, it is stated, is of first class brands.

Today when a truck, which was just starting off for some unknown destination, was stopped and searched, a further quantity of liquor was found. The owners of the confiscated liquor have not yet been discovered.

GIRL HIT BY TRAIN

Truro, N. S., July 8.—Florence MacAulay, of Glace Bay, N. S., received injuries which may prove fatal, when she was struck by a train near St. John's crossing this afternoon. Miss MacAulay, who was here to attend the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars, was with a picnic party in the Truro park.

HOTTEST IN 60 YEARS

Quebec, July 8.—The warmest day in 60 years was the statement made today at the Quebec Observatory on the plains of Abraham, where the thermometer registered 96 1/2 degrees.

Throughout the day the humidity was intense, and at some places at three o'clock this afternoon, one hundred degrees were registered in the shade while in places exposed to the sun, mercury climbed as high as 106.

News of The World

CANADA

Forest fires that threatened to wipe out Rossville, N. B. have been checked.

Terrific rains in Ontario, Quebec and the west bring relief to heat sufferers.

Great Britain's share of this expense, he said, was \$200,000.

UNITED STATES

Port of Boston handicapped by dense fogs all day yesterday.

Witnesses swear that every time Mr. Kaber ate food at his home, he was suffering from cancer.

THE BRITISH ISLES

A truce between the Sinn Feiners and the Crown forces will come into effect on Monday.

De Valera has written Lloyd George that he will come to London for the general conference on Irish issues.

KABER ALWAYS SICK WHEN HE DINED AT HOME

Crown Witnesses Suggest His Wife Attempted to Kill Him With Poison.

MAID'S EVIDENCE MUCH SIMILAR

Powdered Sugar on Strawberries Made Victim Very Ill on One Occasion.

Cleveland, July 8.—Testimony considered by the state to be of vital importance in establishing its claim that Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, first attempted to kill her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, by poisoning before his murder, was given today by Miss Crystal Benner, a nurse, who attended him.

Miss Benner said she attended Mr. Kaber also at a hospital, where he had been operated on to ascertain whether he was suffering from cancer. He did not have cancer, she said.

Always Sick At Home

While Mr. Kaber always had vomiting spells after eating food at his home, served him by Mrs. Kaber, Miss Benner testified. He never vomited after eating at the hospital but once and that was once after Mrs. Kaber had visited him. She said Mr. Kaber told her that Mrs. Kaber had given him candy. Miss Benner said Mrs. Kaber called by telephone at two o'clock in the morning after her visit to the hospital to inquire about his condition. This was the only time she ever called to make such inquiries, Miss Benner said.

Maid Tells Story

Proceeding Miss Benner on the witness stand was Miss Emma Wagner, a maid in the Kaber home from April to July 7, preceding the murder of Mr. Kaber on July 18, 1919.

Miss Wagner also testified that Mr. Kaber became sick after eating, she said she generally prepared Mr. Kaber's food at home, but that Mrs. Kaber served him. Miss Wagner told of Mr. Kaber vomiting after eating strawberries, over which powdered sugar had been sprinkled by Mrs. Kaber. That Mr. and Mrs. Kaber often quarreled also was testified to by Miss Wagner. After one of these quarrels she heard Mrs. Kaber say: "Dan, if there's a God, you'll suffer before you die."

Heat Kills Two Circus Polar Bears

Schenectady, N. Y., July 8.—Two polar bears with Ringling Brothers Circus here succumbed to the extreme heat. One of them had been packed in ice.

LESS IRISH TROUBLE

Dublin, July 8.—The official review of happenings in Ireland issued by the authorities in Dublin Castle today for the week ending July 4, says the Crown forces suffered forty casualties, which was slightly below the average.

Fourteen policemen were killed and twenty wounded, the review says, while one soldier was killed and five wounded. There were from April to June eight murders of civilians attributed to the Sinn Fein. Arrests numbered 96 and there were 61 courts martial. Those interned numbered 3,288.

CADET CAMP SPORTS WERE BIG SUCCESS

Moncton Corps Won the Coveted Silk Flag for Best Physical Drill.

ST. JOHN DID WELL IN THE EVENTS

Camp Fire and Sing Song in Evening Ends Last Day Under Canvas.

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, July 8.—This was a red letter day at the Cadet camp and the boys certainly had the time of their lives. In the morning the physical drill competition for the much coveted silk flag took place. This was won by Corps No. 157 of Moncton, who beat out Fredericton by the close score of half a point.

The field sports held this afternoon were a great success. All the events were keenly contested and much excitement prevailed during the meet.

The following were the events and the winners: 100 yards dash, Seniors—McCready, Sackville, first; Lenton, St. John, second; Good, Moncton, third. Time, 11 3/4.

50 yards dash, Juniors—1st, Rooney, St. John; 2nd, Coughlan; 3rd, Cosman. Time, 7 1/2.

