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HUNDREDS FLEE FLOOD IN MANITOBA

IRISH FACTIONS DECLARE TRUCE TO TALK UNION

Will Give Both Sides Opportunity To Discuss Army Unification.

CHIEFS SIGN DOCUMENT

Kilkenny Castle, Last of Nine Regular Posts in City, Surrenders.

Dublin, May 4.—A truce between the rival Irish Republican army forces has been declared, it was announced this afternoon.

The truce is operative from 4 o'clock this afternoon until 4 p.m. Monday, with a view to giving both sections of the army an immediate opportunity to discuss a basis for army unification.

That a meeting of representatives of the differing factions in the Irish Republican army had been arranged for today with the object of agreeing to a truce, was announced this morning by Commandant General McKeown of the regular army, to be held in the Mansion House.

The provisions of the truce are:

Clause I.—All operations except training and ordinary army routing will cease.

Clause II.—All penetrative operations will cease.

Clause III.—Both sections will cooperate to maintain order and prevent acts of aggression against persons or property.

The document is signed by Owen O'Duffy and Rian Lynch, the chiefs of the staff of the rival forces.

Ten members of the regular Irish Republican army forces were wounded during the two days' operations in Kilkenny, says an official statement issued from the Beggars Bush headquarters. There were some casualties among the irregular forces and 108 prisoners were taken.

According to the correspondent of the Irish Independent, the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde remained in their castle during its occupation by the irregulars and its siege and capture by the provisional government forces.

The marquis told the correspondent that the experience "was alarming and uncomfortable," but added that "the Republican party treated us with the utmost courtesy and consideration compatible with the conditions. They did not enter any room unnecessary for military operations, and obtained their own food."

Abandon Kilkenny Castle.

The statement from the regular army at Beggars Bush headquarters on the Kilkenny fighting reads: "Kilkenny Castle, last of the nine posts held by the irregular forces in Kilkenny city, surrendered at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Early yesterday the regulars opened an assault enfilading the castle by machine gun and rifle fire. At about 3 p.m. a small party of troops smashed the panels of the entrance gates with the butts of their rifles.

"When the soldiers rushed the entrance and called on the irregulars to surrender, machine gun fire was opened upon them, wounding two members of the party seriously, and obliging the remainder to retire, taking their comrades with them.

"The attack continued, and when toward 6 p.m., the replying fire weakened, the gate was again rushed. Three more regulars were wounded in this advance. Intermittent firing continued until 7 o'clock, when the last assault was made.

"On entering, the party of troops smashed the remaining barriers and an armored car was driven through the passage into the courtyard, from which guns were trained on the windows. Parties of troops rushed forward and covered the exits from the castle to the courtyard.

"The defending parties of irregulars then surrendered and, together with all their arms and ammunition, were taken to the military barracks.

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TROOPS RESCUE HORSES.

London, May 4.—A dispatch to the Times from Mullingar, describing the

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Moderate winds, mostly southeast to southwest; cloudy, with a few showers.

Friday—A few scattered showers, but mostly fair; stationary or higher temperature.

Pressure is below the normal from British Columbia to Ontario, and highest in the Maritime Provinces, also over the greater portion of Ontario.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	56	46
Calgary	62	32
Winnipeg ..	60	42
Pt. Arthur..	46	40
P. Sound...	78	50
Toronto	70	48
Kingston ...	76	52
Ottawa	72	48
Montreal ...	66	46
Quebec	60	48
F. Point....	48	28
St. John....	58	34
Halifax	58	30

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 64; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 51.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 28.98.

Today—8 a.m., 28.95.

CENTRAL ARMY UNDER WU LAYS SIEGE TO PEKING

Leader Brilliantly Turns Chang's Right Wing, Forcing Latter To Retreat.

RAIL TRAFFIC SUSPENDED

Chinese Capital Flooded With Propaganda in Favor of Manchu General.

Peking, May 4.—The troops of General Wu Pei-Fu, the central Chinese commander, have surrounded Peking. General Chang Tso-Lin's army, in the vicinity of Peking, has been scattered.

All railroad traffic out of Peking has been suspended.

These developments followed the dispatch of eight train loads of Chang Tso-Lin's soldiers eastward, in the direction of Tien-Tsin.

