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BAD WEATHER DELAYS FLIGHT

BRITISH AVIATORS ARE READY TO MAKE BIG JUMP

BOTH PILOTS AWAITING FINE WEATHER
(Special to The Record)
ST. JOHNS, Nfld., April 14.—Auspicious weather conditions are still being awaited by the British aviators, who are here ready to start their flights across the Atlantic. The Martins de plane is practically ready for the jump, while the defect in the wireless equipment of the Sopwith has been remedied. Pilot Harry Hawker of the Sopwith, it is understood may depart from his original plan for an afternoon start and make his get-away in the forenoon. This would necessitate making the last stage of the journey at night. All plans have, heretofore, been for an afternoon start.

Captain Senn, manager of the Sopwith team, announced last night that the machine was in perfect condition and ready to go at a moment's notice. The rival camps are keeping a

wary eye on each other, Hawker being especially alert to prevent the Martinsde people stealing a march on him by making an unexpectedly quick start. Major Morgan of the Martinsde is not making any very accurate forecast of the time he will begin his flights. He said he was not sure that he would attempt even a trial before Wednesday. If the trial is satisfactory, he said the plane might start for the other side a few hours afterward. He expressed confidence in getting across.

A rumor that two small packages of parts, essential to the Martinsde machine had disappeared, was denied by Morgan.

WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE UNFAVORABLE.
ST. JOHNS, Nfld., April 15.—Weather conditions continue unfavorable and it is unlikely that a start will be made today by any of the aviators for the trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland. Rain fell through out the night.

& Co., where they were recovered by the police.

They got away with a small quantity of tobacco and biscuits. This is the second time this store has been robbed in a week.

Peace Program Goes to Delegates April 25
IF NOT SIGNED, IT THEN WILL GO TO WEIMAR
(Special to The Record)
PARIS, April 15. (By Fred S. Ferguson).—The peace program was authoritatively outlined to the United Press to-day as follows: The treaty will be handed to the German delegates on April 25. If these have plenary powers, it will be signed almost immediately. Otherwise it will first be submitted to the German Government at Weimar.

Separate treaties will be presented to Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria within a few days after the German delegates arrive at Versailles.

As soon as all treaties are signed, a period of twenty to thirty days will be permitted for ratification by the allied governments. When two-thirds of the government have ratified the treaty they become effective. President Wilson is expected to call a special session of Congress for this purpose, not later than June 1.

The "Little Five" (Foreign Minister's council) met today to discuss the mechanical details of the final peace sessions. Under the present plans a plenary session probably will be held next week, in which the new covenant of the league of nations will be presented, as well as the final reports of other commissions.

No definite conclusion has been reached regarding the work after the German delegate arrive but it is understood a special committee composed of the "Big Four" will deal with them. The treaty will be gone over and the various points explained. The German delegates are then expected to return to Weimar and submit the treaty to their government. This plan naturally will be altered if the German delegates have plenary powers, as they will then be able to sign the treaty without leaving Versailles.

New England Telephone Operators Are Out
TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS PARALYZED
(Special to The Record)
BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—Approximately 8000 operators of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in New England, went on strike at seven o'clock this morning to enforce their demands for increased wages. Hospitals and institutions of every description, who are apparently dependent on in emergency were without service. Practically the entire telephone system of New England was paralyzed. Nearly 12,000 other telephone employees will join the strike of the operators to-day, according to their leaders.

Burglars at Napanee Rob a Grocery
TOOK \$30,000 WORTH OF VICTORY BONDS
(Special to The Record)
KINGSTON, April 15.—Burglars ransacked the grocery store of R. J. Wales at Napanee this morning but were frightened off by some fishermen. Included in their booty was a tin box containing \$30,000 worth of Victory bonds. In their hurry to get away the thieves scattered them all over the lumber yards of Gibbords

Lloyd George in London to Address Commons

WILL REPLY TO UNIONIST MEMORANDUM
(Special to The Record)
LONDON, April 15.—Premier Lloyd George, who arrived in London last night, was expected to lay the case of the British peace delegates before the house of commons to-morrow.

The Premier, on his arrival gave out a brief statement, in which he said that "all is going well."

