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GERMAN FLEET MOBILIZED FOR KAISER'S REVIEW 140 Vessels With 25,000 on Board To be in Line JAPAN'S NEW AIRSHIP Immense Dirigible Ordered in London—Oxford Dean Has Clergyman's License Revoked—Last Ditchers May Depose Balfour and Lansdowne

Berlin, Aug. 7.—It is announced that September 3 at Kiel, the Kaiser will review the greatest array of German vessels of war ever assembled. The fleet will comprise 140 vessels, of all classes and the number of men in their crews will approximate 25,000.

London, Aug. 7.—The Standard gives the details of the largest dirigible yet planned, which Japan is now building. It will be rigid and will have a length of six hundred feet, and a diameter of a little over 30 feet. It will be equipped with six 120 horsepower motors, and is expected to make 20 miles an hour against a 40 mile wind. It will carry 30 passengers and a crew of 10.

London, Aug. 7.—The bishop of Winchester has recalled the license to "exercise the cure of souls" from the Rev. J. M. Thompson, dean of Divinity, Magdalen college, Oxford. The Rev. Mr. Thompson is the nephew of the late Bishop of Oxford.

London, Aug. 7.—There is little attempt to longer disguise the fact that the "unscrupulous" are fighting both the parliament bill and to get rid of the leadership of Lord and Mr. Balfour.

London, Aug. 7.—The arbitrator chosen last week to effect a settlement between the employers and the striking dock laborers has given an award in favor of the men but law doctors have decided not to resume work until the grievances of the coal porters and lightermen are satisfied.

Paris, Aug. 7.—John Vedrings, the aviator, promises to startle the world next Wednesday with an aeroplane feat, the nature of which he is keeping secret. He merely says it will be sensational, and a character never before tried.

New York, Aug. 7.—Fifty British tramp steamers which are now in port here, may be tied up indefinitely by reason of a strike ordered by the Sailors' and Firemen's Union of Great Britain. While the sailors on the vessels of the trans-Atlantic companies sign for the trans-Atlantic trip, the sailors on most of the tramp vessels sign separately for the journey each way.

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Lucy S. Hickey died yesterday at the age of one hundred and four. She will be buried in a shroud which she made for herself. She is survived by a brother at Portland, N. S. who is one hundred and seven years old.

THEY ADMIT LAURIER'S VICTORY (Ottawa Free Press) An interesting indication of the real opinion of the Conservative party as to the outcome of the elections on September 21 is given in a circular recently sent out by the cunning combination of western Ontario to the wholesale merchants of the Dominion.

This is at once an admission that reciprocity will benefit the farmer by the amount of the remission of the American duty and a confession that the Conservative cause is doomed again to defeat. It is the business man's view.

Should further evidence be wanting as to the active part to be taken by the "interests" against the reciprocity pact, it will be found in the fact that many of the large manufacturing houses have advised their traveling staff that extra expense money will be allowed and "considerable extra" as will to assist them in missionary work.

A traveler for one large house said this morning that he had received word from his house that he would be allowed extra expense money and any more he might require in "educating" the people along his route and his customers against the treaty. He is also responsible for the statement that many more "of the boys" have received instructions to the same effect.

From what he had to say on the matter it would seem that the "interests," besides financing the Conservative campaign in other ways, are to throw their travelers into the struggle in every nook and corner of the Dominion.

NEW FISH CONCERN ON NORTH SHORE Gaespe Fish Co., Ltd., Will Control \$50,000 Formed at Petit Roches—Transcontinental Depot Ordered at Quebec

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The Kennedy Construction Company, capitalized at \$250,000 and with headquarters in Montreal, has been incorporated by Messrs. James Kennedy of La Tuque, Chas. D. French, of Port Arthur, capital \$250,000; Gaespe Fish Company, Limited, capital \$50,000, Petit Roches, N. B.

Other new incorporations are the Winthrop News Company, capitalized at \$30,000; Whalen Land Corporation, Port Arthur, capital \$250,000; Gaespe Fish Company, Limited, capital \$50,000, Petit Roches, N. B.

Proposers have been called for the terminal depot of the Transcontinental Railway at Quebec. They will be received up to August 31st. A deposit of \$100,000 is required.

ALEX. GIBSON HAS 91ST BIRTHDAY Lumber King Hale and Hearty—Little Girl Dies from Eating Choke Cherries

Fredonville, Aug. 7.—(Special)—Ethel M. Yerxa, the nine-year-old daughter of Lorenzo Yerxa, Nashwaak, died Saturday evening after three days' illness brought on by eating choke cherries.

Dr. Charles W. Whitney of Boston will arrive here this week to spend a month in the Miramichi photographing big game. John Palmer has sold his hardware store on Regent street to Ald. Edward McEneaney.

Alex. Gibson, Sr., of Maryville, celebrated his ninety-first birthday on Saturday and was the recipient of many congratulations. He is hale and hearty.

