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TWENTY DIE IN FIRE IN NOVA SCOTIA LUMBER CAMP

A. A. Sutherland Outfit At Aivin Siding Wiped Out; Only Four In Camp Escape

Men's Sleeping Quarters in Flames Before Any Knew Of It—Wife And Six Children of One of the Victims Among Those Who Lost Lives

Truro, N. S., Mar. 16—One of the worst accidents in the history of lumbering in Nova Scotia took place last night at Aivin siding on the Canadian Government Railway, four miles from Riversdale and about fifteen miles from Truro, when the lumber camp of A. A. Sutherland was burned to the ground and twenty people were burned to death. Of those in the camp, only four escaped, and two of these are in a very serious condition.

The camp was owned and operated by A. A. Sutherland of Oxford and his son, Max Sutherland, both of whom escaped practically unharmed. The names of the other two men who got out alive are not ascertainable. They were in a bad condition and were forwarded immediately to Aberdeen hospital, New Glasgow.

Mr. Sutherland and son were aroused at 12:30 when the camp was in a mass of flames. They were sleeping in a separate apartment, upstairs, from the men and this accounts for their escape. The sleeping quarters of the men had evidently caught and burned quickly before any one became aware of the flames.

Dr. W. R. Dunbar, coroner, of Truro, left on the morning train and will hold an inquest this afternoon. J. C. B. Olive, undertaker, of Truro, left on the same train taking twenty caskets to take care of the dead.

The dead are: Alfred Guthrie, wife and six children; Benjamin Matheson, Pughash (Robert McLeod, West River); Clarence Gratto and Edgar Taggart, Fort Rights; George Low, Sault Harbor Road; William Wilson (Colwood), Truro; George Aylen, Maccora, Miller, Hawley, Cape Breton; John Moore, Halifax; Lester Moore, Halifax; Edwin Reesley, Kempton.

TURMULT IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

Czech and German Members in Wild Scuffle Over The Matter of Food Supply

Copenhagen, Mar. 16—Czech and German members of the lower house of the Austrian parliament engaged in a wild scuffle in which several were injured this morning during a speech by the Czech Deputy Soukup, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Hamburger Fremdenblatt. The disturbance became so serious that the chairman had to dissolve the sitting.

Deputy Soukup complained that Prague, the capital of Bohemia, had been for several days without food, including potatoes.

Deputy Wolf, a German member, jumped to his feet and shouted: "The Czechs have not given out proper quantities of food. The Czechs will starve us. They are the allies of the British."

The German deputy's harangue was interrupted by Deputy Elyades, a Czech, who threw a bottle of ink at the speaker. This began a general scuffle throughout the house.



Condemn German Peace Terms While Accepting Them

The Russian Situation—Conflict of Maximalists and Social Revolutionists—Trouble in German Fleet Off Aland Islands

ON THE BATTLE FRONTS

Paris, Mar. 16—Violent artillery fire along the whole front, especially in the Verdun region, is reported in the official statement from the war office tonight. A German raid in Lorraine was repulsed and a large number of bombs have been dropped by French aviators.

London, Mar. 16—British troops carried out a successful raid last night in the neighborhood of Arras, and captured fifteen prisoners and two machine guns, the war office reports.

London, Mar. 16—The American Army in France, Mar. 16—(By the Associated Press)—Active artillery firing continues on the American sector. A considerable number of gas shells have been falling intermittently on the front. An enemy patrol was discovered this morning in the American wire entanglements northwest of Toul. The Germans were driven off with rifle fire and some of them were hit. One body was left hanging in the wire.

The American artillery in the Toul sector again battered the German lines and observation posts and caused an explosion, probably of an ammunition dump. Hundreds of big shells were sent into three new German trenches where smoldering gas projectors had been erected.

Fredericton, N. B., March 16—The St. John and Quebec Railway train, which was to have left for Gagetown this morning, was cancelled on account of huge drifts on the line. The train from Fredericton left here this morning and was cancelled. The most of the rolling stock of this section is on the northern end of the line and the railway between here and Centreville must be cleared before traffic can be restored.

The Newcastle-Fredericton branch of the C. G. R. also has been badly drifted. The "Whopper" due here last night was cancelled. The express which left Fredericton last night for Newcastle arrived there about seven hours late. The express from Newcastle today was three hours late. Drifts on the main line of the C. P. R. also have delayed traffic.

On account of the interruption in the service several members of the legislature will remain in Fredericton over the weekend recess.

Meto Kadak, an Austrian, was arrested last night on the charge of falling to report to the chief of police. He was fined \$25 or two months in jail. His defense was that he had been sick.

A physician of this city charged with violation of the liquor act, by writing a prescription for liquor for a person whom he had not visited professionally, was convicted in the local court and fined \$25 and costs or two months in jail. The case may be appealed.

School consolidation for Burt's Corner and adjacent places is contemplated.

There are 26,000 inter-Ed men now in Switzerland.

Berne, Swit., Mar. 14—Switzerland now shelters 26,000 inter-war prisoners—16,000 are French, English and Belgian; 10,000 Germans. In addition, 7,000 relatives of interned men are visiting here. Owing to the security of food no further visitors for a long stay will be accepted.

