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GOOD NEWS
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MacDonald Insists On Signing Russian Treaty Today

ALDERMEN APPROVE OF CHIEF'S DECISION

Aitken Dismisses Fireman
Graham After Court
Conviction.

EFFECTIVE TONIGHT

Bylaw Is Cited in Support of
Order To Dismiss
Fireman.

Chief Aitken, chief of the London fire department, in accordance with clause 21 of the fire bylaw, has dismissed Fireman Benjamin Graham, following his conviction in the county court. The dismissal order is effective at 6 o'clock tonight.

Clause 21 of the fire bylaws reads: "Any member or officer of the fire department who shall become intoxicated while on duty or bring liquor into any of the fire halls, or be convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction of intoxication, disorderly or improper conduct, while on duty or off duty, shall be dismissed from the service by the chief."

Fireman Graham was convicted yesterday of common assault and of being under the influence of liquor. He struck James Smith near White's bridge, the youth having refused to have a soft drink with him, and broke his nose. He admitted in court that he had had a few drinks at the time.

In this instance, as in the case of Fireman George Scott and Fred Kerr, the chief has the backing of the majority of the fire committee. Aid Douglas, the chairman, and John Anderson and Edwin Smith, state their full and entire agreement with the action of Chief Aitken in this case.

Chief Aitken makes no bones about his attitude. He supports the chief in his application of the fire bylaws and says so unambiguously. "If the city is to get full value for the money it has invested in its fire department, and if we are to get the efficiency to which we are entitled to from the department, the chief must be the supreme officer. In carrying out the fire bylaws he is entitled to the fullest support of the city council, and, as far as I am concerned, will get it."

Demands Better Support.
"In the past the chief has not got the support to which he is entitled from the council, which has not been in the best interests either of the force or of the city. The attitude of George Scott and Fred Kerr, who appeared before the fire committee a few days ago to answer a somewhat similar charge, proves that things are not right at the central fire hall. It also shows that the fire committee is not in a position to support the chief in his department which is necessarily detrimental to the efficiency of the force. In my opinion, the chief has been too lenient with his men who have been guilty of infractions of the bylaw."

"The support which I as an alderman am ready to lend the chief in putting things right and in a more businesslike condition at the fire hall includes not only the men on the force, but the officers as well. There is no good having a head of a department which is not supported."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair and warm. Friday—Southwest winds; mostly fair and warm. The low area, which was over the Great Lakes yesterday, has moved to the lower St. Lawrence valley and pressure is rather low over the greater portion of the continent. The weather has been unsettled, with showers from Alberta to the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 87; lowest, 68.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 74; lowest, 65.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 a.m., 29.98.
Today—8 a.m., 29.97.

MATTHEWS SHELTERED BY FORMER CANADIANS



SAMUEL GOMPERS, who now declares that John Davis, Democratic candidate, asked Labor party for statement of questions in which it would be chiefly interested.

GIRL UNFOLDS TERRIBLE TALE

London Youths. Charged With
Serious Crimes, Get Preliminary Hearing.

A pretty young girl of London West unfolded a tale in police court this morning, such as has been seldom heard inside those dingy walls. She told the same tale to Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd last week, with the result that Thomas Fox faced a charge of rape when he appeared before Magistrate Gladman.

Both young men, defended by Albert Murphy, will be tried at the supreme court sittings before Mr. Justice Riddell, Oct. 13 next, the evidence today being in the nature of a preliminary hearing.

The girl's evidence was taken late this morning, court being adjourned at 1 o'clock just shortly after Mr. Murphy had commenced his cross-examination.

The evidence of Dr. Robert Ferguson was taken in both cases before the girl was called to tell what happened on the night of July 28. The doctor told of making a medical examination of both sides with the result that he was satisfied that the girl was a virgin.

ORANGE LODGES PLAN FOR BIG "DERRY DAY"

Ten Thousand Visitors Expected To Take Part in Commemorating Event.

Guelph, Aug. 7.—The Orange lodges of this city are making great preparations for the celebration of "Derry Day" on Tuesday of next week, Aug. 12, when fully ten thousand visitors are expected to participate in the doings commemorating the famous historical event. Among the dignitaries of the Royal Black Preceptory to be present are A. A. Gray, Toronto, past grand master of the Canadian Chapter of the Royal Black Preceptory of British North America; Fred Dane, Toronto, president of the Imperial triennial council of the world.

