

Premier Asquith an Unwilling "Movie" Actor—Lambeth Man, Believed To Be Dead, Reported Alive in West—Bank Book Identifies London Wreck Victim—Lunatic With Revolvers Sought to See King—Dominion Election Imminent.

Half-Century Curse of a Woman Hangs Over Head of Emperor Francis Joseph

Countess of Karolyi's Terrible Wish Against Ruler Who Caused Her Son To Be Slain Seems Fulfilled.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Vienna, July 4.—For over half a century a woman's malediction hung hatefully upon the House of Hapsburg.

With tragedy, heartbreak and death, the vindictive curse has pitilessly pursued the Emperor Francis Joseph, and the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife is the mysterious seventh in that fatal series of sorrows.

The curse of the Countess of Karolyi is fulfilled.

"May your life be stripped bare of all happiness, to the last shred; may suffering and misery untold strike upon those nearest and dearest to you; at the end, may you be crushed to earth in utter despair."

The Countess of Karolyi stood upon the very steps of the Emperor's throne when she uttered this malediction upon him. Behind it was all the tense hatred of a mother whose son had been put to death for taking part in the Hungarian revolt of that year, 1848.

Today, broken in health, bowed in sorrow by his beloved nephew's murder, the aged Emperor recalls that bitter curse of sixty-six years ago, and murmurs, "It is terrible! I am spared nothing!"

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THE CURSE, THE EMPEROR AND SKETCHES OF TRAGEDIES IN HIS UNHAPPY LIFE

"May your life be stripped of happiness and may you be crushed to earth in utter despair"—Countess Karolyi to Emperor Francis Joseph.



OXFORD UNIVERSITY WOULD MAKE M. P. OF SIR WM. OSLER

If He Accepts Invitation to Run He Will Probably Have Acclamation.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, July 4.—A London cable says: Everybody is hoping that Sir William Osler will yield to strong and influential representations made to him to go to the House of Commons as member for Oxford University, the seat made vacant by the death of Sir William Anson. If he decides to do so, it is altogether likely that it will be an election by acclamation.

"RIDICULOUS" SAYS HOWARD FERGUSON

Denies Absolutely That He Will Hand Over Seat to Dr. Reame.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, July 4.—Howard G. Ferguson, M. P. for Grenville, was asked over the long-distance telephone today about the statement made in the morning newspapers that he was willing to yield up his riding for Hon. Dr. Reame, minister of public works, who was defeated at Windsor. Mr. Ferguson said: "I never heard of the proposition until I was called up by Ottawa this morning, when they told me a Toronto dispatch asserted that I would hand over my riding to Dr. Reame. The story is absolutely ridiculous on the face of it."

ROOSEVELT TO GIVE HIS TIME TO POLITICS

Reason For Resignation From Staff of the Outlook.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 4.—Col. Roosevelt has resigned his place as contributing editor of the Outlook, in order to devote all his time to politics. This announcement will be made in the Outlook's next issue, together with the correspondence between Col. Roosevelt and Dr. Lyman.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night:
Highest, 97; lowest, 54.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 73; lowest, 48.

TOMORROW—GENERALLY FINE.
Toronto, July 4—8 a.m.
Light to moderate variable winds; generally fine today and on Sunday, with a few scattered thunder showers.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 50. 42. Clear.
Calgary. 62. 52. Cloudy.
Winnipeg. 66. 56. Clear.
Port Arthur. 70. 60. Cloudy.
Perry Sound. 74. 64. Cloudy.
Toronto. 74. 64. Clear.
Ottawa. 74. 64. Clear.
Montreal. 70. 60. Clear.
Quebec. 78. 68. Clear.
Father Point. 64. 54. Clear.

Weather Notes.

Fine weather prevails everywhere except that a few heavy local thunderstorms have occurred in Northern Alberta, and some local showers in the far northern portion of Ontario.
"Heat belt" extends in the West.

ENGLISHMAN WILL HAVE FAIR TRIAL

Mexicans Give Assurance and U. S. Consul Is Working for Release of George St. C. Douglas.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, July 4.—Assurance has been given to the British embassy here that George St. Clair Douglas, the Englishman condemned to death as spy by Constitutionalists, will have a fair trial. United States Consul Haman left Durango at the order of the State Department of Zacatecas, where Douglas is confined, to use his influence in securing the Englishman's release.

