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BLAZE IN NIGHT CAUSES DAMAGE OF \$100,000

Eight Persons Killed, Scores Injured In Illinois Tornado

INSANITY IS ON INCREASE ANNOUNCES JAIL DOCTOR

Dr. James D. Wilson Has Examined Scores in Few Months.

LIVING TOO FAST

Some Drastic Action Will Have To Be Taken To Alleviate Conditions.

Declaring that insanity was most alarmingly on the increase, Dr. James D. Wilson, jail physician, stated this morning that outside of jail prisoners committed to the Ontario reformatory, he had examined over 60 insane persons from city and county jails in the last few months and ordered them confined to hospital.

"I have had eight from the jail this morning," Dr. Wilson said, "and recently," stated Dr. Wilson, "only this morning I put through an order for a young man from the county who threatened to kill his sister. He was down in Woodstock, then confined to hospital."

"This thing is growing at an alarming rate, and I hate to think of what the country will be 50 years from now at the present rate. Some drastic action will have to be taken to keep mentally unfit people from marrying."

"People come to me all the time about such cases, and I am getting more and more of them each month. Recently there have been more from the county than the city, but as a rule we get more from the city."

"What's the reason?" Dr. Wilson said. "I think it is a lot of the fast pace we are living in. People are on the rush all the time and they get played out both mentally and physically."

"Then, again, a number of men have had business troubles in the last few years, and they have let their minds wander. One man whom I examined not long ago, went through a business depression, and he is now out at the hospital. I think he will recover in a few months, but there are a lot of them that won't."

High Hopes For Settlement at Toronto Expressed by Official.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, June 28.—The postal strike that has been in progress since Monday was near being expressed this morning by Gordon R. Jackson, Dominion president of the postal workers' federation, and Postmaster W. E. Lemon.

A letter from Ottawa was received this morning, which said Mr. Jackson was much more conciliatory than any they had yet received, and on receipt of it the executive of the strike committee conferred with Postmaster Lemon.

No attempt at a letter carrier delivery is being made today.

The weather continues fair and warm in Eastern Canada.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 63 48 Clear. Calgary 54 48 Rain. Winnipeg 74 44 Cloudy. Port Arthur 65 42 Cloudy. Fanny Sound 62 32 Clear. Toronto 80 58 Clear. Kingston 72 60 Clear. Ottawa 58 35 Clear. Montreal 58 35 Fair. Quebec 80 58 Clear. Father Point 80 50 Rain. St. John 68 50 Fair. Halifax 52 35 Cloudy.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 79; lowest, 59. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 56. Barometric Readings. Friday—8 p.m.—29.16. Today—8 a.m.—29.08.



WHERE FIRE CAUSED \$100,000 LOSS. Fire at an early hour this morning caused damage that is estimated at \$100,000 to the plant of the Battle Creek Corn Flakes Company on Dundas street east. Here an Advertiser photographer shows the rear and east side of the fifth and sixth floors of the corn products annex of the building as they appeared today. The interior of the upper portion of the building was badly burned and the roof fell in while the firemen worked.

CORN FLAKES PLANT SUFFERS GREAT LOSS BY SPECTACULAR FIRE

Loss in Blaze Is Placed by the Officials at \$100,000.

CONFINED TO ANNEX

Whole City's Fire Department Called Out To Fight Flames.

Charred by a \$100,000 conflagration that broke out shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, the six-story brick annex of the Battle Creek Corn Flakes Company plant on East Dundas street, was still smoldering early today. Two companies of city firemen, under Chief Aitken, were working on the debris of the structure up till noon today.

It was a spectacular, costly blaze that took the entire force of city firefighters two hours to put under control, and then kept companies of the men busy for hours afterwards.

Flames and clouds of pungent smoke poured from every opening in the building during the early hours of the morning, and it was only with the great difficulty that the fire department was able to locate the seat of the blaze with streams from a dozen lines of hose.

Chief Aitken and 50 of his men, practically the entire night and day shifts, were called out. There was only a few men, on vacation chiefly, who could not be located. Defective wiring is thought to be the cause of the fire.

Placed at \$100,000. While insurance underwriters were not expected here until Monday morning to take an inventory of the damage, it was today estimated that the loss would be around \$100,000.

The entire plant was fully insured, and no lay-off will be caused. While some 400 employees are on the payroll, most of these are connected with the corn flakes department of the main building, and they will be at work as usual on Monday morning, and the men in the gutted corn products building will be kept on.

Night Superintendent Macdonald, 136 Langarth street, was struck by the heavy fall of smoke which filled the interior of the third story of the annex. Others of the night staff were affected, but none of them were affected as badly as Mr. Plewes. He, however, is resting at his home and no serious consequences are expected from the experience.