THE FIGHT IN HALIFAX NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR THESE BIRDMEN McCurdy and Willard Pack Their Machine And Desert Toronto Promoter

McCurdy on the left and Willard on the right, from photograph taken shortly before they left Hamilton, their air trip to Toronto on Wednesday.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 7.—The Toronto aviation meet has collapsed suddenly after three days' duration of the air show. E. M. Wilcox, the local promoter of the meet, lays the blame upon J. D. McCurdy and Charles F. Willard, the two pilots, who were chief performers at the meet.

They explained that as they had agreed to have four machines at the meet, and were able to furnish only one, McCurdy having smashed one machine and being unable to get his other in condition, they had concluded to cancel their contract.

For the same reason Mr. Wilcox was unable to take proceedings to compel the aviators to carry out their contracts, but will probably seek legal redress. It is understood that the aviators were dissatisfied with the financial returns of the meet, which have been small.

POOR WOMAN HEARS OF SMALL FORTUNE Spokane Woman Who Scrubbed Floors to Support Her Children Left \$17,000 by Uncle in South

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Ida Duncan, a young widow, who supported herself and three small children by scrubbing floors in office buildings and washing since her husband died about four months ago, has gone to Tampa, Fla., to claim an inheritance of \$17,000 left by her uncle.

Mrs. Duncan, who is a native of the Southland, said at her home, 1124 Third avenue, before starting on the long journey, that she had been in her home from a solicitor in Florida. Four thousand dollars of the estate is in cash, the rest being invested in fruit lands, which Mrs. Duncan is to manage during her lifetime, after which it will become the property of her children.

"I was unable to take care of the little ones while working out," Mrs. Duncan said. "I placed them in the day nursery, calling for them in the evening. I was not at home when the letter came, but as I heard of my good fortune I am not at the nursery and brought my children home. I was not prepared for my good fortune, but good friends have assisted me to go to Florida."

LOAN OF \$30,000,000 FOR RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT Berlin, Aug. 5.—With reference to rumors circulating during the last two days in Berlin and Paris to the effect that the Russian Government has opened negotiations with a leading group of German financiers for a loan of \$15,000,000, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Magdeburger Zeitung" telegraphs to his journal that M. Kokotoff, the Russian minister of finance, denies the truth of such rumors, and that the only negotiations now in progress are for a private railway loan under State guarantee.

On the other hand, it is learned from an entirely trustworthy source here that negotiations are actually proceeding not for a loan of \$15,000,000, but for a first instalment of a loan of \$30,000,000, which will probably be followed by other instalments from the same source. The term "private railway loan" is merely a disguise for the State loan which the Russian Government finds itself in sudden need of.

WHOLESALE PLOT TO MURDER CHILDREN BY POISON IS UNEARTHED Woman Who Lost Slander Suit Is Suspected of Trying to Destroy Whole Family, Some of Whom Testified Against Her

Fulton, Mo., Aug. 7.—What county authorities believe to be a plot for the wholesale poisoning of children, has been unearthed in Concord in Galloway, and as a result, two men and a woman were arrested. Mrs. Boyd against Dr. E. B. Ellis, a physician in Concord, Mo., was charged with the poisoning of children. She is suspected of trying to destroy her whole family, some of whom testified against her.

The persons arrested are L. O. Boyd, a farmer, Mrs. Mrs. Anna Boyd and Jefferson Woods, a horse dealer. The children whose lives were endangered belong to families whose members testified in a slander suit recently brought by Mrs. Boyd against Dr. E. B. Ellis, a physician in Concord, Mo. Boyd asked \$15,000 damages, alleging that Dr. Ellis had defamed her character. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant.

The first alleged attempt on the lives of the children was made in several weeks ago when a package of chewing gum was found in the yard of Edward McPeeters, a local member of the family. The package was placed near the side of the McPeeters home. At about the same time the family was in the act of putting a piece of the gum in its mouths when they were told that the package contained poison. The gum was sent to a chemist who discovered that it was sprinkled profusely with strychnine. Twelve small packages of gum have been placed near the McPeeters home and each of them was found to contain strychnine.

After the second package of gum was found the McPeeters home was watched. The placing of gum on the premises of the family in the vicinity of Concord has become frequent the last few days and at provided discussion on contents of the packages. The gum was found in the packages of gum which has been found has been found to contain strychnine.

The families on whose premises the poison was placed, have small children. Bond has been fixed at \$10,000 for Mrs. Boyd and \$20,000 each for Boyd and Woods. All give bail. No preliminary hearing will be held and the case will be docketed for September term of the court.

DEATH FOLLOWED REFUSAL TO PART WITH WEDDING RING Chicago, Aug. 7.—Mrs. Jessie Stewart Gichon, 57, of 11th and Erie streets, died of a heart attack at her home. She refused to take her wedding ring from her finger.