Hop, step and jump, Seniors—1st, Belding; 2nd, Wise; 3rd, McCready. Time, 34 feet, 4 inches.

440 yard dash—1st, McCready; 2nd, Linton; 3rd, Trittes. Time 56 1/2 sec. Junior standing broad jump—1st, Pried; 2nd, Lawrence; 3rd, Wood, 7 ft. Running broad jump, Junior—1st, Pried; 2nd, Woods; 3rd, Coughlan. 12 feet, 11 inches.

75 yard dash, Juniors—1st, Carter; 2nd, Rooney; 3rd, Costers. 10 sec. Running broad jump, Seniors—1st, McCready; 2nd, Merrill; 3rd, Costlan. 15 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Standing broad jump, Seniors—1st, Wise; 2nd, McCready; 3rd, Woods. 8 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

Half mile run—1st, Snow; 2nd, Linton; 3rd, Belding. Time 2 mins 35 sec. Sack race, Seniors—1st, Belding; 2nd, Perry; 3rd, Carter.

High jump—1st, McCready; 2nd, Snow; 3rd, McCaffery. 4 feet 9 1/2 in. Boot and shoe, Junior—1st, Lawrence; 2nd, Allaby; 3rd, Smith.

Boot and shoe, Senior—1st, Corbett; 2nd, Daggett; 3rd, Hersey.

Three-legged race—1st, Allaby and Gorrie; 2nd, McCaffery; 3rd, Smith. Potato race, Sr.—1st, McCaffery; 2nd, Perry; 3rd, Mahoney.

Potato race, Jr.—1st, R. White; 2nd, Johnson; 3rd, Stevens.

Tug of war won by team from "B" Company. Relay race won by "B" Company, "A" Company composed of St. John and Rothesay corps scored 102 points in the aggregate and "B" Company composed of the other corps in camp 101 points. This evening a camp fire and sing-song were held at the sports took place and a general good time enjoyed.

The Y. M. C. I. baseball team of St. John defeated the Sussex Athletic Club of interest team this evening by a score of 14 to 6.

DOCTORS MEET IN WEST NEXT

Halifax, N. S., July 7.—Decision to hold its next convention at Winnipeg, Man., was reached at the concluding session here today of the 52nd annual convention of the Canadian Medical Association. Some three hundred Canadian, American and Old Country physicians who have been in Halifax for the past four days, mutually increasing their medical and surgical knowledge and skill, listening to papers presenting the latest word in various branches of medicine and viewing commercial and pathological exhibits of interest to the profession, will leave this city for their homes tonight or within a few days.

Purse of Gold For Father Cormier

Moncton, July 8.—Upon the arrival home on Sunday of Rev. Father Henri D. Cormier, Pastor of L'Assomption church, Moncton, after a three month trip to Europe, his congregation will tender him a fitting reception. He will be met at the depot by 800 children headed by L'Assomption Band and escorted to the Church Hall. In the evening he will be presented with an address and a purse of \$2,800 by his parishioners.

VISIT POTATO FIELDS.

Federicton, July 8.—Officials of the Federal Department of Agriculture are making an exhaustive investigation this week to determine the condition of the potato crop in New Brunswick.

Reports have been quite generally circulated recently to the effect that the protracted drought has done extensive damage to the potato crop, and G. Cunningham, plant pathologist, of this city, and other federal officials are in the upper section of the St. John River Valley visiting the extensive potato growing areas and obtaining accurate information upon which a report will be based.

"PIRATES" DID NOT GET THE "CALLAO"

New York, July 8.—Fears for the safety of the passenger steamship Callao, bound from Buenos Ayres for New York were set at rest today when the Munson Line received a cable message saying that she had been sighted off San Juan, Porto Rico, last Tuesday and would probably arrive here next Tuesday.

ATHLETE KILLED BY PLUNGE INTO SHALLOW WATER

Neck Was Dislocated But He Lingered in Hospital for Several Days.

WATER WAS ONLY THREE FEET DEEP

Rescued in Short Time When He Failed to Come to Surface After Dive.

Special to The Standard.

Toronto, July 8.—His neck dislocated as a result of diving in shallow water, Harold James Munro, aged 19, of 94 Delaware Avenue, died in the General Hospital. He received his injury on Tuesday night while bathing in the lake at the Parkdale Canoe Club. Although he retained consciousness almost until the end, his case from the first was considered hopeless.

Munro, according to eye-witnesses, slipped on the last step of a running dive from one of the tapers, lost his balance, plunged clear to the bottom in three and a half feet of water, striking his head with terrific force. When he failed to come to the surface, Duncan Munro, the well-known Argonaut half-back and Granite Hokey Club star, but no relation to the deceased, went to the rescue, and with the assistance of Douglas McVitie, carried young Munro to the clubhouse. Although conscious, Munro could move neither arms nor legs.