General Wu, brilliantly turned the right flank of General Chang Tso-Lin's army last evening, according to today's advices from the front. Chang's troops are now in retreat towards Fengtai from Changsintien.

It is exceedingly difficult, however, to obtain authoritative news here of military activities. The city is being flooded with propaganda in favor of the Manchu leader, an example of which was yesterday's report that General Wu had been killed in action. Even the Feng Tienites, as followers of General Chang are known, today admitted that the report was unconfirmed. All but a very few of the newspapers here are under control of Feng Tienites.

A special train mysteriously arrived here this morning and stopped between the two Tientsin stations, where an unknown occupant emerged and drove off in a motor car. The Chinese inhabitants generally believe it was General Chang Tso-Lin. The railway through Tientsin, which is on the line between Peking and the sea, is becoming more and more blocked on both sides of the city.

Acting Premier Chow Tzu-Chi has sent Roy Anderson, an American, to Fengtai to negotiate with General Wu Pei-Fu's commander regarding their relations with the Peking government, it was announced this afternoon.

ADMONISHES USE OF U. S. STAMPS

Ottawa, May 4.—(Canadian Press.)—Among the notices which have been sent out by the postmaster-general to postmasters throughout Canada is one which calls attention to the fact that "during the tourist season considerable inconvenience is caused by American tourists addressing mail to the United States prepaid with United States postage stamps." In order to minimize this inconvenience, postmasters are instructed to put up in conspicuous places posters pointing out that all mail posted in Canada must be prepaid with Canadian stamps.

PATIENT THROWS SELF FROM HOSPITAL WINDOW

Woman, Uninjured, Tells Officials She Tried "To Go Home."

A woman patient in ward 12 on hte ground floor of Victoria Hospital threw herself from the window at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning in an endeavor, as she later said, "to go home."

As the drop was only a few feet, she suffered no injuries, and was quite content to be taken to her room again by Drs. Banghart and Cameron.

The patinet made an attempt to elude her special nurse shortly after midnight, but was caught by the nurse just as she was raising the window. A close watch was kept on her, but this morning she complained of pains in her head, and asked for something to relieve them. The nurse had no sooner turned her back than the woman rushed to the window and jumped out.

Superintendent Heard, in speaking of the matter, stated that the patient had been depressed for some time and kept saying that she wanted to go home.

"It was certainly not a case of attempted suicide," declared Mr. Heard. "The patient is quite rational now, and was able to eat a good lunch. She was simply delirious for the time being.

Downham Asks $1,500 Increase

Wars On Peking

GEN. CHANG TSO-LIN.

PEKING, May 4.—President Hsu Shih-Chang made another effort today to end the hostilities between the armies of General Chang Tso-Lin, military governor of Mukden, and General Wu Pei-Fu, military leader of Central China, who are fighting for the control of Peking.

President Hsu, after a meeting of the cabinet, sent telegrams to both generals appealing to them to consider the welfare of China and end the civil war.

ASSESSMENT OF WARD 4 JUMPS

One Million Increase Over Richter Scheme's Value Additions.

Annex Income Tax Is Shown As Shifted To City.

Two important facts are revealed in the assessment report of Ward Four, just completed for the use of 1923 taxes.

The first is that though the Richter assessment scheme resulted in well over a million-dollar increase in the assessment of the ward, the increases are still piling up until the latest assessment is $2,193,923 above the 1920 assessment, the year before the Richter scheme went into force. Not a little of this increase, however, would be due to new buildings.

The second fact is that there has been a material decrease in the income tax assessment of the annex and a corresponding increase in the city proper income assessment.

The object of the latter move is, that those who reside in the city proper and work in the annex will be assessed on income at their residence instead of place of business, and instead of paying income tax at the rate of 15 mills they will pay at the full city rate.

Will Be Scattered.

Of course the annex incomes will be scattered all over the city, and will be divided among the four wards. Despite this, however, Ward Four proper incomes show an increase of $63,000, while the total income decrease in the annex of this ward is $75,000.

The increase in the ward proper there has been a general decrease in income total, despite the fact that incomes, especially among the railroadmen, many of whom live in the ward, is taken to show that the city assessment department has been particularly active this year in rounding up all those who should pay income tax.