The Unionist majority in the commons recently directed a memorandum to the Premier, demanding that Germany be made to pay the full cost of the war and virtually asking why Lloyd George was evading his pre-election pledges. His speech will be a reply to this memorandum.

Some newspapers professed to see a cabinet crisis resulting from the present situation.

Why Butter Prices Are Now Mounting

LESS OF IT IN CANADA
OTTAWA, April 15.—Reduced stocks of butter in storage on April 1, are shown in the report of the Cost of Living branch to Minister of Labor. The total amount of creamery butter in storage was 1,773,290 pounds, or 69 per cent. less than last month and 17 1-2 per cent. less than last year.

Dairy butter also shows a shortage of approximately 75 per cent. The increase in price is partially due to an increased international price, rising to higher levels than present Canadian price and to a shortage of supply in Canada.

Sam Hughes Roasted by Grand Army Men

FOR A STATEMENT MADE IN HOUSE
(Special to The Record)
TORONTO, Ont., April 15.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes was severely censured last night at the meeting of the Grand Army of Canada, for his recent utterances regarding the alleged action of the Durham and Yorkshire Imperial regiments during the war. The former minister declared on the floor of the House of Commons that both these units had thrown down their rifles and run at the second battle of Ypres. So strong was the feeling against Sir Sam that a resolution was passed that General Hughes be prohibited from resuming his seat in the house until he had publicly retracted his "slanders and statements."

"It does not come very well from the lips of a man like Sir Sam Hughes who never saw the trenches" indignantly declared one member of the audience. "He is no man" retorted another man with equal heat.

Hungarian Officials Reported Assassinated

BUT REPORT IS NOT CONFIRMED.
LONDON, April 15.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Aftonbladet newspaper says that the Aftonbladet of Berlin print reports received from travellers to the effect that communists at Budapest have executed Archduke Joseph, Dr. Alexander Wokler, former Premier and Baron Joseph Seteprenyi, Minister of Commerce.

These reports, the dispatch says, have not been confirmed.

WOULD NOT ACCEPT POSITION.
With reference to our item in yesterday's issue concerning the Postmaster, Ald. H. M. Bowman regrets us to state that he is an opponent of the Borden administration and would not accept any government appointment.

PLAINTIFF SECURED DECISION
The case of Wanless vs Schwartz which involved the transfer of certain real estate has been decided in favor of the plaintiff by Justice Logie at the Supreme Court which is in session here.

Chicago will be the meeting place today of the twelfth annual convention of the Illinois-Wisconsin Ice Dealers' Association.

Harry Hawker Preparing for Trans-Atlantic Flight.



TRANSHIPPING THE MACHINE FROM PORTIA TO THE CARS AT PLACENTIA FOR A 90 MILE RUN ON THE CARS TO ST. JOHNS



TRANSHIPPING MACHINE AT ST. JOHNS

War Veterans Request Exploration Parties To Examine Canada's Natural Resources.

WITH ROYALTIES FOR DISCOVERIES
(Special to The Record)
OTTAWA, April 15.—Various resolutions have already been received by the natural Resources Committee, recently formed by the western Unionist members and there are indications that a considerable amount of useful work will be done during the session by the body in question.

John Campbell of Nelson, secretary of the committee, has received a resolution from the Great War Veterans of Winnipeg. This resolution sets forth that the work done during the past forty years by the Geological Department is infinitesimal, compared with what remains to be done.

It is proposed that four or five hundred trained parties, each under the direction of a competent mineralogist should, with advantage, be sent out to examine the different sections of the country each summer, particularly that section of the Dominion lying between the Great Lakes and the Mackenzie River and that all the necessary instructions be given to such parties during the winter.

The Association proposes that the federal authorities be requested to undertake at once the training of the necessary number of returned soldiers say from ten to twelve thousand and to provide that these discovering valuable materials obtain a fair share of the profits by way of royalty or otherwise, in addition to their salaries.

Hot Passage at Inquiry of Homer Liquor Case
Commissioner Meredith Talks Sharply to Witness.
(Special to The Record)
TORONTO, April 15.—The royal commission inquiring into the Dewar-Ayrault charges, concluded its investigation of the Homer case to-day. The session began quietly enough, with Patrick T. Cronin, of the Toronto Worlds, on the stand. Mr. Peter White, K. C., resumed his cross examination of Mr. Cronin.