N. W. ROWELL TO SPEAK AT LEAGUE CONVENTION

Great Demonstration Planned by Epworth Delegates Now in Buffalo.

[Canadian Press.]

Buffalo, N.Y., July 4.—A patriotic demonstration and a parade were planned for the last day of the ninth annual international Epworth League convention. Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice-president, and N. W. Rowell, M.P.P. of Toronto, were to be the speakers at the demonstration. The singing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" by a chorus of 15,000 voices massed around McKinley monument was a feature.

APPLY PRINCIPLES OF DECLARATION TO BUSINESS LIFE

President Wilson Urges This on People in Speech at Philadelphia.

SYMPATHY FOR MEXICO

He Says Majority of People Have Never Had a Decent Chance.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Philadelphia, July 4.—Advocating the modernizing of the declaration of independence by applying its principles to the business, the politics and the foreign policies of America, President Wilson today thrilled a huge crowd assembled in Independence Square, within a few feet of where the original declaration was signed. The president touched on Mexico, the Panama tolls, repeal of the anti-trust program, business conditions and his ideas of modern patriotism. Founding his fist on the table on which the declaration of independence was signed, he declared Americans today must manage their affairs in a way to do honor to the founders of the nation. There are men in Washington today, he declared, whose patriotism is not shown by who accomplish great patriotic things. They are staying in hot Washington, doing their duty, keeping quiescent in each house of congress to do business, "and I am mighty glad to stay there and stick by them," he added.

Facts That Don't Tally.
Touching on business conditions of the country, President Wilson said a great many allegations of facts were being made, but that a great many of these facts do not tally with each other. "Are these men trying to serve their country or something smaller than their country?" the president asked. "If they love America and there is anything wrong, it is their business to put their hands to the task and set it right."

Eighty-five per cent of the Mexican people, the president said in touching on the Mexican question, never have had a right to have a "look in" on their Government or how the other fifteen per cent were running it. "I know the American people have a heart for the Mexicans, just as it beats for other millions."

Remember the People.
Mr. Wilson continued: "I hear a great deal about the people in Mexico, and I regret that with all my heart, but back of it all is a struggling people. Let us not forget that struggle in watching what is going on in our country."

"I would be ashamed of the flag if we did anything outside this country which we would not do in it," the president declared.

Speaking on Panama tolls, the president said the treaty with England might be a mistake, but its meaning cannot be mistaken, and he believed in keeping the nation's obligations. He believed in keeping the name of the United States unquestioned and unswayed.

BUILDERS AGAIN REFUSE TO ARBITRATE STRIKE

Meet Dominion Fair Wage Officer at Conference Friday Night.

E. N. Crompton, Dominion fair wage officer, met several local contractors and builders in the board of control room at the city hall last night to talk over matters relating to the local carpenters' strike. The meeting was not fruitful of any results, the only thing that anyone would say after the meeting was that Mr. Crompton had it impressed upon his mind that the contractors had nothing to arbitrate, that all their positions were filled and they were not affected one way or the other by the carpenters' recent action. It was Mr. Crompton's idea to bring all parties together for a settlement, and for this reason he pursued his inquiries. It is said he left for Hamilton after the meeting, somewhat disappointed at the outcome.

QUIET CELEBRATION OF 4TH OF JULY IN CITY

Majority of Local Americans Go to Detroit to Observe National Holiday.

The Fourth of July celebration, so famous in the States because of the noise, holidaying and fireworks that have gone with it in the past, was little felt in London, although many persons knew what the day meant for the Americans. In some places the American flag and the Stars and Stripes were used as interior decorations, and a few Americans working in the city were made to feel that Canadians felt the kindest of spirit toward them, even though the holiday wasn't celebrated in all its glory on this side.

CALL OUT NAMES OF "WOULD-BE WEDS"

Secretary Joseph Sanders of the Children's Aid Society, is a great believer in calling out the names in church of people who are to be married. He believes that it would be good practice to call out the names for several Sundays preceding the marriage day.

His belief in the good results of this custom was strengthened recently when he was called on a case in which the parents of a family could not produce a marriage certificate. Investigation proved that they had adopted the primitive way of living together. After Mr. Sanders pointed out the seriousness of their mistake as it would affect their children they became properly married.

Mr. Sanders thinks the calling of names in the church of persons about to be married emphasizes the duties and responsibilities of married life.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION CALLS OUT FIREMEN

Wife of Clergyman Has Narrow Escape While Cooking Dinner.