At 2:30 o'clock this morning there appeared to be not the slightest trace of fire. The policeman on the beat had just passed, and saw no indication. Scarce five minutes had elapsed when flames suddenly shot through the building at the rear of the main plant and lighted the sky in spectacular fashion.

Annex in Flames. While the night staff were engaged in their work about this time, the lights suddenly went out, and going to investigate in the annex, they found it in flames.

House To Soon Sit In Morning

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 28.—Morning sittings of the House of Commons, predicted for next week, will not begin on Monday. When the week closed, no formal motion had been put by the government, and the Speaker duly adjourned the House on Friday night until 3 p.m. Monday. Morning sittings, it is expected, will begin very soon.

TORNADO LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH

Eight Are Killed, Scores Injured In Illinois Storm.

Associated Press Despatch. Peoria, Ill., June 28.—Eight persons were killed and scores injured in a tornado which broke over Peoria and surrounding territory early this morning, according to available reports. The bodies of a woman and her baby were found in a field far from their home at Cloverdale, and at Morton two are reported killed and many injured.

Lightning Stops Family's Clock

Bolt Pauses at Curtain, Set On Fire.

A bolt of lightning struck the telephone wire leading into a house on Grey street yesterday afternoon and blew the fuse off the wall. It flashed across the room and hit the clock. The clock stopped. Next it banged against the window frame and smashed a piece of it. When last seen it had set the top of the curtain on fire. As this happened in the home of a fireman he did not call the department. One of the hooks that supports the curtain pole disappeared, and it is believed that it was melted by the heat of the blaze.

PRAIRIE CROP PROSPECTS ARE REPORTED FAVORABLE

Winnipeg, June 27.—With the exception of scattered districts in Northern and Southeastern Alberta, where rain is badly needed, the crop prospects of the prairie provinces are favorable according to reports received today.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The London Free Press today is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary with the publication of a large special edition.

The Advertiser extends to the Free Press hearty congratulations, both on achieving seventy-five years of service as a newspaper and on the creditable and interesting edition which it has published today.

DEMOCRATS HESITATE TO INCLUDE KLAN PLANK

Convention Recedes Until Three This Afternoon To Give Committee Chance.

SIXTEEN IN FIELD

Final Selection of Candidate Will Be Made Before Day Ends.

Associated Press Despatch. Madison Square Garden, New York, June 28.—Responding to appeals of the party leaders to give more time for the platform committee to work on the Ku Klux Klan plank, the Democratic national convention, after a brief morning session, recessed until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Eastern daylight saving time.

MAKING CHOICE TODAY.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, June 28.—In an atmosphere darkened by uncertainty and electric with dissension, the Democratic national convention came today to its major task—adoption of a platform and selection of a presidential ticket. As the delegates assembled, however, the day's procedure was in considerable doubt, with the platform committee still unable to agree on a Ku Klux Klan plank in recent action. At 1:30 p.m. H. S. Cummings, of Connecticut, chairman of the committee, was ready to ask the convention which had been called for 3:30 a.m. to take up the platform to recess until 3 p.m., when he hoped the report would be in shape for presentation.

The committee had struggled until 5:25 a.m. with the Klan issue before yielding to the necessity of rest, and even then had been unwilling to give up the effort to find some compromise that would redress the indignity of a highly explosive fight on the convention floor.

Fear of Klan Fight. The threat of a Klan fight in the convention also kept other leaders up most of the night in a number of small conferences seeking the way out of the difficulty, which had almost completely overshadowed the controversy over the League of Nations plank.

Whether the League of Nations declaration would be carried to the floor depended on the decision of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in Woodrow Wilson's cabinet, who the committee had adopted 34 to 16 a composite plank calling for a national referendum on United States membership in the league. Mr. Baker, however, had stood firmly, though practically alone, for an unequivocal declaration pledging the party, if given control of the government, to take immediate steps to bring the United States into the league, and had prepared a minority report for presentation to the convention, but had not, at an early hour made known definite intentions.

At the time came, take such a course. Sixteen Nominated. The last of the preliminary formalities of the convention were cleared away yesterday when the roll call of states for nominations was completed, and as a result sixteen names were formally before the delegates today as candidates for the presidential nomination. It was known also that several others would receive votes during the early balloting at least.

The week of steadily accelerated maneuvering apparently had brought matters to a point where a change in the deadlocked situation involving the vast fields of candidates, William G. McAdoo of California, and Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, retained the lead in the number of pledged votes for the opening ballot and managers of each maintained claims of accessions. Sponsors of dark horse candidates meanwhile continued to express pleasure over the situation and confidence in the outcome.