Mr. Grant's figures show that the population of the ward today is 16,-

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HAD REQUESTED $500 ADVANCE IN ESTIMATES

Civic Commission Lopped Off Modest Raise Asked, At Time.

HAS RECOURSE TO JUDGE

If Council Fails To Act, May Take Case To County Court.

Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, has written the city council asking that his salary be raised from $3,500 to $5,000.

Failure on the part of the council to act, says the officer in his letter, will result in an appeal to the county judge, who, under the provisions of the public health act, would then proceed to fix the salary.

When the estimates for the present year were being considered Dr. Downham asked the board of health to increase his salary to $4,000. When the matter was before the civic commission, Mayor Cameron Wilson suggested, and Ald. Childs moved, that the increase for the M.O.H. be struck out. This was done.

Dr. Downham later stated that he would take his case to the county judge.

Dr. Downham's letter to the council leaves the door open for a compromise on the part of the council.

Under the provisions of the health act he must serve notice on the council first. The act gives the council a short time to act, as it says that if the officer's application for an increase is not acted upon within ten days he may immediately appeal to the county judge. The latter would proceed to hear evidence and then set the salary of the M. O. H.

Dr. Downham has several precedents to be guided by in thus taking such action.

The M. O. H. at Hamilton not long ago sought a court ruling and similar action was taken by the health officers at Woodstock and Sudbury.

In all three cases the judge's decision resulted in a material increase in the officer's salary. It may also be noted that in these cases the increase was made retroactive to the first of the year.

The hands of the council are also tied, in that they cannot oust the officer and get a new one, who might be satisfied with the lower salary. The act stipulates that the health officer can only be dismissed with the approval of the provincial officer of health.

SHOOTS SELF IN FRONT OF TRAIN

Toronto, May 4.—Said to have been suffering from a nervous breakdown, Albert Prosser, aged 29 years, a cutter in a ladies' tailoring establishment, residing at 65 Eaton avenue, Toronto, ended his life in a most determined manner shortly before 9 o'clock this morning.

Kneeling on the railway tracks in the Don Valley, Prosser placed a revolver to his forehead and fired a bullet through his brain. His body fell across the rails, and was cut to pieces by a Canadian Pacific Railway flier. Prosser leaves a widow and a 4-months-old babe. His wife stated that he had been feeling depressed, but had not given any intimation of his rash act.

British Premier's Wife and Daughter Slightly Hurt in Auto Mishap

GENOA, May 4.—Mrs. Lloyd George, wife of the British prime minister, and her daughter, Megan, were slightly bruised in an automobile accident today near Nervi, a small town, four miles southeast of Genoa. The machine in which they were riding collided with one driven by the son of Premier Bratiano of Rumania. The ability and coolness of both drivers prevented more serious consequences.

STAGE ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR BOY

Potato Race Changed To Relay Event by Kiwanians.

Secretary Houlding Lauds the Splendid Co-operation From Schools.

The boys' week athletic program will be held Thursday night, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club, when more than 400 boys will compete in five events at the Collegiate gymnasium, the Simcoe street roller rink and the two large gymnasiums in the Y. M. C. A. The games will start at 6:30 o'clock.

"Everything is going along splendidly," said Lloyd Houlding of the Y. M. C. A., this morning. Mr. Houlding is secretary of the general committee, through which the holding of a boys' week in London was made possible.

"In every case we have found that the boy is full of enthusiasm and is always ready and eager to do anything to make the week a success. And I'll tell you, the eyes of some of our citizens have been opened to the fact that youths of 'teen age are entitled to the same consideration as the grown-ups.

A letter has been sent to each school principal, with instructions for the boys' day in athletics, and telling the schools in which the boys are competing.

The potato race, as scheduled in the five events, has been changed by the Kiwanis Club to a relay race of four boys from each school, and the winners of the relay race on each gymnasium floor will compete in a final relay race at Queen's Park on Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

The prizes will consist of ribbons for the individual winners and shields for the schools. Ribbons for first, second and third prizes will be awarded to the winners in each school for each event. A shield will be given to the school winning the relay race and a shield will also be awarded to the school winning the highest number of aggregate points.

That means that the boys obtaining the highest scores in the four events will have their scores in competition with the highest scores of the other schools. An to the three boys who obtain the highest number of aggregate points shields or medals will be given.