Mr. T. L. Monahan followed and then Mr. McKay, K. C., took a hand.

Before the ordeal of Mr. Cronin was concluded, Sir William Meredith had a wordy battle with the witness. The commissioner said he could not understand a witness' theory that it was a scandal to take liquor into the constituency and pressed witness for an explanation. Witness replied that he still thought it was a public scandal.

"Why! Why! Thundered Sir William, with more than a hint of anger in his tone. "Do you mean to say there was anything at all in it unless the liquor was going to be used for election purposes?"

"It would create public suspicion," replied Mr. Cronin.

"In such minds as yours," retorted Sir William sharply.

"It has created suspicion in the past," replied Mr. Cronin.

"Every effort was made to show you that you were in the wrong and yet you persisted in these views. What justification had you?"

The witness again said he considered it "a public scandal."

"Now you have heard the evidence," went on Sir William. "A man named Lavell was engaged in illicit traffic in liquor. It was important he should be caught. He was caught as the result of the arrangement with Clyde. He was fined and Smith was fined and the liquor was confiscated, and yet you have, I had almost said, yes, I will say it, the hardihood to say that was a public scandal, because an election was going on. Try to bring your common sense to bear."

Mr. Cronin: "I am speaking without fear or favor or prejudice and I think it was a public scandal."

"Say why! man. Say why!" thundered Sir William.

"For public decency's sake," replied Mr. Cronin.

"Those stock phrases are not new to me," snapped the commissioner. "Say why!"

21 PERSONS KILLED IN AMRITSAR
(Special to The Record)
LONDON, April 15.—Serious riots in India on Friday and Saturday, were reported in an official report from the Viceroy to-day. The disturbance resulted from the deportation of several agitators. Two banks, the town hall and a warehouse were burned in Amritsar. Five Europeans were killed. Three of them, bank employees, perished in the flames. Troops fired into the crowds of rioters, killing nine and wounding 21. Five casualties occurred at Lahore.

Fire Prevention Chapter Formed After Representative's Address
Mr. George F. Lewis of League Shows the Good Work That Has so Far Been Accomplished.

Organization to work for fire-protection in the city has effected last evening at the city hall following an address by Mr. George F. Lewis representing the Ontario Fire Prevention League. The following motion was unanimously passed by the joint meeting of representatives of various public bodies presided over by Mayor Gross:

"That the Water Commission, the Fire and Light Committee of the City Council and the Board of Trade be constituted a chapter of the Ontario Fire Prevention League with power to add to its numbers, to draft articles of association, elect officers and committees and take such further action as shall be deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the municipal council."

This City Initiated Movement
Mr. Lewis, after being introduced to the meeting, read a telegram from Mr. H. Grove Smith, the Dominion Fire Commissioner, as follows:

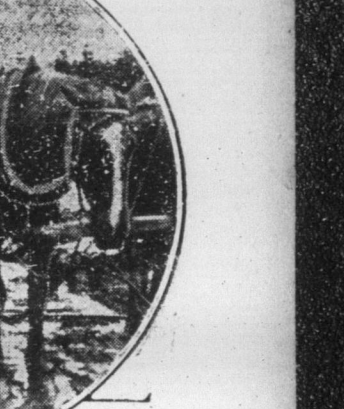
Kindly convey to the people of Kitchener my sincere regrets that I cannot make train connections; the people of Kitchener were largely instrumental in initiating fire prevention work in Canada and I feel sure will enthusiastically support the excellent effort which your department is making.

Mr. Lewis' address was an able and lucid exposition of the necessity and the success of the fire prevention movement. It follows:

Twenty Per Cent. Decrease in Number of Fires During the Last Six Months

"It is a noteworthy fact that the number of fires and amount of losses in the Province of Ontario during the first eight months of 1918 were much greater than during the corresponding period of 1917. It is equally remarkable that the records show since the Fire Prevention Propaganda was

Bolsheviki Retreated in the Murmansk Section



GROUP OF THE SOPWITH PARTY, READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: COMMANDER MCKENZIE (GRIEVE R.N. NAVIGATOR, CAPT. MASON, HARRY G. HAWKER, PILOT (HANDS IN POCKET) — CAPT. PENN, ORGANIZING MANAGER-OFFICER IN UNIFORM, METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER

"It was a peculiar election," retorted Mr. Cronin.

