

SYDNEY'S Y. M. C. A. IS BADLY GUTTED BY FIRE

Sunday Morning Blaze Burned Structure Almost Beyond Repair.

AN ELECTRIC IRON IS SUPPOSED CAUSE

Heavy Rain Helped Materially to Quench What Otherwise Might Have Been Very Bad Fire—McKenzie & Giffin Heavy Losers.

Sydney, Aug. 10.—Another serious fire occurred here Sunday morning, when the Y. M. C. A. building, occupying one of the finest sites in the city, at the corner of Charlotte and Pitt streets was almost completely gutted by fire. The building, one of the wooden structures yet remaining on the business section of Charlotte street, is damaged beyond repair.

A great part of the lower floor was occupied by McKenzie & Giffin as a men's furnishing store. The firm does an extensive business, and had just laid in their fall stock. A great deal of it was burned, and the rest, except of a little which they were able to save, was ruined by smoke and water.

The fire started about 3 o'clock, breaking out, it is believed, in the pressing room of McKenzie & Giffin's store. The cause is unknown, though it is considered probable that the current was left on an electric iron, which finally became so hot as to set fire to the adjacent woodwork or cloth. The firemen were able to get the flames under control after a couple of hours work, the heavy rain which had set in helping materially. The fire only broke through the building once, and the appearance of the outside gives little idea of the damage wrought within.

McKenzie & Giffin's loss will be between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and the damage to the building itself between \$5,000 and \$6,000. McKenzie & Giffin's loss is rather more than half covered by insurance. The insurance on the building is small.

TWO HISTORIC EVENTS TO BE CELEBRATED

Extensive Preparations for Commemoration of Battle of Chrysler's Farm—Centenary of Tecumseh's Death.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—Considerable preparations are being made for the centenary of the battle of Chrysler's Farm, which occurs on August 27 next. Mr. Andrew Broder, M. P., is organizing the celebration and it is hoped that Mr. Hon. R. L. Borden will be able to attend. The military display will be considerable and will be furnished by troops drawn from eastern Ontario. In all some twelve or fifteen hundred militia will be present, the corps to be present including the 2nd and 23rd batteries, Ottawa, and the Governor General's Foot Guards; the 41st, 42nd, 43rd, the 56th and the 58th.

Another anniversary which will be celebrated this autumn is the death of Tecumseh, the great Indian chieftain who fell at the battle of Moraviantown on October 13, 1813, and a military ceremony will mark the hundredth anniversary.

Colonel Hodgins, the officer commanding the 1st Division has been directed to spare no pains to arrange a commemoration that will be adequate and dignified.

Chief Tobias, of Moraviantown has been in communication with the department on the subject and special prominence will be given to the Indian companies of two Western Ontario regiments, the 26th Middlesex light infantry and the 57th Hamilton Rifles.

The soldierly qualities of the Indians serving in these regiments are well known and have been the subject of much favorable comment.

MAY YET ARBITRATE STREET CAR DISPUTE

Detroit, August 9.—Late tonight the members of the Detroit Street Car men's union decided to postpone until next Saturday night action on a resolution to strike. This was done after union leaders announced that it was quite possible a neutral arbitrator could be agreed upon to assist next week in settling the long standing differences between the street railway and its motormen and conductors.

NEW MINISTER TO CHINA?



President Wilson has nominated Paul Samuel Reinsch, of Madison, Wis., assistant professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, to be Minister to China. He sent Mr. Reinsch's name to the Senate with several minor appointments.

MONTREAL WON HONORS AT HALIFAX

Entrants from Metropolis Carried Off Most of Events at Canadian Swimming Meet—Two Records Broken.

Halifax, August 10.—The swimming championships held on Saturday at the Waquoitau under the auspices of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, proved in every way an unqualified success. Glorious weather conditions, an immense crowd of people, fast swimming, marvelous diving performances and the establishment of new records were all features of the meet, which was conceded by everybody including the visiting officials and swimmers, to be the best yet.