J. Roy Campbell, M. P., is chairman of the opposition caucus, Fredericton.

Most Critical Stage in History of The War

Speech of Arthur Henderson Secretary of British Labor Party—Peace Must be Consistent With Ideals For Which Britain Fights

London, Mar. 16—(Delayed)—The most critical stage of the whole history of the war has been reached in the opinion of Arthur Henderson, secretary of the labor party. Speaking in London at a woman suffrage celebration today, Mr. Henderson added:

"I have been imagining during the last few days, having regard to what has taken place in Russia, that some German emissary might come along and say: 'Why do we fight? Why cannot we settle it? We are prepared to come to a compromise with you regarding colonies and we are prepared to make considerable concessions to France with reference to Alsace-Lorraine.'"

"That would be a cynical peace, containing the seeds of future war. It would not be a clean peace and it would not be an honorable peace. It would be the desertion of Russia and the women of this country must stand against it like firm."

"We are anxious for peace and the sooner it comes the better. But let me say it must be a peace consistent with the ideals for which we entered the war. No one deplores more than I the collapse of Russia, but I believe that that does not represent a majority of the Russian people. The Russian people were very anxious for peace. I am anxious for peace, but never in any speech that I have made or in any suggestion that I made privately have I committed myself to a position similar to that in Russia. 'By all means let us try for peace, a peace based upon international justice and deal with it.'"

Holds Dutch Ships to Prevent Escape Pending Requisition on Monday

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NOVA SCOTIA MINE WORKERS JOINING U. M. W. OF AMERICA

Sydney, N. S., Mar. 15—By a vote of nearly 98 per cent of the membership the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia have decided to affiliate with the United Mine Workers of America, an organization with half a million members.

The Nova Scotia miners who thus merge with the larger organization number about 10,000, and it is thought probable that they will soon be followed by the miners of Inverness and Pictou counties, numbering about 4,000.

SENT OUT TO STREET TO GET MEN FOR JURY

Montreal, Mar. 16—A start was made yesterday on the trial of ten men held in connection with the dynamiting of the Cartierville home of Lord Althelstan. The jury panel was exhausted before twelve were selected and Judge Pelletier sent officials to bring in men off the street. Twenty were gathered in, amongst them being two reporters, who assured the judge that they had formed opinions on the case and were excused from duty.

Six English-speaking and six French-Canadian judges were finally chosen.

HABEAS CORPUS NOW FOR CAPTAIN OF MONT BLANC

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 16—This afternoon Mr. Justice Russell will hear the habeas corpus application on behalf of Captain Aime Lemerde, master of the steamship Mont Blanc. The application was made yesterday afternoon by Hector McInnes, K. C., following Judge Russell's granting of a similar application in the Pilot Mackay case.

EX-SPEAKER OF NORTHWEST ASSEMBLY PASSES AWAY

Saltcoats, Sask., Mar. 16—William Bakin, a former speaker of the Northwest Assembly, died on Thursday in his ninetieth year. Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Bakin celebrated their sixty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

WALL STREET TODAY.

New York, Mar. 16—(Wall Street)—Eastern railways, notably Canadian, were further strengthened at the opening of today's stock market on the increased freight rate announcement. Canadian Pacific developed fresh weakness.

If True, May Have Serious Consequences

Hundred and Fifty Japanese Said to Have Been Murdered by Maximalists in Siberia

London, Mar. 16—Maximalists in Siberia have murdered 150 Japanese at Blagovistchensk, capital of the Amur province, according to a report printed in the newspaper Hoshi Shinbun on Friday and forwarded by Reuters' Limited.

A despatch from Tien Tsin, China, to the Daily Mail says that the Japanese embassy at Peking has been informed that during recent disturbances at Blagovistchensk, three Japanese were killed and seven wounded while defending their property against Bolsheviks.

HIS 31st. ENEMY AIRPLANE

Paris, Feb. 4—(Correspondence of Associated Press)—Lieutenant Nungesser, who became the French "ace of aces" after the death of Captain Guynemer, has just brought down his thirty-first enemy machine. News of his latest exploit is hailed with delight by the French press, because it comes after months of comparative inactivity on his part during which he has been recuperating from the effects of his injuries received in an automobile accident.

Nungesser's ability as an aviator, coupled with his numerous injuries and remarkable recuperating powers is rapidly gaining for him the title of "super-man." He has been repeatedly injured since the beginning of the war and twice the French army physicians have classified him as "unfit for further service," but his robust constitution and strong will power have enabled him to overcome all obstacles and he has steadily found his way back to the cockpit.

During one of his periods of "convalescence" at Dunkirk he brought down nine enemy machines.

CASE DISMISSED

The police sheet read nil at the police court this morning. The magistrate dismissed the case in which receiving money under false pretenses was preferred against Henry S. Wetmore in connection with an automobile, by J. B. Crane. In making his judgment, His Honor said that there was absolutely no foundation for the former charge. W. R. Pitt appeared for the complainant, and E. S. Ritchie for the defendant.