GAMBLING MUST CEASE IN HAMILTON, SAYS JELFS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Aug. 7.—Gambling in Hamilton, says Police Magistrate Jelfs, must be stopped, and a man's physical defects will not be accepted as an excuse for conducting a hand-book. A. H. McLaren was before him on a charge of conducting a common betting place. It was pleaded that he had a weak heart, and that one good eye, and could do no work for such a practice, and sent him to jail for a month and fined him \$200.

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK IS HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 7.—Sufficiently recovered to return to his home, Sir William Mulock, chief justice of Ontario, left Wellesley Hospital yesterday. So complete has been the recovery of Sir William, who broke his collar bone by a fall last week, that he will act as host to Sir David and Lady Parsons and Sir Thomas and Lady Holland.

San Francisco Society Is Unaware That It Harbored Fugitive Deputy Treasurer.

NAME NOT REVEALED

Found "George Gray" Charming, Clever and Good-Looking Gentleman.

By HARRY BERGOVICH.
Special to The Advertiser.
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San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 7.—During his stay in this city, Charles Matthews Jun. was sheltered for three months by a former Canadian family, the members of which are prominent residents of San Francisco. He was introduced into local society, and more than one member of the social set were probably shocked when they learned a week ago that the charming and good-looking "George Gray," Canadian gentleman, had been a fugitive from justice.

They were just a little chagrined when they read in the newspapers that Matthews previously maintained that he lived in cheap hotels for the three months that he had stayed here. He would only disclose the identity of his benefactors here on the condition that their names be not revealed. They had been so kind to him, he said, and he stated that he did not wish to reveal their names to this awful mess.

Therefore, we will call the father of the family with which Matthews lived "Mr. Brown."

Brown said that he had not known Matthews before, nor ever heard of him until he read an advertisement in a newspaper which placed in a paper, stating that he would like to meet and live with a good Canadian family.

Matthews impressed them as being a very clever fellow, and he believed that he was working in some downtown office in the day time. At night he was attending business college, keeping up his typing and shorthand.

Matthews had many San Francisco friends. They entertain considerably, and visitors were always impressed by their quiet, tanned and well-groomed appearance. Matthews had not yet purchased the shabby corduroy trousers and flannel shirt which he was wearing when he was captured in Santa Clara trying to frankfrank.

Mr. Brown bought a Canadian paper every month so she always did her husband said, just to see how things were going in Canada. She read with interest all of the news in the paper, and Matthews had not yet purchased the shabby corduroy trousers and flannel shirt which he was wearing when he was captured in Santa Clara trying to frankfrank.

NOTED PHYSICIAN Shoots Himself

Surgeon Leaves Blood-Stained Note For His Wife.

Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—Leaving a blood-stained note to his wife ascribing his act to financial troubles, the noted physician Dr. Robert Leconte, internationally famed surgeon, shot and killed himself in his home here last night.

PLAYING WITH MATCHES PROVES FATAL TO BOY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Aug. 7.—Antoine Barril, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barril, Limouill, died in the St. Francois d'Assise Hospital last night as the result of burns received when his clothing caught fire while he was playing with matches in his home. The boy's mother was at the bedside when her father when the accident happened.

GOLF MEDAL COMPETITION WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY

The monthly medal competition for August opens at the Thames Valley golf course on Saturday. Those unable to play on Saturday may compete on Wednesday for the lowest score. The event is run off on a handicap basis, for lowest net score on eighteen holes. Only members of the club, who are not on the membership of private clubs will be permitted in the medal play.

RANEY ASKS PLEBISCITE BALLOT BE SIMPLIFIED

Wants Question To Be "Are You in Favor of Prohibition?"

SCORES FERGUSON

Former Attorney-General Objects to Cross-Examination of Electors.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 7.—In another open letter to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, prime minister of Ontario, Hon. W. E. Raney, former attorney-general, declares that the only question to be submitted to the electors of Ontario in the plebiscite in October next should be the simple one: "Are you in favor of prohibition?"

Mr. Raney gives the opinion that whatever answer is given by the people of Ontario to this question will give a definite indication to the Legislature and leave that body free to strengthen the present Ontario temperance act as may be thought desirable. The ballot paper, says Mr. Raney, should not be a "cross-examination for the electors."