The ideal summer afternoon brought out on the beautiful Northwest Arm a large number of people in boats, from which fully two thousand spectators viewed the events.

Two records were established, one for 200 yards breast stroke, and the other 100 yards speed.

Summary: 200-yards, breast stroke: 1st, S. S. Goodday, Montreal S. C. time, 3:25; 2nd, W. P. Kearns, Montreal A. A.; 3rd, D. W. Tyrer, Waquoitau, Halifax.

Variety high diving (8 dives): 1st, John Lyons, Montreal S. C. 81.78 points; 2nd, R. E. Behrens, New York City A. C. 77.86 points; 3rd, S. W. Ferguson, Y. M. C. A., Halifax.

100 yards' speed: 1st, F. McGill, Montreal A. A. (Time 1:02.45); 2nd, D. W. Tyrer, Halifax; 3rd, H. R. Kearns, Montreal A. A.

McGill lowered his previous Canadian record of 1:04. Lyons and Crosby also started.

Variety spring-board diving (8 dives)—1, R. E. Behrens, New York City A. C., 97.56 points; 2nd, P. Cameron, Montreal S. C., 91.53 points; 3rd, Lyons.

440 yards, speed—1st, Frank McGill, Montreal A. A., (Time, 6:27); 2nd, W. K. Kearns, Montreal A. A.; 3rd, R. P. Bell, Waquoitau, Halifax.

300 yards (back)—1st, S. H. Goodday, Montreal S. C. Time, 1:30; 2nd, D. W. Tyrer, Waquoitau; 3rd, F. McGill, Montreal A. A.

GIVES BANKS POWER TO INCREASE CIRCULATION

Trustees of Central Gold Reserve Soon to Organize—Factor in Financing Crop Movement.

Ottawa, August 10.—The organization meeting of the trustees of the new central gold reserve created under the revised bank act will be held in Montreal at the end of the month. The Government some time ago selected the Royal Trust Company as its trustee, the others being the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Royal Bank. The gold reserve is designed as an additional power to the banks to increase their general and emergency circulation in proportion to their gold deposits in the reserve. It is expected to be a factor in the crop moving financing.

LIND TO GET INFORMATION FOR WILSON

President Says Special Envoy is to be "Eyes and Ears" of U. S.

WILL STUDY ALL THE PHASES OF SITUATION

Not Under Any Circumstances Will United States Recognize Huerta Government—President Outlines Situation to Senators.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Two hours of conference tonight between President Wilson, Secretary Ryan and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee brought about no change in the attitude of the administration toward Mexico.

The President took the senators into his confidence far enough to outline the following:

That John Lind, his special envoy to Mexico City, does not bear any solution of the present situation, but goes to continue this government's efforts to induce Provisional President Huerta to redeem his promises for free and constitutional elections. That under no circumstances does the administration propose to recognize the Huerta government; that Mr. Lind has gone to Mexico to be the "eyes and ears" of the Washington administration on the ground, and to explain the attitude of this government when he has fully familiarized himself with the situation; that by withdrawing Ambassador Willson and sending Mr. Lind, the President planned to have a man on the ground who was in sympathy with the administration here and was in no sense a factor in the situation in Mexico City. These policies and suggestions of the President and Secretary Bryan came out in general discussion.

It was made clear that the purpose of the conference was to establish more frank and intimate relations between the senate and the administration in the development of the Mexican policy, and in the furtherance of this idea the President talked freely and answered many pointed questions. While the President disclosed the definite plan for the pacification of Mexico the implication remained that upon Lind's reports would depend to a large extent the future policy of this country. There was practically no talk of lifting the embargo on the importation of arms into Mexico, which some members of the committee had talked with the President and Secretary Bryan came out in general discussion.

Senators who expected to be informed of a definite plan or a formal message, Mr. Lind might be bearing the Mexican government, were disappointed. The President told them that upon the arrival of Mr. Lind in Mexico City, there would be transmitted through the charge d'affaires at Mexico City, as well as to the foreign governments generally, an explanation of Mr. Lind's mission.

