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## Threat Made By Mussolini, Italian Premier, Alarms Allies

# 10,000 REFUGEES TURN TO DEATH

### 2 REGIMENTS OF SOLDIERS ARE LANDED

Italian Troops Reach Corfu to Give Relief to Sailors Now on Island.

TAKE UP POSITION

Belgium to Stand Solidly With Britain in Defense of League of Nations

(Canadian Press.)

Corfu, Sept. 5.—Two regiments of Italian infantry have landed here to relieve the sailors who have been garrisoning the island.

The Greek soldiers and gendarmes, together with the Greek prefect and police chief, have left for home aboard the steamer Imene. They were the last representatives of the Athens government in Corfu.

Vice Admiral Simonetti, the Italian governor of the island, has published a manifesto asking the people to be calm and await a solution of the Greco-Italian dispute. He has visited all the military posts established in the interior and along the coast.

The Italian troops have taken up their position at the famous villa which was once the summer palace of the former German Kaiser.

London, Sept. 5.—Friends of the League of Nations among the British newspapers are gravely perturbed at Mussolini's threat to withdraw should the league insist upon intervening in the Greco-Italian conflict.

"The league is challenged at its foundation; it must take up the challenge or abdicate," says the Daily Chronicle. The Morning Post asserts that the league is now at the very crisis of its career and that it should not allow itself to be intimidated by the Italian premier, which would mean suicide. On the other hand, both the Daily Mail and the Daily Express indicate a more serious attitude.

Lord Robert Cecil, the latter newspaper visualizes the dire consequences that would result from the application of the league to Italy, which it says would be where Great Britain and France would have to do most of the fighting.

The Manchester Guardian comments: "Language serves different purposes to different men, but if Mussolini means seriously and in cold blood that Italy will withdraw from the League after it has accepted its intervention, then the league is in great peril. If it surrenders to Mussolini, its life would be over, and it is clear that the reality of Versailles would not long survive the league."

Will Back British.  
Geneva, Sept. 5.—It is reported that Paul Hymans, the Belgian delegate, has received orders from Brussels to stand solidly with Great Britain in assuring respect for the League of Nations pact even at the cost of Italy's withdrawal from the league.

York Co. Votes  
Returns Are Announced Following Elections Held in Parishes.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 5.—Returns from the Biennial elections of the Municipality of York County had been received late this morning from all parishes but North Lake and Manners Sutton. In the latter parish the successful candidates are:—

Kingclear—John F. Doherty, 222; Henry Lehr, 219; J. F. McIntosh, 206; F. G. Christie, 26.  
McAdam—W. J. Gaynor, 288; W. C. Whipple, 272; William Stennick, 149; Nelson Speedy, 116.

Manners Sutton—Frank A. Coburn, Matthew Lighter elected, James E. Murray and Bowman Little defeated.

Each parish has two councillors. In Kingsclear county—Councillor Doherty re-elected at the head of a poll is a native of St. John.

### 31 Giant Locomotives Finished in 31 Hours

Philadelphia, Sept. 5.—All records for locomotive production were smashed when thirty-one locomotives of the largest type produced in America left the Eddystone plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works between 5 a. m. Saturday and 11:15 p. m. Sunday at the rate of one every hour, the company announced today. They weighed from 350,000 to 400,000 pounds each.

### JESUITS PURCHASE OLD CARNEGIE HOME

Use Fine Estate of Stockbridge, Mass. for Work of Novitiate.

Boston, Sept. 5.—The Jesuit Order has purchased the former home of the late Andrew Carnegie at Stockbridge, Mass., to be used as the novitiate of the New England section of the Maryland-New York Province of the order. It is one of the finest estates in America, costing the late steel magnate approximately \$2,000,000, but the Jesuits did not pay anything like this amount for it.

### BAD CHECK PASSERS FACE NEW PITFALL

New York Law No Longer Allows Days of Grace in Which to Pay.

New York, Sept. 5.—Two laws which take effect tomorrow will have gone into effect in New York State.

One is known as the "bad check law." It provides a real remedy against the bad check passer, according to the Hotel Association of New York City. Under the old law, the passer of a bad check was entitled to ten days to notice before he could be prosecuted. The purpose of this was to give the passer time in which to make good the check.