"I hope," said Sir William, in conclusion, "that there are not many men such as you on the press of the province."

This concluded the Homer case and the commissioner started on the investigation of what is known as the Stavka case, which has to do with the alleged improper reduction of a \$10,000 police court fine to a penalty of \$400.

600 Canadians Are in Northern Russia Area
LONDON, April 15. (Reuters).—Six hundred Canadian troops, mostly artillery, are serving with allied forces in northern Russia, on the Arhangelsk and Murmansk front, it has been learned here.

The sixteenth brigade, Canadian field artillery, is the principal unit, but there are drafts from the infantry and various services including many men from the Klondike, accustomed to Arctic conditions.

The Canadians have at all times borne their full share of fighting and General Ironsides has frequently emphasized their efficiency.

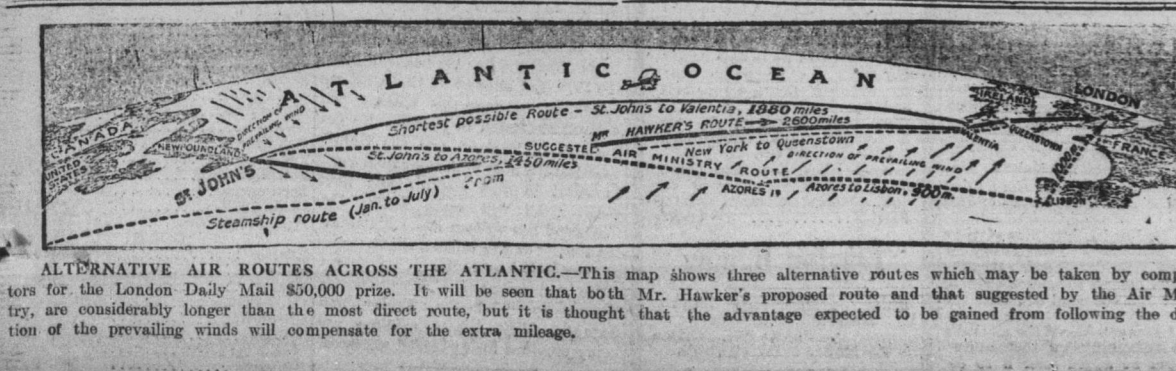
FELL BACK TEN MILES
LONDON, April 15.—A retreat of ten miles in the Murmansk region is admitted by the Russian Soviet government, in a wireless message received here to-day. The message says: In the direction of Murmansk our troops have retreated ten miles to south of Ures Station and Uras Lake.

F.W.D. TRUCK DEMONSTRATION
The F.W.D. truck demonstration took place early this afternoon on the property of the Dominion Fire Company, Dominion and Strange streets. Some wonderful stunts were pulled off which showed why the truck is known as an efficient motor vehicle. Many citizens were assembled to witness the demonstration.

Matches Cause 114 Fires in February
"Of the twenty-seven classifications into which the cause of fires are divided that under matches still continues to head the list. Out of a total number of 708 fires in the Province of Ontario during the month of February, 114 fires or sixteen per cent. were caused by carelessness with matches or children playing with them."

"Outside of general carelessness habits on the part of the public it is a difficult problem to solve when one tries to find out the direct reason for so many fires caused by matches. In discussing the matter with smokers who are in the habit of using great many matches, it has been stated repeatedly that the quality of the matches now being sold is very inferior to those formerly made. The wood of the match, it is claimed, is rough and brittle and the heads fly off. Several instances have recently been drawn to our attention of boxes of matches in men's pockets having ignited. If there is any

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ALTERNATIVE AIR ROUTES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.—This map shows three alternative routes which may be taken by competitors for the London Daily Mail \$50,000 prize. It will be seen that both Mr. Hawker's proposed route and that suggested by the Air Ministry, are considerably longer than the most direct route, but it is thought that the advantage expected to be gained from following the direction of the prevailing winds will compensate for the extra mileage.