This explanation, as developed at tonight's conference, is expected to be a reaffirmation of the American government's attitude of the last few weeks, favoring efforts to secure a temporary cessation of hostilities in Mexico so that constitutional elections may be held there.

It was reiterated after the conference that Mr. Lind's movements and procedure will be left largely to his discretion after he had talked with William Bayard Hale and other close friends of the administration familiar with the situation in the Mexican capital.

JAPAN TAKES CHINA SHARPLY TO TASK FOR DISORDERLY ACTIONS

Demands Execution of Tribesmen who Destroyed Property and Compensation for the Damage Done.

Amoy, China, Aug. 9.—The Japanese government today sent a formal message to the Chinese authorities here for the execution of three of the semi-Mongolian Tungan tribesmen and also an indemnity for the destruction of property and the killing and wounding of a number of Formosans in the recent clan fighting in this city. The demands must be fulfilled by tomorrow according to the note sent by the Japanese.

The Chinese officials replied agreeing to the conditions except as to the time for carrying them out. They declare it impossible for them to effect the arrest of the clansmen in the period stated as they have fled to the interior of the province.

SYLVIA THE MILITANT IS CAUGHT AGAIN

Suffragette Attempt to Take Premier Asquith's House Fails

POLICE USE CLUBS ON FRENZIED WOMEN

Headed by Sylvia Pankhurst and Supported by Husky East Enders Women Made Mighty Dash.

London, Aug. 10.—The third attempt of the suffragettes under command of Sylvia Pankhurst to take Premier Asquith's house in Downing street by storm failed today when the militant leader was captured by a cordon of police drawn across Whitehall after a stiff fight in which the police used their clubs.

The trouble began after a mass meeting held under the auspices of the Free Speech Defence Committee, which was called to demand the unconditional release of George Lansbury, former socialist member of the House of Commons who was sentenced July 30 to three months' imprisonment for making inflammatory speeches, but who was released August 2nd under the "cat and mouse" act while on a hunger strike.

Miss Pankhurst had refused an invitation to make a speech at this meeting, but who was released August 2nd under the "cat and mouse" act while on a hunger strike. Miss Pankhurst had refused an invitation to march upon Downing street. The free speech speakers today advised the crowd not to attack the premier's residence, but at the close of their meeting Miss Pankhurst, true to her promise, led the "cat and mouse" column and in fiery words ordered her sympathizers to follow her.

Hatless, her hair bound close to her head, the young militant leader started down Whitehall, surrounded by several women, carrying the women's social and political flag surmounted by a red liberty cap and headed by a flying wedge of dockmen and other husky East Enders. The squads of police in Trafalgar Square allowed the procession to leave the square and then fell in behind. The suffragettes, however, were the subject of a query to Ottawa. The claim is put forth that organizations interested in immigration are assisted by financial institutions advancing the required \$25 as a loan secured by a note, and bearing a good rate of interest. It is not urged that the custom is followed extensively, but in certain cases, at least, it is claimed to have been done, and it is looked upon as an evasion of the law.

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INTERESTING POINT TO BE LOOKED INTO

Does Advance of \$25 Made by Banks to New Settlers Constitute Evasion of Immigration Law?

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 10.—Whether the advance by certain banks or collateral agencies of the \$25 which each immigrant, save certain exempted classes, is supposed to have on landing in Canada, constitutes an evasion of the immigration regulations has been the subject of a query to Ottawa. The claim is put forth that organizations interested in immigration are assisted by financial institutions advancing the required \$25 as a loan secured by a note, and bearing a good rate of interest. It is not urged that the custom is followed extensively, but in certain cases, at least, it is claimed to have been done, and it is looked upon as an evasion of the law.

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TECUMSEH WON MATCH.

Toronto, August 9.—The Tecumsehs got even with the Toronto today in a good style, when they defeated the Blue Shirts at the island by a score of 9 to 3.

DR. PEARSON'S THREATS OF RIGOROUS TREATMENT FOR WINDOW SMASHERS AROUSED IRE OF ARSON SQUAD.