Provisional Committee Is Being Enlarged. Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 28.—The provisional committee representing Women's Liberal organizations throughout Canada is being enlarged from the original number of 64. Sixty names will be added from the four western provinces, and representatives from the other five provinces will be on the basis of three women from each federal constituency, as well as two from the Women's Liberal Club or organization in each province. In all provinces the wife, daughter or sister of any Liberal candidate in the elections of 1911 or since will be eligible for the provisional committee.

GERMANY ADMITTED. Associated Press Despatch. Paris, June 28.—Germany has been admitted to membership in the International Chamber of Commerce.



MARSHAL FOCH, famous war general who welcomed visiting Canadian journalists at a banquet extended to them in Paris by the Inter-Allied Club.

YOUTH REMANDED ON FRAUD CHARGE

E. W. Francis Pleads Guilty to Three Cases in Police Court.

E. W. Francis pleaded guilty to three charges of obtaining money by false pretences, before Magistrate Graydon this morning, and was remanded a week for sentence.

There are several other charges pending, but it is not likely they will be pressed. Crown Attorney Judd stated after court was over. Francis did not want to plead guilty at first, stating he felt he had probably made a mistake. Finally he pleaded guilty to obtaining \$85 from R. H. & J. Dowler by giving a check that was no good, and also pleaded guilty to passing a check on W. S. Lashbrook for \$45, and the Imperial Blend Tea Company for \$81.

The prisoner explained to the court that he expected to have the money in the bank when the checks came due but failed to have it there. "You might be charged with forgery," declared Mr. Graydon after the crown attorney stated that checks had been signed on Windsor bank, but with different initials.

The Lashbrook check had been drawn on a Windsor bank, the crown stated. Four other checks had been signed by a George E. Henderson. "It was a forgery," declared the court; "in fact, two forgeries."

Francis said he couldn't explain about Henderson, as the checks hadn't come to him direct. "You ought to know him; you had four checks signed by him," interposed the crown attorney.

Francis asked to be remanded a week in order that restitution might be made. The court agreed, but stated this would not mean he would be allowed on suspended sentence by any manner of means.

2,500 ARRIVALS EXPECTED INCANADA OVER WEEK-END

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, Que., June 27.—There will be approximately 2,500 arrivals in Canada, over the week-end, through the ports of Quebec, Montreal and Halifax, according to a statement given out today by James Morrison, general passenger agent in charge of steamship traffic, Canadian National Railways. The majority of these are immigrants, including five special parties being brought to Canada by the Salvation Army, Annie McPherson's Home, Liverpool, and the Liverpool Sheltering Home.

How the War Started

June 28 . . . Ten years ago. An Austrian archduke raced through the streets of a little Balkan city. At a turn of the road his car slowed. A shot . . . That was the start of the World War.

HOW WE STRUCK THE SPARK.

By Jevtic, one of the leaders of the terrorist band that killed Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo. The full story—from the inside—told by Jevtic for the first time.

Today in The Advertiser on Page 4.

Brother and Sister Found Living In Little Dirty House With Custard Only Food

Sanitary Inspector Discovers Pathetic Case, Both Mentally Unsound.

FLOCK OF GOATS

Animals Believed To Have Lived In House During Winter.

The sanitary inspector in the course of his wanderings in the city came across a strange and pathetic case the other day, where a brother and sister lived in a small house on custard, made from the milk of goats, which they kept at the back, in a two-acre pasture.

The brother, a man of fifty, has been for varying periods an inmate of the Ontario Hospital, and is almost an imbecile, though to the sister he is the most perfect brother in the world. There are some twenty goats in the herd, and the woman milks them and makes the custards. She has to look after the brother like a child and in spite of the work that this entails, when the inspector threatened to have the brother removed to the hospital again she fell on her knees, imploring him not to take him away.

There were, says the inspector, evidences that the goats had been kept in the house all winter, and the inside of the house was in a very insanitary condition.

Neither of the inmates are in sound mental condition, he says, and they both sleep on the same, and in fact the only bed in the house. This was explained by the women with: "Well, we've only got one bed in the house and I sleep at the feet because my beloved brother is cold and sick. He needs some one to look after him. He is just a child really, and he's not responsible."

The inspector is taking the necessary steps to have the house and the inmates properly taken care of. The first three days, given over to group gatherings imbued with the spirit of getting through their own special program in order to take part in the general conference which opened Wednesday, then the great together sessions of the three remaining days, have all given demonstration of one of the greatest exhibitions of study and inquiry into social service methods and endeavor for development and betterment that has ever taken place on the American continent.