When a gasoline stove exploded at the home of Rev. J. D. Scott, 45 Palace street at noon today, members of the family near the stove narrowly escaped serious burns and curtains and the carpet caught fire.

An alarm was sent in and apparatus from the central and east end stations responded.

Mrs. Scott was engaged in cooking dinner at the stove. It is thought that a draft from the open door caused the stove to explode. The fact that no person was burned is considered remarkable as Mrs. Scott was near the stove at the time and several other members of the family had just quitted the room.

Firemen had no difficulty in extinguishing the blaze with the chemical apparatus.

PREMIER ASQUITH AND THE NOBILITY AS MOVIE ARTISTS

Rich Joke Played Upon Them by Well-Known Dramatic Men.

UNCONSCIOUS OF THE PLOT

All Accepted Invitation to "Cinematograph Supper" and Were "Snapped."

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 4.—A colossal and brilliant hoax, whereby the Premier and Mrs. Asquith, the Duchess of Rutland, the Duchess of Sutherland, and 150 others prominent in the social and artistic life of London, were made to play roles as supernas in a cinematograph film, was carried through successfully in the small hours of yesterday by those arch jokers, Samuel Barrie, Granville Barker (who will produce Barrie's new play in the fall) and George Bernard Shaw, who, when the proceedings were finished, let the cat out of the bag. The bait that lured the guests was an invitation from Barrie and Barker to a "cinematograph supper," in two acts at the Savoy Theatre, beginning at midnight. As the guests entered the foyer of the theatre, a moving picture apparatus was working all the time, and as they sat down to supper, which was served at small tables on the stage, the film operators still kept busy. The supper over, the guests moved into the auditorium and the stage was cleared of the supper tables. This ended the first act.

Act two consisted of a revue arranged by Frank Finney and made up of a number of playlets, in which several well-known actors and actresses appeared. The cinematograph worked occasionally during the performance of these playlets, the last of which was a burlesque version of Barrie's play "The Legend of Lenora," in which Marie Tempest played "She."

The guests fled out, laughing at the realization that they had been "caught." Whether Barrie and Barker will be able to carry out their plan of incorporating the films in their autumn revue remains to be seen.

OFFICERS DENY RUMOR

Declare There is Nothing to Story of Difficulty in Camp Recruiting.

The officers commanding the various city regiments deny emphatically a suggestion which has been given voice that, as a result of the practical disbanding of the Sixth Field Battery, following the demand of the Minister of Militia for Major Leonard's resignation, difficulty is being encountered in enrolling men for the summer camp.

They declare that enthusiasm for the training camps is very high and that probably every battalion will be represented at full strength.

NEW YORK TENEMENT HOUSE WRECKED BY HIGH POWER BOMB

Three Deaths Known to Have Resulted, One Victim Being Arthur Caron, I. W. W. Man, Whose Record Is Being Investigated.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 4.—A bomb of terrific power exploded, either on the roof or on one of the upper floors of a six-story flat-house in Harlem today, wrecked a third of the building, killed at least three persons and injured others. One of the dead was Arthur Caron, a machinist. The two other known dead were women.

The explosion was at first attributed to dynamiting in a nearby subway excavation, and, in the excitement attendant upon the collapse of the building, estimates of the dead ran as high as fifty. Inspector Egan, of the police bureau of combustibles, said that the bomb was powerful enough to have wrecked the entire neighborhood if properly placed.

Persons across the street were blown from their beds, and window glass was shattered for blocks.

Caron was found dead on a fire escape. Whether any occupants of the building were buried in the ruins it was at first impossible to determine. The police were inclined to believe, however, that three would cover the total dead. The building, a brick structure, was inhabited almost exclusively by Jewish families.

Caron's body was identified by means of cards in his pocket. He lived in the building where the explosion occurred.

Caron had been prominently identified with the Industrial Workers of the World, and was arrested during one of the Union Square demonstrations. The police began looking up his record today, on the theory that it might aid in clearing up the explosion.

BANK BOOK SHOWS WOMAN FOUND IS WIFE OF CHINESE

Mrs. Charles Cheu, Empress Victim, Had Another Chinaman's Property With Her.

SIX RINGS ON HER HAND

This Was the Number Husband Understood Her to Have When She Fleed.