London, Aug. 9.—A group of militant suffragettes armed with horsewhips today assaulted Dr. Aron Campbell Pearson, the medical officer of Holloway Jail as he was entering the prison for breaking through the windows. Miss Pearson, who was undergoing a sentence of three months' imprisonment for breaking through the windows, threatened to deal with the militant suffragettes in such a way as to make them physical and mental wrecks, after which they would be confined in lunatic asylums.

DALLOW WON MARATHON.

London, Ont., August 9.—J. Dallow, of St. Mary's today won the Free Press modified marathon of six miles in 31 minutes, 50 seconds. Eight men started, and all but J. Dallow, of Guelph, finished.

SULZER HELD BACK FACTS OF IMPORTANCE

New York's Governor Did Not Tell of All His Campaign Fund.

ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE IMPEACHED NOW

Should this Action be Taken Sulzer Would be Tried Jointly by Senate and New York State Court of Appeals.

New York, Aug. 9.—While Governor Sulzer remains silent members of the joint legislative committee which concluded its hearings here yesterday began today drafting a report which was submitted to the legislature on Monday with reference to testimony adduced showing that the governor had speculated in the New York stock market using therefore campaign contributions which he failed to include in his sworn statement as required by law. In the opinion of Chairman Frawley of the committee and of Eugene Lamb Richards, counsel, no other course than to recommend impeachment proceedings is open to the investigators.

When the committee will subsequently return to New York to inquire further into the governor's Wall Street deals, they will be discussed by the committee at a meeting to be held in Albany on Monday prior to the convening of legislative Monday night. In the words of Chairman Frawley as expressed yesterday: "We've got enough already."

Never in the history of this state has a governor been impeached. Should such a fate await Mr. Sulzer, he would be put on trial before the senate and the state court of appeals.

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Dr. Pearson's Threats of Rigorous Treatment for Window Smashers Aroused Ire of Arson Squad.

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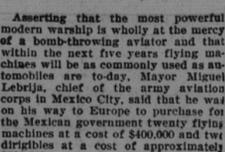
Berlin, August 9.—The German Metal Workers' Association here today rejected a resolution to join the strike of workmen in the shipbuilding yards. The strike was declared at Hamburg on July 15 last and later was extended to the yards at Kiel and Stettin.

BALKAN STATES SIGN A TREATY OF PEACE

Action Officially Ending the War Taken at Bucharest Yesterday

BULGARIANS STILL SHOW THEIR ANGER

Decorations Offered in Conciliatory Spirit by Rumanian King Refused by Bulgars—Exchange of Good Wishes With Kaiser.



Asserting that the most powerful modern warship is wholly at the mercy of a bomb-throwing aviator and that within the next five years flying machines will be as commonly used as automobiles are to-day, Mayor Miguel Lebrija, chief of the army aviation corps in Mexico City, said that he was on his way to Europe to purchase for the Mexican government twenty flying machines at a cost of \$400,000 and two dirigibles at a cost of approximately \$500,000.

SIX WOMEN DROWNED IN MOTOR BOAT

Bound for Saturday Night Dance When Boat Sprang A Leak—Darkness Made Rescue Work Difficult.

East Freetown, Mass., Aug. 8.—Six women and a man were drowned, and three others were saved when a motor boat sank in Long Pond tonight. The dead:

George Wright, Brockton; Miss Haven, Brockton; Miss Hattie Hamilton, Taunton; Miss Annie Sweeney, New Bedford; Miss Sadie McCabe, New Bedford; Miss Mabel Brown, New Bedford; Mrs. Emma Doyle, New Bedford.

The rescues were made by Frederick Mackey, treasurer of the Soule Mill of New Bedford, who has a cottage at the pond. Responding to the cries for help, he was able to pick up four persons with his motor boat. One of these, Miss McCabe, failed to revive.

The party was bound for a dance at Lakeside Park. Soon after leaving shore the boat sprang a leak. Some reports say that the bottom dropped out, throwing all into the water.

