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AWFUL PLUNGE OF AUTOMOBILE OVER BANK; FOUR PEOPLE KILLED

Owner of Car, His Companion and Two Little Ones

DROP OF SEVENTY-FIVE FEET

Car Misses Bridge at Foot of Steep Hill Near Drummondville, Quebec—Men Dashed to Death Against Stones, Children Drowned—Woman Saves Herself and Infant

Montreal, Sept. 2.—Four persons were instantly killed, while two others were severely injured, in an automobile accident which occurred at St. Bonaventure, near Drummondville, late on Sunday night, when the machine missed a bridge over the Riviere Aux Vaches and tumbled down the embankment.

The dead: Alfred Marcotte, owner and driver of the machine, of Drummondville. Omer Castonguay of Drummondville and two children of Castonguay's, aged four and seven years.

The injured: Mrs. Omer Castonguay and her baby of eight months, both suffering from severe cuts and bruises.

According to the information which reached here last night, the machine, with its six passengers, was on its way back to Drummondville and was going at a fair speed. The road is dark most of the way and at the foot of a hill the bridge crosses the river. The machine sped down the hill and missed the bridge. The machine went over the edge of the embankment and dropped seventy-five feet, the occupants being thrown into the water and on the stones near the shore.

As far as could be learned the two children were drowned before any help could reach them, while Marcotte and Castonguay were dashed to death on the rocky shore.

Mrs. Castonguay and her baby were thrown into the water, but the woman managed to save herself and her child. The machine was wrecked.

G.T.P. FINANCES

British Comment on Announcement of Inability to Meet Debenture Interest Due Yesterday

London, Sept. 1.—C. A. P.—An announcement was made by the London committee of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway that they were unable to meet the four per cent debenture interest which is due today.

The announcement called forth a variety of comment from the newspapers here.

The financial editor of the Telegraph declares it is unthinkable that the government as the receiver should leave the bondholders in the lurch, although the attitude of the dominion authorities to Canada's pioneer railroad has been so ungenerous that one cannot avoid the suspicion that it intended to use the Grand Trunk Pacific as a lever to enforce compulsory terms on the parent company.

The Daily Chronicle counsels holders to be patient, pending definite news from the other side, and advises them not to sacrifice their holdings.

The Financial News declares that since Sir Alfred Smithers arrived in Canada it has been a case of how deferred and much sickness of heart.

The Star says a more sympathetic policy will have to be adopted by the dominion if British investors are not to lose faith in the Canadian administration, although it admits that these delinquencies have now reached a price which gives bargain hunters opportunity to pick up a little risky speculation which might easily yield a handsome profit in the long run.

WIFE'S FOOT CAUGHT IN RAILROAD TRACK; HUSBAND JOINS HER IN DEATH

Chicago, Sept. 2.—"I'll stay with you, Mary." With these words, William T. Tanner, a casemaker in the offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway here, closed his eyes, embraced his wife, whose foot was caught in a railroad frog, and was killed with her when a limited train on the Chicago and Northwestern railway crashed into them last night.

ANOTHER AMERICAN IS KILLED IN MEXICO

El Paso, Sept. 2.—Adam Scharfer, an American citizen, was killed by Mexican bandits at his mine in the State of Zacatecas, on August 28, according to a telegram received by the American Smelting and Refining Company here yesterday.

Pershing on Way Home

Brest, Sept. 2.—General John J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary force, sailed from here yesterday on the transport Leviathan for the United States. The steamer left at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Solve Problem By Making Fiume City Buffer State

Occupy Frankfort if Huns Refuse Allies' Recommendation Re German Constitution—Speeding up Treaty With Bulgaria

Paris, Sept. 2.—(Havas)—The Fiume problem will be solved by an agreement that the city will become a buffer state, with an extended hinterland, according to an interview with a prominent Italian which is printed in the Journal.

The article declares Fiume will be under a regime which will assure the Italian character of the city, being governed by a council composed of two Italians, two Jugo-Slavs and one citizen of Fiume. The city of Zara, it is said, will be made free.