All the boys between the ages of 12 and 15 are grouped into three classes, according to their age and weight, so that every boy will have an even chance of winning.

Mr. Houlding stated this morning that it was the object of the Kiwanis Club to have 75 per cent of the boys

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FRANCE FAVORS GENOA PARLEY PACT PROPOSED

Insists It Must Not Be Interpreted To Withdraw Treaty Rights.

POLICE MAKE 3 ARRESTS

Paris Authorities Claim Organization For Espionage of French Arsenals Found.

Paris, May 4.—The French cabinet this afternoon approved the text of the proposed non-aggression pact under consideration at Genoa, with the reservation that it must not be interpreted as withdrawing from France any rights she has under treaties.

The ministers spent the entire morning session of the cabinet in studying the text of the pact originally proposed by Prime Minister Lloyd George and brought to Paris by M. Barthou, head of the French delegation at Genoa.

It was deemed necessary to make reservations regarding the rights of France to make use of the prerogatives conferred by the Treaty of Versailles for the military occupation of German territory as a penalty for non-fulfilment of the treaty.

With this reseervation the pact was unannimously approved.

The form in which the reservation will be presented at Genoa was expected to be decided upon at another meeting of the cabinet this afternoon.

Premier Poincare and M. Barthou already are engaged in negotiations with Premier Theunys as to the future attitude of the French and Belgian delegations at Genoa on Russian affairs, and an effort is being made to find a text for a reservation to the memorandum to Russia which the conference is likely to accept, and that at the same time would satisfy the Belgians. The latter are understood here to fear strongly the concessions for property in Russia originally owned by Belgium, and now nationalized by Russia, will be traded with by the soviet representatives, and that possibly the concessions will be granted other parties.

Until some way is found to satisfy the Belgian delegation the French will refuse to sign the memorandum to Russia. This means that France will hold aloof from the conferences on Russian affairs unless the subcommittee which framed the memorandum decides to withdraw.

M. Barthou will leave Paris for Genoa at 11:40 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Three arrests have been made and numerous others were momentarily expected this afternoon in what the French police claim to be a vast organization for espionage of French arsenals for the benefit of the Russian soviet government.

ASK FULL RECOGNITION.

Genoa, May 4.—The soviet representatives here announced today that the terms of the allied note to Russia had been telegraphed to Moscow, says the Exchange Telegraph, which adds: "It is stated that possibly

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SUGGESTS TRAINING SHIP FOR RECALCITRANT BOYS

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M. L. A., Introduces Bill Proposing New Method of Correction.

Toronto, May 4.—Dr. Stevenson, member for London in the Ontario Legislature, is anxious that when boys break the law and are to be sent to places of correction, they may be given the option of being sent to a training ship or to Mimico. He had introduced a bill to that effect into the House. He stated today that the Dominion government had promised to make a ship available for training boys in seamanship on the great lakes, and he proposed that boys sent there be under the command of competent officers and the entire project be under the supervision of a committee of the Navy League. He pointed out that the boys should be trained for the merchant marine.

Will Try Again

MRS. ARTHUR HAMILTON.

MRS. ARTHUR HAMILTON, British woman athlete, again will try to swim the British Channel. She missed by three miles last year.

SAYS DAKIN SITE GOOD PURCHASE

Inspector Greer Claims London Fortunate in Buying Cheaply.

Urges Vital Need of School To Relieve Accommodation Problem.

People in London do not really know what it is to have to pay for school sites, according to Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer, who reiterated Thursday his warning that prompt action only will relieve the school accommodation situation in the public schools of the city.

"As an instance," explained the inspector, "the board purchased with practically little difficulty the site for the proposed school at Dakin and Price streets, at a cost of $5,000. People here do not actually realize what the boards of education are compelled to pay in other cities right here in this province."

"Take the city of Ottawa, for instance. What would the ratepayers think about paying $75,000 for one site. I know of a case of that nature. The board expropriated land, with house upon it, valued at seven and eight thousand dollars, which they were compelled to raze to the ground, fill in the foundations and go ahead. We are indeed fortunate that we have not experienced that here."

Inspector Greer reported Thursday that at the present moment the board is acting contrary to the regulations of the department of education.