Rear-Commodore Arthur Scott had the injured youth removed to the General Hospital, and Dr. R. Robertson was called.

Some years ago, Jimmie Main, the Balm Beach paddler, met a similar accident while diving in the lake at Balm Beach. Main survives, but is still crippled as a result.

Terrific Storms In Ottawa Districts Bring Cool Night

Wind Squalls at Capital Were Almost of Tornado Character But No Damage Done.

Ottawa, July 8.—Relief finally came to the head sufferers here this afternoon in the form of a miniature tornado, which, unaccompanied by rain, blew up from the west and broke out in a fury of heavy wind squalls, each succeeding one heavier than the first. The gale passed quickly, but not before it had cleared the air of the heaviness of the past ten days and left the temperature around the 74 mark, the lowest recorded for mid-afternoon since the heat wave set in.

Club Bag Given York County Warden

Total Expenditures to Date for New Municipal Home Are About \$49,421.

Spe. #1 to The Standard.

Federicton, July 8.—The York county council's semi-annual session closed late this afternoon. The outcome of all the discussion over the new municipal home was that a special committee who investigated the accounts reported everything was in order with vouchers to substantiate expenditures. The total expenditures amounted to \$48,185.90, while the outstanding accounts brought the matter up to \$49,421.86. The councillors presented a club bag to Warden Taber C. Everett.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Constance Talmadge in "Mamma's Affair."

OPERA HOUSE—Jack Root Musical Comedy Co.

QUEEN SQUARE—Wm. Russell in "Bare Knuckles."

EMPRESS—"Bride 13"—Final Chapter.

STAR—Fox News, 2 Reel Western Picture, Serial "Son of Tarzan," and Comedy.

EMPIRE READY TO CONFER ON NAVY HOLIDAY

Explains Statement from Washington That America Had Not Been Invited Yet.

AMBASSADORS AT LONDON CONSULTED

Dominions' Premiers Ardent Advocates of the League of Nations.

(By GRATTAN O'LEARY)

Canadian Press Staff Correspondent. London, July 8.—The Washington state department's denial that a formal communication had been received from the British government requesting the holding of a disarmament conference is explained by the fact that the request was made through an official note but through an interview between Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary and the American and Japanese ambassadors in London.

How It Happened.

Briefly summarized what took place is this: A day or two after the dominion premiers had strongly urged that steps towards the calling of a conference be taken, Lord Curzon called upon Colonel George Harvey and also the Japanese ambassador and asked that they convey to their respective governments the desire of the British government for such a gathering. In his speech in the House of Commons yesterday, Premier David Lloyd George had this in mind, but unfortunately used language which gave the impression that the request for a conference had been forwarded in official notes to both Washington and Tokio.

Hence the denial from Washington today.

Situation Unchanged.

The confusion that has arisen, while regrettable, does not alter the situation, and the feeling in official conference circles here is that the empire's desire for a disarmament conference has been made perfectly plain. The next move must come from Washington.

The prime ministers' conference closed its week's labors today with a double sitting. At the morning session the delegates from India made a statement in connection with the position of British Indians domiciled in British dominions and colonies, and while not urging that the existing rules governing the admission of his countrymen into the dominions be changed, he made a strong plea for the heightening of the status of those already admitted. A special committee of the conference will take the question into consideration.

League of Nations.

The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of the League of Nations. Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, Lord Curzon, Premier Meisen and Premier Stauts took part, and there was strong appreciation voiced of the value of the League and of its claims to the support of the whole empire as a step forward in the regulation of international affairs.

With less than twelve days left in which to conclude its work, the conference next week is expected to plunge into such questions as naval defence, and resumption of the discussion on the signing of the preparatory to taking steps for the main constitutional conference.

Engineer Murdered; Train Is Smashed

Boiler Blew up After Four Miles of Uncontrolled Speeding in Texas.

El Paso, Tex., July 8.—Engineer Wm. Bohman, of Sanderson, Texas, was murdered and thrown from his train near Alpine, Texas, today, according to advices received at the local office of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway. After four miles of uncontrolled speeding, the boiler of the engine of the freight train blew up, seriously injuring the fireman, Charles Robertson, of Vaseline, Texas. The train was wrecked ten miles west of Alpine.

Sent To Prison For Strike Call

Columbus, Kan., July 8.—Alexander Howat and August Dorchy, president and vice president of the Kansas Miners' Union were sentenced to serve six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$500 by Judge Bos, in the Cherokee County District Court here today.

Howat and Dorchy were convicted last week of violation of the Kansas industrial law, by calling a strike.

CANADA'S DEBT UP. Ottawa, July 8.—During the month of June the net debt of Canada increased by \$2,376,407 over the figure at the end of May. It now stands at \$2,348,180,110, as compared with \$2,350,556,517 at the end of May and \$2,300,119,868 on the 30th of June, 1920.