Darkness added to the difficulties of rescue work. Mr. Mackey's boat was the first to reach the scene and by the time other boats arrived no other bodies could be found.

New Bedford police, with grappling irons, and a pulmotor, were hurried over the twelve mile road in automobiles, but by the time they reached the pond there was no need for the pulmotor.

RICH PRIZES FOR GERMAN AVIATORS

\$75,000 of National Aviation Fund to be Distributed Among German Aviators for Distance Prizes.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—It was announced today that \$75,000 of the National aviation fund, which is being raised through popular subscription, will be distributed as prizes among German aviators shooting German aeroplanes for distance flights made between September 15 and October 31 of the present year.

At least 1,000 kilometres (621 miles) must be flown in one day, half the distance in one direction, to make a flier eligible for a prize.

The sum of \$50,000 will be divided into six prizes and a special prize of \$25,000 is to be awarded to the aviator who exceeds 1,000 kilometres (approximately 993 miles) in a single day.

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Bucharest, Aug. 10.—The peace treaty between the Balkan States was signed this morning at 10.30 o'clock. In honor of the occasion, the city was decorated with flags, guns were fired, bells were rung and the bands played. A solemn Te Deum in the Cathedral at noon was attended by King Charles, Queen Elizabeth (Carmen Sylva) and other members of the royal family and the delegates to the peace conference.

King Charles conferred high decorations on all the delegates except the Bulgarians who refused to accept them.

The peace treaty provides that the Rumanian army shall evacuate Bulgarian territory in fifteen days after its signature and the Serbian and Greek armies in three days. It also provides for arbitration by Belgium, Holland and Switzerland in the event of a disagreement over the delimitation of the new frontier. Bulgars engage themselves immediately.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—Emperor William and the King of Rumania today exchanged the following telegrams in connection with the conclusion of peace among the Balkan states:

Bucharest, August 9.—"The conclusion of peace is assured after great difficulties have been overcome. Thanks to you, it will be final. I thank you with my whole heart, for your loyal friendship and warm good will."

(Signed), "CAROL." Winemunde, Aug. 9.—"Your telegram, which reached me tonight, is a great and rare joy to me. I offer you my sincerest and heartiest congratulations on your splendid success, for which not only your people but also the belligerent states and all Europe have to thank you for your wise and truly statesmanlike policy. At the same time, you mentioning that I have been able to contribute something to the result achieved is very gratifying to me. I rejoice that our mutual co-operation was in the cause of peace."

(Signed), "WILHELM." Bucharest, Aug. 9.—"The kind words in your extremely cordial telegram fill me with pride and sincere gratitude. Once again I extend my heartfelt thanks for your warm interest and your effective share in the recent events so significant for my country."

(Signed), "CAROL." Emperor William today created King Constantine of Greece a general field marshal of the German army and conferred upon the Greek crown prince the grand cross of the red eagle.

"FADE AWAY" SWELL THE LATEST IN AMMUNITION

Fired During Test at Petawawa and Hasn't Been Located Yet—Completely Vanished—May be Going Still.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, August 10.—Experiments which are being held at Petawawa go to show that a proportion of the artillery ammunition made at the Quebec arsenal may be salvaged sufficiently to permit of its being used for practice. It will not, however, be used in competitive firing.

Major Lafferty, the new superintendent of the arsenal, examined the shells that had been made and where practicable had them ground down and otherwise repaired. They then were tested at the practice camp at ranges of some four or five thousand yards. The result shows that those so treated have been improved greatly but that when so they are inferior in accuracy to the Vickers shells. They accordingly will be used for training while batteries engaged in competitive work will have the English made shells.

An odd incident was the utter disappearance of one shell which was fired. All the projectiles discharged were inspected, the 14 had no explosives inside. This shell was fired; it did not fall near the target, it was not seen to strike the ground and a careful search failed to disclose any fragments. Either it is still going or it disappeared without any explosion into thin air. Its disappearance has been the joke of the camp.