Toronto, Aug. 7.—I hate to trouble you again in the dog-days (particularly as my last letter appears to have irritated you), but really you brought it on yourself when you refused to permit the Legislature to settle the form of the questions to be printed on your plebiscite ballot paper. Having been denied the opportunity to discuss this matter in the house, I propose to address myself to it now.

The first question ought not, I think, to be that forecasted the other day by one of your journalistic supporters in this city: "Are you in favor of the Ontario temperance act?" Though the act has been strengthened at almost every session of the Legislature since 1916, it is still not a perfect law. For instance, the prescription sections are not ideal either from the point of view of the general public or from that of the medical profession, and it may well be that the Legislature may in the future modify those sections.

Some electors otherwise friendly to prohibition would probably feel so. Please See Page 2, Column 6.

TWO SHIPS AGROUND ON EASTERN SEABOARD

British Freighter Ashore Off Anticosti—Government Ship Grounds.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 7.—The steamer Carimona, a British freighter, is ashore one-half mile south of Heath Point, Anticosti, according to word reaching C. H. Harvey, marine and fisheries agent here, this morning.

The message reaching Capt. H. Harvey from Anticosti added that the weather is moderate, sea smooth and thick fog.

Available shipping registers do not list the Carimona. There is a Carimona, however.

GOVERNMENT BOAT ASHORE.

Associated Press Despatch.
St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 7.—The government coastal steamer Glenora was reported ashore today on the western entrance to the Straits of Belle Isle. Available reports indicated that she was leaning slightly, but not in great danger. The steamer Prospero has gone to her assistance.

GOMPERS SAYS DAVIS ASKED FOR CONFERENCE

Wanted Labor To Give Statement of Questions in Which It Was Chiefly Interested.

Associated Press Despatch.
Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 7.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared last night that John Davis, Democratic nominee for president, sought a conference with the labor leader in New York July 17, and later requested Mr. Gompers to file with him "a statement of questions which labor is chiefly interested in."

"The conference was impossible," said Mr. Gompers, "because of a conflicting engagement. The request was denied because Mr. Gompers could not submit questions to Mr. Davis which would not be equally submitted to other candidates for the presidency."



LLOYD GEORGE, who describes the pending Anglo-Russian agreement as a "fake treaty" with the main issues unsettled.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS WATER SUPPLY

Stefansson Completes Exploration of Central Barren Wastes.

Associated Press Despatch.
Adelaide, Australia, Aug. 7.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson has returned from his exploration of Central Australia, reporting that only a water supply is needed to make more than half of what is now barren country productive.

The explorer was impressed with the similarity of the pioneer of Central Australia with that of Canada forty years ago.

CRITICIZES BOTH PARTIES FOR NOT SCORING KU KLUX

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Aug. 7.—Election of officers, criticism of both political parties for failing to denounce the Ku Klux Klan, and reading of the blessing sent by Pope Pius XI, marked the second day's session of the 12nd annual convention of the Knights of Columbus. The convention convened today for the final session, at which consideration will be given to internal and external affairs of the order for the next year.

Daniel A. Tobin of Brooklyn was elected supreme director, to succeed William P. Earlin of New York. Dr. L. W. Harvey of St. Paul was elected supreme physician, defeating Dr. Matthew A. Tindler of Iowa.

PEPALL DOES NOT WORRY; PURCHASES \$25,000 HOUSE

Relies on Pull With Political Factions To Prevent His Deportation to Canada.

MACHINERY AT WORK

Charged With Being Alien Who Entered Country Without Inspection.

52 PER OF NEW ZEALAND'S PEOPLE SERVED BY HYDRO

Associated Press Despatch.
Wellington, N. Z., Aug. 7.—With reference to the progress of hydro-electric power in New Zealand, the minister of public works, J. G. Coates, states that there are thirty-six electric power boards in the country, covering an area of 55,414 square miles, or 56 per cent of the total area of the dominion.

OWEN SOUND SHOE FACTORY SUFFERS \$60,000 FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 7.—At midnight last night fire broke out in the first floor of Meaford's new shoe factory, which was practically ready for operations. A \$60,000 stock was badly damaged.

Removal of Thick Network Of Telegraph Lines Will Further Beautify Streets

Overhead Wires From C.P.R. Station to Downtown Office Soon To Disappear.

NEW SWITCHBOARD

Despatches Are Now Being Carried in Utilities Underground Cable.