"We have today at the Chesley avenue school 110 pupils that should be cared for elsewhere, while at Ealing we have another 50 pupils more than the department calls for, and the situation will be accentuated as time passes. The proposed Dakin school is in a neighborhood that is growing rapidly."

Will Not Ask People.

The people will not be asked at a special election to decide whether a

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SEEK SAFETY AS WATERS COVER BRANDON HOMES

Northwest Mounted Police Toil in Supreme Effort To Rescue Victims.

RIVER CONTINUES RISE

Report Conditions Much Worse Than in Inundation of 1904.

Special to London Advertiser.

Winnipeg, May 4.—While squads of Northwest Mounted Police are still toiling in a supreme effort to rescue hundreds of persons in the low-lying districts about Brandon, Manitoba, the Assiniboine River, which overflowed its banks Monday, continues its inundation, menacing that city and the surrounding country for more than a hundred miles.

At midnight the turbulent waters were still rising, while the near-by town of Alexander is reported as being already surrounded and all communication with the outside world at a standstill.

Rises 20 Inches.

Flood conditions west of Brandon along the Assiniboine River have reached alarming proportions, and a rise of approximately 20 inches of water has been noted within the past 18 hours.

While no deaths have as yet been reported, families living in the Brandon flats were forced to flee by night in boats and improvised flats, aided by local and district police, and at great risk. In most instances the water is already up to the housetops, and still rising. When the peak will be reached is difficult to determine.

Horses, cattle, domestic animals, and every type of debris imaginable is going down the surging river. A veritable lake is reported around Virden Valley, while in the Kemnay district the roadways and the entire low country is entirely flooded, in some places only the tops of tall trees and housetops showing.

Thousands of acres of newly-seeded land is covered with water to a depth of several feet. Boats are in use throughout the farming district adjoining the river, and conditions everywhere are much worse than when the game district was flooded in 1904 for more than 130 miles.

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD SPREADS.

New Orleans, Louisiana, May 4.—Relief measures continued to grow more complex today as flood waters from the Mississippi river and tributaries spread steadily over large section of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Eleven parishes in this state already have felt the effects of the flood, and five Mississippi counties, the Yazoo Basin, where 16,000 persons are reported in need of assistance, are being inundated.

It is estimated by Vicksburg Red Cross officials that 4,000 will need aid in that section as a result of the flood before new crops can be produced.

The relief situation continued acute at Harrisburg, La., and efforts were being made to verify a report received by RRed Cross workers there that 6,000 persons, driven from their homes in St. Martin parish, were suffering from lack of food. Relief parties also resumed their work today of bringing in marooned flood victims to the various refugee camps, although, according to their accounts, thousands of persons insist upon remaining with their inundated homes.

Mail service by motor boat has been established, with all points cut off from rail connection, it is sad.

Stylemongers Revive Old-Fashioned Night Shirt For Mere Man's Wear

Chicago, May 4.—Father's Night Shirt—perhaps even the fuzzy one with the pink stripes and the split at each side of the tail is coming back, and along with it suspenders, sleeve holders and rubbers, solid, square-toed, conspicuous rubbers. This forecast of an age of innocence in men's fashions for the coming year was hurled today by the United National Clothiers, holding its sixteenth semi-annual convention here.

Just when the old night garment had been all but routed by the roguish pyjama, and was relegated to the shelf with such vanishing institutions as "My last quart," came the renaissance. It is said father would hardly recognize the thing, for it is all dolled up. They call it the "trouserless pyjama." It comes double-breasted, all the way down to the shins—the coat shirt idea carried further. It has double rows of frog fasteners, is called especially smart in confused shades of heliotrope, elephants' breath grey or pale lemon, and frequently has a shawlish collar or contrasting color, and raglan sleeves.

To Make Bears Behave, Tickle Their Ribs

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4.—If you want to make a bear behave just tickle him in the ribs.

This is what Portland police and park officers are advising today after their experience with a cub that escaped from a pen and lodged in a high tree, defying all efforts to get him down until a long pole was obtained. Upon the tickling of his pole, young Ted came down and tumbled at the base of the tree.

"He got to his feet, busted hard and forgot himself for a minute, he forgot himself for a minute, he forgot himself for a minute, he