Another law which went into effect is known as the "Fraud act, Chapter 508 of the laws of 1923 of New York State." It provides that where a guest has failed to pay his bill and departed from a hotel, he is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Wire Briefs  
Liverpool, Sept. 5.—Alfred Holt and Co., today received a despatch from Kobe saying that business is impossible at Yokohama and that all cargoes for that city should be landed at Kobe.

London, Sept. 5.—The steamship Empress of Canada is on the way to Shanghai with several hundred injured refugees, says the Central News, as the hospitals in Kobe are full. Medical supplies are being rushed to the stricken areas.

Lyons, Sept. 5.—Edouard Herriot, French deputy and mayor of Lyons, today said that the government is to visit New York, Chicago and Washington and then will go to Canada for as long a stay as possible before his return on October 5.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—That the Ruhr and the Rhineland fight has been lost by the Government and the army of German registers now is also tacitly admitted in political circles, although the press has not yet discussed the situation with the Government is considered.

## \$1,000,000 BY RED CROSS STARTS HELP

### Preparations Made to Rush Supplies to Victims of Japanese Quake

### MEDICINE IS SENT

### U. S. Ships, Army and Merchant Mariner Ordered to Assist Sufferers.

Washington, Sept. 5.—President Coolidge, taking cognizance of the unparalleled disaster which has visited Japan, without waiting for official confirmation, this afternoon issued an appeal to the American people for contributions. The President has asked that the American Red Cross be the medium through which aid is given to Japan.

The President, after consultation with the State Department, issued the following appeal: "To the people of the United States: 'An overwhelming disaster, has overtaken the people of the friendly nation of Japan. While its extent has not as yet been officially reported, enough is known to justify the statement that the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama and surrounding towns and villages have been largely if not completely destroyed by earthquake, fire and food, with a resultant appalling loss of life and destitution and distress, requiring measures of urgent relief.'

"Such assistance as is within the means of the Executive Department of the Government will be rendered, but realizing the great suffering which now prevails, the appeal is made for contributions to come, I am prompted to appeal urgently to the American people, whose sympathies have always been so comprehensive, to contribute in aiding the unfortunate and in giving relief to the people of Japan.

"In order that the utmost co-ordination and effectiveness in the administration of the relief funds be obtained, I recommend that all contributions, directly designated to the Red Cross, be sent to the American National Red Cross at Washington or to any of the local Red Cross chapters for transmission to Japan."

Following the appeal by the President, the Red Cross, from its headquarters here, issued a statement relative to its plans. This statement said: "The Red Cross has started the national fund for the relief of victims of the Japanese earthquake horror with a contribution of \$100,000. In addition it has appropriated from its reserve funds \$100,000 for the assistance of Americans caught in the disaster zone."

### Ready to Send Nurses

Supplementing these appropriations, which will be forwarded through the Japanese Red Cross through the State Department, it was announced that machinery for dispatching relief supplies and Red Cross nurses and relief workers to the scene was ready, should developments show this would be effective.

### VICE WAR AGAIN ON IN ATLANTIC CITY

### Thirty-two Arrests Made in New "Clean-Up" Crusade at Resort.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 5.—Defendants named in thirty-one vice indictments returned by the Atlantic County Grand Jury are being rounded up by county detectives and held until their appearance before Judge W. H. Smithers in Criminal Court at Mays Landing.

### OPERATOR BLAMED

Order to Conductor "Got Covered Up"; Three Killed in Week.

Englehart, Ont. Sept. 5.—The direct cause of a fatal collision on the Teniskaming and Northern Ontario Railway last week when three trainmen lost their lives was ascribed by a coroner's jury to the failure on the part of James Gillicie, operator at Englehart to hand to the conductor of train 97 his proper "schedule" orders. The jury added a rider to the effect that if operators were properly checked from the head office such errors would be noticed in time to prevent such accidents.

### FRANCHISE ENVOY SAFE

Paris, Sept. 5.—The French ambassador to Japan, Paul Claudel, is safe aboard the S. S. Andre Lebon, the foreign office was notified today in a cable message from the French consul at Kobe.

The councillor of the embassy, Prince Henry de Beurn, has arrived at Kobe aboard the President Jefferson.