TWENTY DEATHS

Twenty deaths were reported at the board of health for the week; three from pneumonia, three from endocarditis, two from heart disease, two from Bright's disease, two from pulmonary tuberculosis, and one from each of the following disorders: Inanition, marasmus, malnutrition, premature birth, cerebral emolion, tubercular meningitis, bronchopneumonia and membranous croup.

More than 100 names were contained in a casualty list published to Washington yesterday by General Pershing. The number reported killed was comparatively small.

FRIEND OF GERMANY IS SENT TO JAIL

Baltimore, Mar. 15—Accused of being a dangerous enemy alien and with trying to foment a strike in a factory working on government contracts here, Carl Anton Joseph Goussinn, thirty-two years old, who came to this country from Bremen, Germany, four years ago, was arrested today by federal authorities and after being questioned was sent to jail.

AMUNDSEN DOING A SHARE IN THE WAR

New York, Mar. 16—Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, arrived here today in lectures to American audiences, especially those containing persons of Norwegian descent, on behalf of the American and British war aims. He recently made a tour of the western front.

SEALS ARE FOUND.

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 16—A wireless message today from Captain Farquhar of the Halifax steamer Sable I, now with the Newfoundland sealing, reports having sighted seals yesterday. The ice was very heavy, the message said, and a severe storm was raging.

HILARIOUS SCENES AS SALOONS CLOSE

Handed and Sixty in St. Louis County, Minn., Go Out of Business

Duluth, Minn., Mar. 16—One hundred and sixty saloons in this (St. Louis) county closed their doors last night as a result of the county option election of last September. Duluth joined the prohibition cities last July. People came from points as far away as the head of the lakes to attend the farewell celebration at Virginia, where forty-four saloons closed amid scenes of great hilarity. Thirty saloons closed their doors at the town of Ely and thirty others at Eveleth had disposed of their stock and were ready to close at 10 p. m. the hour fixed by law.

STOLE \$3,500,000 WORTH OF GOODS

New York, Mar. 16—That three gangs of thieves have stolen \$3,500,000 worth of merchandise from trucks and piers during the last year was asserted by the district attorney yesterday, when he asked for high bail for five men suspected of being members of one of the gangs. The quantities were held in \$500,000 bail each.

SAYS GERMANY MUST FACE ECONOMIC WAR WHEN FIGHTING DONE

London, Mar. 16—Germany must count as accomplished the fact of an economic war after the war and control by Great Britain and the United States of sea borne traffic in raw materials, declares the pan-German Tagliche Rundschau, of Berlin, according to a despatch from the Hague to the Daily Mail. The Tagliche Rundschau adds: "Germany must therefore exploit Persia and Siberia, Bremen and Hamburg, which so long have strained their eyes earnestly seaward, must for some time turn their gaze landward. Germany must make up her mind to exploit the countries available to her and these are the Balkan and Black Sea districts, followed by the Caucasus, the Trans-Caspian district, Persia and Siberia."

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—The weather is fair throughout the dominion and very mild in the west. The heavy gale which has been blowing in the maritime provinces is now subsiding.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh west to south winds, fair and milder today and on Sunday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cold today, moderating.

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Maritime—Decreasing westerly, shifting to southwesterly winds, fair and cold today; Sunday, fair and milder.

New England—Fair and warmer tonight and Sunday, moderate southwest winds.

WILL BE 10,000 FLYERS IN ONTARIO CAMPS

Four Thousand Will Have Returned From Texas by April 15

Toronto, Mar. 16—By April more than 4,000 members of the Canadian branch of the Royal Flying Corps will have returned from the camp in Texas.

At least 75 per cent of the officers of the United States Flying Corps will come here for preliminary training. There will be at least eighteen squadrons in operation.

A new camp will be added at Sarnia, Ontario, purely a school for aerial gunnery and aerial fighting. The officers to command the camps are tentatively appointed as follows: Camp Borden, Lieut. Col. F. A. Wanklyn; Armour Heights and Leaside, which are included in North Toronto, Lieut. Col. G. W. Wesley; Deseronto, Major E. K. Kyle and Beausville, Major F. M. Ballard.

At least 75 per cent of the officers of the R. F. C. in Canada are Canadian. Brig. Gen. Hoare is in command of the United States. His headquarters are in Toronto.

WARNING TO MILLERS

Ottawa, Mar. 16—Millers throughout Canada have been warned that assistance by them, as a condition in the shipment of food for stock, that flour also be purchased will be considered by the Ottawa food board as sufficient cause to warrant cancellation of the license of any offending mill. The food board has taken up this question with the millers' committee and the latter has issued a circular letter as follows:

"If flour is not needed by the customers, the miller should, if he has feed available, ship feed alone. If he cannot fill an order for a carload he should be prepared to make any local shipment of feed if his customer so desires."

EXPORT OF NEWSPRINT AND PAPER MAY BE ONLY UNDER LICENSE

Ottawa, Mar. 16—Under an order-in-council published in the Canada Gazette, newsprint paper and mechanical wood pulp are among the goods of which export is prohibited except under license issued by the minister of customs at the request of the war trade board.

A court of inquiry in Winnipeg is investigating alleged irregularities in the payment of the department of Military District No. 10.

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