Overhead wires, used by telegraph, telephone and electric power corporations in London's downtown streets for years, are soon to be no more. The telephone and power lines have long since been placed underground. The telegraph lines have remained until now. They, too, will pass out, and the Morse code will be carried underground so far as business districts are concerned.

The voice that has flashed through the air millions of times faster than the homing pigeon, is now routed by underground cable, as invisible to the eye of the pedestrian as atomic energy.

Today the C. P. R. telegraph system changed its route from the depot to its downtown office. Despatches are now being carried on the local public utilities underground cable from the C. P. R. depot direct down Richmond street to the company's office in the Dominion Savings Building.

The old C. P. R. telegraph line from the depot included a thick network of overhead wires along Wellington street to Dundas, then west to Richmond and south to the company's office. The overhead poles of the company for two blocks on Dundas and for almost a block on Richmond will be done away with—the last of the many electrical light, power, telegraph and telephone poles which have come and gone on the busy downtown streets.

A new switchboard is being installed by the company at its downtown office to accommodate between fifty and sixty wires. At present only half of the company's wires pass through the downtown office, the rest being wired in at the C. P. R. station.

The Bell Telephone Company, with a staff of eight men, is carrying on the work of transferring the wires from the poles to the duct on behalf of the telegraph company and the commission.

It is understood that the public utilities poles on Wellington street will be done away with and the higher poles of the C. P. R. used in their stead. This arrangement has been made in exchange for the use of underground hydro ducts by the C. P. R.

Several other improvements in wiring are expected in the downtown blocks, within the next week or so, and in that event overhead wires will be practically eliminated.

"Hootch" Sold Kills Rabbit

White Rats May Survive Stuff Made For Humans.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Some idea of the potency of the stuff being peddled in Chicago as whiskey was gained yesterday when three ounces of the stuff were given a rabbit. The unfortunate bunny expired within a half hour in extreme agony.

FIREMEN DISCOVER NO BLAZE AFTER RUN

The fire department was called to the Reid Paper Box Company, Nightingale avenue, early this morning, only to find there was no reason for the call. Chief Aitken stated this morning that he thought it was defective wiring in the private alarm at the plant which caused the alarm to ring.

GERMANS AGREE WITH ALLIES ON DAWESPLAN

Despatch Says Harmony Prevails in Manner of Declaring Defaults.

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Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 7.—The allies and the Germans have reached a complete agreement on the manner in which defaults are to be declared under the Dawes plan.

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London, Aug. 7.—After this morning's meeting of the "big four" of the international conference on reparations, a French spokesman said that Germany was in sight by which agreement would be allowed to address the inter-allied reparations commission, should she be adjudged in default under the Dawes plan.

It was emphasized by this informant that concessions would be accorded Germany as a privilege rather than as a right, and that the final determination of Germany's possible default must remain strictly an allied affair. On this point the French spokesman was optimistic that the Germans would accept the agreement reached by the allied delegates among themselves before the Germans were invited to London.

The council of four, which adopted the full text of the report of the first committee of the inter-allied conference. The council will meet again at 5 p.m. to take up the report of the third committee.

Chancellor Marx, Foreign Secretary Stresemann, and Finance Minister Luther of Germany will be followed by the semi-official Havas Agency arrived at Hyde Park Hotel and paid a visit to Herriot of France.

The visit of the German government representatives to the French president was of a strictly formal character, says Havas Agency says, but it is evident that the world followed by an exchange of views on the principal questions of interest to France and Germany in connection with the inter-allied conference now being held in London.

INVITES BRITISH FLIERS TO JOIN CELEBRATION

Seattle Would Honor Major MacLaren on Return of American Airmen.

Associated Press Despatch.
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 7.—An invitation to attend a celebration in Seattle about the last of this month for the United States army aviators on completion of their 27,000-mile circuit of the earth, has been extended to Major A. Stuart MacLaren, commander of the British round-the-world expedition, by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Major MacLaren and his companions, who were forced to abandon their world flight when the engine of their plane failed and the machine was damaged beyond repair last Saturday off Berling Island.

The Seattle invitation requested Major MacLaren and his companions to be honored guests of the city on the celebration for the United States fliers.

GERMAN OBJECTIONS SERIOUS, SAY PRESS

Finds Stumbling Block in Protocol Dealing With Deliveries of Reparations.

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Among other things, the Germans insist, according to the correspondent, upon the right of appeal against the program for deliveries in kind to be elaborated by the reparations commission and the bodies emanating therefrom.