From evidence secured by The Advertiser today it would seem almost certain that one of the four bodies rescued from the Empress of Ireland on Thursday was that of Mrs. Charles Cheu, the white wife of the Chinese proprietor of the City Cafe. Dispatches from Quebec to The Advertiser this morning contained the information that the woman had in her possession an Imperial Bank book, No. 8,052. In company with Mr. Cheu, an Advertiser reporter went to the local branch of the Imperial Bank this morning and ascertained that the account corresponding to the bank book number had been in the name of Wong Sing. It is a closed account.

Establishes Identity.
The fact that it was left by a Chinese and that the woman was the wife of another of the same race is regarded as conclusive evidence that the body recovered is that of Mrs. Cheu, who was fleeing to England from her husband in this city when disaster overtook the boat on which she was travelling.

The discovery of no less than six rings and a bracelet on the body of the woman bears out the supposition that it was that of Mrs. Cheu. She was known to possess a number of valuable rings and a bracelet.

Husband To Leave.
When the first dispatches concerning the discovery of the body were received over the wire yesterday, Mr. Cheu informed The Advertiser that he would likely go to Quebec to identify the remains. The additional evidence of the bank book this morning has strengthened his belief and it is likely that he will leave this afternoon.

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LONG THOUGHT DEAD FRIENDS THINK HE LIVES IN THE WEST

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES ARE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE A MOST PECULIAR CASE.

Entry Says Lambeth Man Was Discharged as Cured—Many Thought He Was Buried.

The authorities at Victoria Hospital have just finished a search of the patients' record of eighteen years ago in an effort to establish whether or not John Rodgers, who lived near Lambeth many years ago, was dead or alive.

The request was made by Andrew Routledge, of Westminster, who remembers the supposed death and burial of Rodgers, and who is supported by many other residents of the town.

Lived With Mother.
Rodgers, a bachelor, lived near the village with his mother, and according to many of those who knew him, Rodgers, who died after a serious illness.

Recently Mr. Routledge's nephew, John Crinklaw, returned from a trip to the west, and reported that he had met Rodgers, and that he was residing near Moose Jaw. He was now over 80 years of age, and recalled many persons and events that made it plain to Mr. Crinklaw that he was the man.

The Hospital Records.
Mr. Routledge asked the hospital authorities to investigate the case, as he and many others were convinced that Rodgers was supposed to have been buried at Byron. It was shown that John Rodgers was in the hospital from October 10 to January 11. The entry said it appeared that he was discharged as cured. But his old friends still claim that a man of his name was buried at Byron, and they intend to make further investigations.

One resident of Westminster stated that he knew a man had been buried at Byron as John Rodgers, and that the funeral was in charge of the Misses Flint, relatives of Rodgers.

Boy Killed by Log Rolling on to Him

CITIES OF U. S. A. AIMING TO HOLD SANE GLORIOUS FOURTH

No Permits for Fireworks Issued in New York—Washington on Holiday, With Government Idle.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 4.—A sunrise meeting in Central Park, at which patriotic addresses were delivered, marked the opening of the official celebration of Independence Day in New York City. Except for the display of flags from almost every building and house there was nothing to distinguish the day from any other holiday. An occasional pop of a fire-cracker or blank cartridge recalled other fourths, before the ban was placed on powder-producing noisemakers.

Fire Commissioner Adamson early in the day asked the aid of the police to make it a fireless holiday as well. Not a single fireworks permit has been issued by the fire department.

Eight airmen entered for a mixed aeroplane and flying boat race over an all-water course above the Hudson River and New York Bay provided the most

Government on Holiday.

Washington, July 4.—The wheels of the Government practically were at a standstill today, while the national capital joined in with other cities and banners of the nation in celebration of Independence Day. There were no sessions of Congress, the White House virtually was deserted, and the executive departments were closed.

Canadians Join.

St. Albans, Vt., July 4.—Canadian and United States troops joined in a dual celebration of Independence Day and the centennial peace between Great Britain and the United States, held here today. A feature of the exercises was a parade, in which a squadron of the second United States cavalry from Fort Ethan Allen and a detachment of the second brigade heavy artillery, of Montreal, had a part. The parade was three miles in length and included many local features.

The program included a public meeting in the afternoon with Governor Allan M. Fletcher and Congressman Francis Plummer, and Frank L. Greene, of Vermont, and the Hon. Mackenzie King, of Canada, as speakers, and an illumination and other attractions in the evening.