Italy, according to the interview, will renounce her sovereignty over the territory of Trieste in the central part of the Sahara desert, but will receive concessions from the French in Heraklia, Asia Minor, where there is a coal field, and in Anatolia.

Paris, Sept. 2.—(Havas)—According to the Journal the judiciary commission of the peace conference has submitted a report on the German constitution. It recommends that the German government be given fifteen days in which to modify the constitution relative to the admission of Austrian deputies into the German parliament, and suggests that if this demand is denied, Frankfort should be occupied.

Paris, Sept. 1.—(Havas)—The supreme council, desiring at the earliest moment possible to conclude a treaty with Bulgaria, has decided to hand the Bulgarian delegation the text of a treaty which will determine the boundaries of the country. The document will provide for port on the Aegean Sea, but will not name the port.

The Bulgarian delegation will be asked to renounce claim to certain territory which will be stipulated in the peace treaty. The distribution of this territory will be made later.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The treaty of peace will probably be handed the Austrian delegation late this afternoon, according to indications here this morning.

Coblenz, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—French troops in complete control of the situation at Ludwigshafen, where an attempt to establish an independent republic in the Palatinate appears to have come to a head early yesterday. According to German newspapers, adherents of Dr. Haas of Ludwigshafen attacked the post office of Ludwigshafen and after a few hours' fighting succeeded in overpowering the resistance of post office officials. Two persons, the postmaster and another official, are reported to have been killed during the fighting.

Paris, Sept. 2.—It is expected in official circles that the chamber of deputies will vote on the peace treaty on Saturday, according to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris.

Paris, Sept. 2.—(Havas)—The Aegean Sea port, access to which the Allies have decided to give Bulgaria under the peace treaty, is Dedeagatch, together with the railway leading to that port.

Stiff Note to Huns

Paris, Sept. 2.—The supreme council of the peace conference decided today to send a note in forcible terms to the German government pointing out the contradiction with the Versailles treaty of the provision in the new German constitution providing for the representation of Austria in the German Reichstag.

The council demands the suppression of the article within a fortnight, declaring that otherwise the Allies will be compelled to undertake a further occupation of the left bank of the Rhine.

GREAT SUM LURES DEMPSEY TO ENGLAND

Purse of \$175,000 Offered For a Match With Georges Carpentier

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 2.—Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, announced last night that he would accept an offer just received from the manager of Georges Carpentier, French champion, for a match in England between Dempsey and Carpentier for a purse of \$175,000.

BOLSHEVIKI SURROUNDED ON LITHUANIAN FRONT AND ARE SEEKING PEACE

Copenhagen, Sept. 2.—The Lithuanian legation announces that the Bolsheviki have been surrounded on the Lithuanian front. They are offering to make truce with Lithuania, whose advance continues.

PORTER STABBED; ANOTHER HELD

Montreal, Sept. 2.—Stabbed through the heart, Alfred Pope, aged twenty-four, a colored railroad porter of this city, lies at the morgue while Michael Murray, aged thirty-three, also a colored porter, is at detective headquarters charged with murder.

Labor Parade In Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Sept. 2.—In protest against refusal of bail to eight labor leaders awaiting trial for seditious conspiracy, full 2,000 men, women and children of all ranks of labor yesterday paraded in spite of a downpour of rain. The parade was under the auspices of the O. B. U., but it did not represent a show of O. B. U. strength, as the cause of the parade was a common grievance of labor, and all factions were invited.