The hand held was placed on Mrs. Gardner's finger on the day she became a bride and when her finger became gradually inflamed she refused to remove it. Her blood poisoning followed.

H. M. S. CHARNWALL WAS AGROUND SEVERAL HOURS Halifax, N. S., Aug. 7.—(Special)—H. M. S. Cornwall of the British navy, grounded yesterday near the scene of the Niobe's stranding. She floated a few hours later, having sustained no material damage.

The Niobe was taken in tow this morning at 8 o'clock by the Cornwall. Her arrival here will depend on weather conditions but under any circumstances she is not expected before tomorrow morning.

Several entries in R.K.Y.C. Event; Open to All—Comers—Return on Sunday Several entries have been received for the long-distance motor-boat race to be sailed August 12 from St. John to Digby under the auspices of the R. K. Y. C. This would prove a very enjoyable outing for those taking part, most of whom intend returning Sunday. The start will be made at 7 a. m. and the boats should reach Digby shortly after noon.

The race is open to all motor boats and those intending to enter are requested to do so at once, especially if boats have not been measured for time allowance. All particulars will be furnished on application to Roy P. Church, secretary of the R. K. Y. C., Motor Boat Committee, to whom entries must be handed on or before Wednesday, Aug. 9.

LAND TAX RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL Committee on Mayor's Inaugural Address Advise Sweeping Changes GRADUAL ADOPTION Also Recommend That More Equitable System of Collecting Income Tax Be Devised—Ask for Expropriation of Large Tracts of Land

The following are the recommendations made by the special committee on the mayor's inaugural address, relative to taxation and public lands submitted to the city council this afternoon:

1st.—That the Common Council ask the government to amend the act respecting the levying and assessing of rates and taxes in the City of St. John.

(a)—By repealing the clause passed March 29, 1910, which provides that the tax rate shall not be raised for five years. We find upon inquiry that this clause has failed of the purpose it was intended to serve, for if the object was to fix and determine the amount of the taxes the rate payable would be required to pay, during the five year period, this object has not been served.

While this act has compelled the assessors to assess each individual taxpayer according to his percentage, nevertheless, have the power and have exercised this to increase the valuation upon the property whenever necessary to raise more money, to increase the warrant for assessment.

(b)—By adding a clause providing that, after the first of January next, the tax on improvements, including all buildings and superstructures, be reduced 25 per cent, and every two years thereafter a further reduction of 25 per cent on the original value, until the tax on said improvements has disappeared altogether, and providing that the tax on land be increased sufficiently, beginning with January first next, and every two years thereafter, to provide for the revenue lost on account of the decrease of the taxation on improvements.

(c)—Providing that, after the first of January next, no tax be levied on improvements constructed after the date of the amendments.

(d)—Providing that movable personal property be exempted from taxation but reserve the right to go to any employe of labor and to learn from him the amount of the salary paid to each of his employes, but they have the right to employ by which they can obtain that correct information in other cases. We have hope that, at a date not distant, the income tax may be abolished altogether; but in view of the reduction recommended on the other side, we feel that this will involve in making up the city's revenue, we are unable to fix a time when we think it could be abolished.

(e)—That the city dispose of lots in its possession not required for public works or the protection of public works, and already under lease, to persons who will agree to erect thereon, and occupy dwelling or business houses, costing not less than \$800.00, within a period of two years; and further, that as the leases on the other lots owned by the city shall expire, that they be disposed of to those already occupying them, or to others, in case the present lease shall not be disposed of.

(f)—That the city ask the provincial government for permission to appoint a Royal Commission, which shall become a permanent court, whose duty shall be to adjust as equitably as possible all the difficulties that may arise on account of the change in the assessment law, having regard especially to long, renewable leases, where the present rate of ground rent may be less or but little more than the future tax levied under the new system, and also having reference to the leases of church property, where the tenant is also required to pay the land tax.

(g)—That the city ask the provincial government to appoint valuers, whose duty it shall be to make a new and complete valuation of the land of the different parishes of the County of St. John, so that the County taxes may be equitably distributed, in view of the fact that the city, in our estimation, at present pays too large a share of the County taxes.

Touching the matter of taxation on church property, the committee favor exemption of all church buildings, but tax on the land they occupy. This plan has been adopted in some cities.

KING GEORGE HONORS HALIFAX CHAMPION Halifax, Aug. 5.—Rev. R. H. Bullock, has received a Coronation medal, a personal gift from King George.

The medal is the third received by Rev. Dr. Bullock from the sovereigns of Great Britain, under whom he has served as honorary chaplain. The Reverend Doctor has lived under the sovereigns and served under and wear the personal medals of three. He left Nova Scotia in 1861, and after serving in England, Malta, and other places, returned to Halifax in 1888 and has since resided here.

SIGNALERS DRILL The regular weekly drill night for signallers of the Red Regt. C. A., will be changed to Tuesday night instead of Thursday.