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FOCH GREETES VISITING EDITORS FROM CANADA

Journalists Touring Europe Are Feted by Inter-Allied Club of Paris.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, June 28.—Canadian journalists, members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, who are touring Britain and the continent, were guests the night at a banquet at the Inter-Allied Club, presided over by Marshal Foch.

The visitors were received at the club by the French committee of welcome, and by Commissary General Benazet, on behalf of the government of France. In his address of welcome the general declared that in the event of another war, which no one desired, Canadian soldiers would again be found by the side of the defenders of justice and civilization.

REPORT OF DETERDING DEATH NOW DENIED

Associated Press Despatch. London, June 28.—The report printed in London last night of the death in Holland of Sir Henry Deterding, director-general of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, was denied today. The deceased, it was explained, was a brother of Sir Henry.

JUDGE MATHERS SWORN IN AS ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, June 27.—Chief Justice Mathers was sworn in today as administrator of Manitoba to act during the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Sir James Aikins, who left for London to attend the meeting of the British Bar Association.

The oath was administered by G. G. Keglar, of Ottawa, assistant clerk of the privy council.

Manitoba Free Press Starts a Crusade To Lower Rates on Cattle.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 27.—A 50 per cent reduction of the present ocean rates on cattle from Canada to England is advocated in a pamphlet which has been circulated among the members of parliament here by the Manitoba Free Press of Winnipeg. The pamphlet quotes figures to show that the cost of marketing Canadian cattle in the United Kingdom today costs approximately 75 per cent more than it did in 1914.

The shipping companies "in the North Atlantic conference or combine," says the pamphlet, "are demanding just about double the amount the railways ask to carry a steer from Winnipeg to Montreal, to carry the same steers from Montreal to Liverpool. Accepting the old rule that seven miles of water haul should equal one mile of rail, it is pointed out that the shipping companies ask twice as much for carrying the steer an equivalent of 380 miles as the railways get for carrying it 1411 miles.

"The only means whereby the North Atlantic conference or combine can be brought to time," the pamphlet states further, "is by the Canadian government securing ten or a dozen tramp ships, having them properly fitted and putting them into the cattle trade with a rate of \$10 per head to any British port."



SIR ERIC GEDDES, formerly first lord of the admiralty and minister of munitions and transportation, who has arrived in New York on a brief business trip.

SOCIAL WORKERS TAKE RESPITE

Delegates to Big Toronto Convention End Strenuous Week.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, June 28.—Today is the first since the opening of the National Conference of Social Work, when the delegates may be said to rest awhile from their labors. It has been a strenuous week, devoted to working out a large and comprehensive program.

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BAR ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD QUEBEC MEETING

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, June 28.—All arrangements for the meeting of the Canadian Bar Association at Quebec prior to the departure of the delegates to the meeting in London of the Canadian and American bars have finally been arranged. On Monday, July 7, the council of the association met in the afternoon, with the opening session of the annual meeting of the association taking place at night.

The sessions conclude on Tuesday, when election of officers and council for the ensuing year takes place. The delegates of the association to the meeting in London will sail at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Principals and Teachers Will Give School Results

Examination results in the public schools are now complete. The examiner's pencil has done its work and children may now learn the outcome of their efforts in the past school year.

Senior Public School Inspector V. K. Greer has made arrangements with the principals and teachers in the various schools to furnish the results desired by the pupils.

Those from each school are asked to get in touch with their principal or teacher and find out how their standing may be obtained.

Plans are being completed to place the results on the front door of certain school buildings, as in the case of Aberdeen, where the names will be placed on Monday.

Other systems may be employed and pupils are urged to consult their teachers as to the method in their unit.

AUSTRALIA WILL BUILD TWO LIGHT CRUISERS

Premier Bruce Introduces Defence Bill For \$12,500,000.

DEFENDS PROGRAM

Battleships Required in Event of Danger, Claims Premier.

Associated Press Despatch. Melbourne, Australia, June 28.—In the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon Premier Bruce introduced the defence equipment bill, which authorizes a grant of \$10,000,000 for the construction of two light cruisers and a grant of \$2,500,000 for the defence reserve fund. Full defence proposals will be brought up later in the House.

One of the cruisers will be built in England immediately, but it has not been decided where the second one will be constructed, although the government is anxious to have it built in the Antipodes.

In introducing the bill into the House Premier Bruce stressed the necessity of Australia having protection for her own shores. It should not rely solely on Great Britain for defence. The cruisers, he added, were needed as scouts in the event of danger.

YOUTHS ARE INDICTED BY CORONER'S JURY

Grand Jury Verdict Concurred With in Franks Murder Case.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, June 28.—A coroner's jury investigating the death of 13-year-old Robert Franks concurred yesterday in the action of the grand jury indicting Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, millionaires' sons, for the kidnapping and murder of the boy.

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