As Hiram Sees It

The Settlement

An event of considerable social interest occurred in the Settlement on Labor Day. Mr. Hiram, who has been in the city for some time, was invited to a progressive dinner party. Invitations were sent to the side of the highway, where delicious backeries were served on the vine. Hiram remarked to the reporter that it was a fine day. With steadily improving appetite the merry party walked in their overalls to the next course, which was served with lettuce, crisp and toothsome spud. Passing gaily on they reached the turn-off, and it was here that the reporter observed to Hiram that the busy day in the grove down in the hollow seemed to be calling for rain. Nothing, however, could dampen their ardor for enjoyment, and they blithely went on to the next course, which was served with lettuce, crisp and toothsome spud.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF HOUSING SCHEME

A statement of the work of the St. John City Housing Commission was made at a meeting of the common council this morning by Commissioner Bullock. Mr. Fisher asked for a report on the disposal of the stand erected at Reed's Point. He also gave notice of inquiry on matters arising from the lighting bill presented by the N. B. Power Company.

The committee of the whole recommended that the commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands be given authority to call for tenders for posts to the cross wharf roadway between the south and north Quay wharves; also to call for tenders for painting sheds No. 2 and 3; also that the commissioner of public safety be empowered to have the necessary repairs made on No. 4 engine house, estimated cost \$400, to be done by day's work.

Mr. Jones opposed the expenditure of money on property which might be taken over by the government, unless it was required urgently. Mr. Fisher agreed.

Mr. Bullock explained that the city engineer had reported last year that the stand was unsafe. He agreed to present a written report by the engineer on both matters.

On motion of Mr. Bullock, the recommendation re No. 4 engine house was referred back for a written report.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Telegraph Publishing Company was given permission to erect an electric sign over their new room at 27 Canterbury street, in accordance with the usual regulations.

Mr. Bullock reviewed the work of the housing commission and, in reply to statements which had been made indirectly with the federal act, explained that they were controlled entirely by the provincial act and were concerned only with the housing of the poor.

The erection of "flat" dwellings was authorized by the act only when of fireproof construction. Mr. Bullock explained that the object of the act was to improve housing conditions and flats were not regarded as an improvement. In addition to this there was no way of dividing the ownership of a building erected in this way, and if one flat was to be rented there would have to be some regulation to prevent the owner from profiting there. He had spent much time in seeking suitable building sites, but had had little success. He had asked Mr. Thomson to report on the work being done in Moncton.

HOME FROM WINNIPEG

Dr. Wallace K. C. Was at Conference of Commissioners on Uniformity in Legislation

Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., returned yesterday after attending a conference of the commissioners on the uniformity in legislation in Canada, which was held in Winnipeg concurrently with the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association. Besides Mr. Wallace, the other commissioners from New Brunswick were J. D. P. Lewis and G. Teed, Fredericton; E. A. Riley, Moncton, and K. C. of St. John. H. B. Hanson, of K. C., A. LeBlanc, Dalhousie. Messrs. Baxter, Taylor, LeBlanc and Hanson will make a trip to the west coast before returning home. Mr. Taylor is accompanied by his wife.

LOCAL NEWS

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of George C. Beaman took place today. Service was conducted at the home of his son, M. L. C. Beaman, 102 City road, this morning by Rev. M. E. Conron and the body was taken to Hampton on the suburban at 12.15.

A GOOD INCREASE

Customs revenues for August here showed an increase of about 50 per cent over the total for the same month last year. The figures are as follows: 1918. Customs duties \$424,361.14 \$283,201.51 Mariner's fees 177.93 395.54 Increase for 1919, \$141,159.73.

HEAVY HOLIDAY TRAVEL

The Montreal train was brought to the city today in two sections containing a large number of passengers. Two hundred arrived by train from Boston, of which sixty were for points east. On Saturday night on the Governor Dingley the largest crowd of the present season left for Boston, the list being more than 700.

THISTLES WON

In a seven-inning baseball match yesterday morning, the Thistles of St. Peter's League defeated the Acadias by a score of 12-10. O'Connor and McNealey formed the battery for the winners, and Friars, Gill and Ritchie for the losers. The Thistles will meet the Wolves on the Dufferin diamond tomorrow evening at 7.15.

HOME AGAIN

Lieut. C. A. O'Brien of the 26th Battalion, returned home at noon today, being one of four officers coming back by way of New York aboard the S. S. Columbia. Mr. O'Brien belongs to Fredericton, but was living in the west when he enlisted. He was wounded at Passchendaele with the 26th and has since been serving in England. He will go to Fredericton tonight.

HAD A PLEASANT TRIP

Morton L. Harrison has just returned after a very pleasant trip to Boston and vicinity where he visited representatives of his old professions, not only in musical circles but also in connection with his career as a baseball umpire in the good old days. It is some years since Mr. Harrison has had a real vacation, and he greatly enjoyed that of last week. While in Boston he was the guest of W. G. Larsen, manager of the Keith interests there, and under the will of the late A. Paul Keith, one of the new proprietors. Mr. Larsen was formerly a St. John newspaper man, having been on the staff of the Telegraph and other papers and has been in Boston for the last twenty-five years.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the greater portion of the continent, and the weather is fair and cool in nearly all parts of the dominion.

Rain

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northeast winds, cloudy and cool, with local rains today and on Wednesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair and cool today and on Wednesday.

New England—Cloudy tonight; rain on east coast; slightly cooler. Wednesday fair, moderate winds, mostly northeast and north.

"THE CARRIAGE WAITS, MY LORD"



Passing Show, London.

Million Dollar Programme For Street Paving Work

Expenditure to be Spread Over Period of Four Years

On Mayor's Motion City Department of Public Works is Asked to Prepare Such Programme as Preliminary to Paving Plebiscite—Mr. Fisher Opposes

By majority vote of the common council, which met this morning for the weekly session, the public works department was requested to prepare and present a report setting forth a programme for permanent paving operation to extend over a term of four years and to cost from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. In moving this resolution, Mayor Hayes explained that he thought such a programme should be prepared before the question whether abattoirs should contribute for pavement improvements was submitted to the voters by plebiscite. Mr. Fisher opposed the motion on the ground that it would complicate the issue when the plebiscite was taken.

In presenting the matter to the council, the mayor recalled that Mr. Jones had suggested that a plebiscite should be taken to determine whether the principle of the local improvements act should be followed or abandoned. Owing to difference of opinion in the council, the paving work had been held up this year, and they would not want to see it delayed another year, and the only course open to them seemed to be to let the council decide. The majority of the council seemed to feel that the citizens did not want the abattoirs to pay. This was not what they believed that they should want legislation to require the abattoirs to contribute. The citizens were asking for large expenditures on the spread over four years, and this amount, \$1,000,000 would not be too much. He thought that a programme for the expenditure of something in this amount, and with that programme before them, the citizens could vote on the adoption of a permanent scheme on which to vote. It would be too late to let this matter wait for the new council.

DAYLIGHT TIME FOR CITY HALL UNTIL SEPT. 30

The clocks controlled by the city will continue on daylight time until the last day in September, instead of changing to standard time at the end of this week, according to the terms of the resolution adopted last spring. This decision was reached at the meeting of the common council this morning.

Mr. Jones brought up the matter, saying that he believed that the majority of the citizens wished to continue under the present arrangement until the fall. The mayor pointed out that the change he moved that daylight saving time be continued in effect so far as the city is concerned until the last day of September.

Mr. Bullock was not definitely assured of the desires of the majority of the citizens but felt that this was the better plan. He seconded the motion.

Mr. Fisher thought they should leave the matter as it stood in the original resolution. When daylight time had been adopted for the city in the spring they had fixed the time for its expiration on the date they thought most equitable and he saw no reason for a change. The mayor pointed out that the only effect of their motion was to change the city hall clocks, as even the public service employees outside the city hall did not follow daylight time. Since they had made the change to avoid confusion, he thought they could make another change to continue to avoid confusion. The motion carried.

GIRL MISSING

Search is being made for Miss Geraldine Duff, aged fifteen years, who left the home of her cousin, Mrs. A. Lahey, 171 St. James street, where she had resided for about three years, and has not since been heard from. The matter has been reported to the police who are on the lookout for information which will lead to her whereabouts. Miss Duff belongs to Quebec but has been living here while attending school and was to have entered the High School today. It was suggested that this might have been a motive for her disappearing, that she did not wish to resume studies but who also is keeper of the post office in Devon, was broken into on Saturday night. A small portion of the stock was stolen but the thieves were frightened away by people of the building, who were aroused by the noise.

SUSPECT STEAMER OF TAKING MUNITIONS TO SINN FEINERS

Cork, Ireland, Sept. 1.—Suspected of carrying munitions to the Sinn Fein forces, the steamship Hampshire Coast was seized by a British destroyer yesterday and had been brought to Cork today. The steamer left London for Ireland Wednesday.

Excursion Steamer Aground; 1,700 Aboard

Boston, Sept. 2.—The steamer Dorothy Bradford, returning from Provincetown with holiday excursionists estimated at more than 1,700, ran aground off Castle Island, Boston harbor, in a fog last night. The passengers were said to be in no danger.

Six Children Burn to Death; Parents Away

Regina, Sask., Sept. 2.—While their fathers were away at Jansen haymaking and their mothers were shopping at Fernville, six children of two families living together in a house near Driscoll Lake post office were burned to death on last Friday evening. Neighbors who saw the dwelling in flames rushed to the spot and found no living thing around and the house absolutely destroyed.

On the return of the mothers the heat was too intense to search the ruins and the bodies were in the cellar where the structure was carried on its collapse. Two of the victims were of the family of Councillor Colin Monroe and four were those of Roy McKnight. The eldest of all was but nine years old.

THINGS BEGIN TO STIR IN THE POLITICAL LINE IN OLD LAND

Lloyd George in France But Has Eye on Home Problems

CONSTANTLY IN TOUGH

New Press Campaign Which Recalls Overthrow of Asquith Government—Struggle on, Also, in the Commercial Field With Ports Open to German Goods

London, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Political activity will evidently be resumed long before parliament re-assembles in October. Premier Lloyd George is expected to remain in France another fortnight, but he has already virtually finished his holiday and is busily engaged in the affairs of the nation. He is consulting members of the cabinet personally on home problems and is in constant telephonic communication with both Paris and London.

Interest in this city centres about a new campaign by the newspapers which is reminiscent of the one which overthrew the Asquith government. It seeks to make Andrew Bonar Law, former chancellor of the exchequer and present government leader in the House of Commons, the scapegoat for any governmental mistakes and shortcomings and exonerate the premier on the ground that Bonar Law was virtually acting premier in London while Lloyd George was engaged at the peace conference in Paris. The aim of the campaign seems to be to discredit the Conservative section of the coalition government and to prepare for the possibility after the general election of bringing in a labor cabinet of which Lloyd George could assume leadership.

A fierce struggle is also brewing in the commercial field, now that British ports have been opened to German trade. Manufacturing interests are already loudly protesting against the free admission of German goods, especially against German toys and optical instruments, on the ground that British industry is just beginning to successfully create a business in these lines, which before the war were largely monopolized by Germans. On the other hand are heard apprehensive sentiments, from free traders, who fear the government will yield to manufacturers' demands and impose fresh prohibitions under the guise of protective duties.

The annual trades union congress, which will meet in Glasgow on Sept. 15, is expected to avoid routine discussions and concentrate its attention on questions like accelerated production and the nationalization of industries, especially coal mines.

STANDING TIMBER BOUGHT

E. C. Atkinson Buys Some 2,000,000 Feet—News From Fredericton

Fredericton, Sept. 2.—E. C. Atkinson of Fredericton has purchased from William Munroe of Southampton the standing timber on his property in that parish and will operate there this winter for the American market. About \$20,000 was paid for the property by Mr. Atkinson. Some 2,000,000 feet of timber is concerned.

Mrs. Phoebe Cannon, widow of William Cannon of Burton, died on Saturday after a lingering illness. She was aged eighty-one years. Two sons, William and Joseph, both of Burton, and one daughter, Mrs. John McMinn of Shirley, survive. The funeral took place on Monday.

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