### 15,000,000 Persons In 'Quake District'

London, Sept. 5.—A Reuter despatch from Osaka dated Tuesday, says that judging from all reports the earthquake affected the following ten prefectures: Tokyo, Kanagawa, Shizuoka, Chiba, Yamaguchi, Saitama, Ibaraki, Nagano, Guma and Tochigi. The total area affected was 20,000 square miles, with a population of 15,000,000. This area includes the large cities like Tokyo, Yokohama, Yokosuka and foreign tourist resorts like Kamakura, Hakone and Nikko.

### 31 MISSIONARIES IN 'QUAKE ZONE'

Mission M. Robertson, of St. John, is Now Mentioned in List From Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—The women's missionary society of the Canadian Methodist church announced that 31 of their workers are at present in Japan, many of them in areas known to have been affected by the earthquake and fire disaster.

Tokyo, Miss M. Robertson, St. John, N. B.; Miss I. S. Blackmore, Truro, N. S.; Miss K. Drake, Dunville, Ont.; Miss L. M. Burke, Belleville, Ont.; Miss K. W. McArthur, Delhi, Ont.; Miss A. B. Bishop, Toronto; Miss B. Megaffin, Verdun, Man. (All the above at the Asaba Dispensary.)

Miss E. A. Preston, Brantford; Mrs. A. P. Sampson, St. John's, Nfld.; Miss M. A. Simpson, Brantford; Mrs. A. W. Allen, Toronto; Miss S. C. Chappell (Canadian address not known); Miss E. L. Bates, Winnipeg.

Shioux Falls, Miss S. R. Conroy, Clinton, Ont.; Miss O. C. Lindsay, Toronto; Miss K. Greenbank, Wawa, Ont.; Miss I. Gouenlock, London, Ont.; Miss M. D. Keady, Dundas, Ont.; Miss E. L. Ryan, Toronto; Miss A. O. Strother, Truro, N. S.; Miss L. M. Barr, Vinemount, Ont.

Kanasawa; Miss H. J. Jost, Bridgeport, N. S. (possibly now at Yokohama); Miss E. G. Leppard, Owen Sound; Miss S. O. Tait, Brantford, N. S.; Fukui; Miss M. M. Staples, Princeport, Ont.; Miss O. P. Hamby, Napanee, Ont.

Naganaw; Miss C. E. Hart, Sackville, N. B.; Miss A. L. Callbeck, Central Bedque, P. E. I.

Top; Miss M. E. E. Armstrong, Sarnia, Ont. Ueda; Miss Ada Killam, Yarmouth, N. S.

### DEMAND CONROY BE REINSTATED

### Two Thousand Western Coal Miners Decide to Remain on Strike.

Calgary, Sept. 5.—Two thousand Drumheller and Wayne coal miners at a mass meeting at Drumheller last night decided to remain on strike until James Conroy, one of their number, was reinstated. Charges of discrimination were made against Drumheller Valley operators and miners declared they would remain out until they were reinstated.

W. A. Sherman, president of District 18, U. M. W. of America, who attempted to effect a settlement said last night he would remain in Drumheller until today to make another attempt. He said, however, he was not optimistic of results.

Mines in Rosedale are the only ones in the valley now operating.

### Great Airship Is Success in Trial

Lake Huron, N. J., Sept. 5.—The rigid airship SR-1 of the U. S. navy made its trial flight over the naval air station here late yesterday. The monster ship rose rapidly to a height of 1,000 feet and headed east for the Atlantic ocean. After flying in circles about the field for an hour, the ship came safely to earth and was towed into the hangar. Government officials professed to be satisfied with the trial.

The SR-1 is 680 feet long and 78 feet in greatest diameter. She has a helium gas capacity of 2,150,000 cubic feet. She is manned by a crew of 22 and 9 officers, and has a ground crew of 300.

### CHARGE BOY OF TWELVE AS SLAYER

### Youngest in Canada Ever to Face Trial for Murder.

### HE BLAMES MOTHER

### Youth Says She Told Him to Shoot Neighbor in Quarrel.

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—Peter Sawicki, said to be the youngest boy ever to face Canadian courts charged with murder, is in the provincial jail at the court house at Dauphin awaiting his preliminary trial. He is only 12½ years of age. He is charged with killing Mrs. Anna Zukka at Pine River on last Saturday.

"I didn't know that it was wrong to shoot anybody," the youthful prisoner answered under examination at the coroner's inquest held on Monday at Pine River, "but my mother told me to shoot anybody I would have shot if she wouldn't have told me."

His mother, Mrs. Paul Sawicki, is in hospital badly bruised as the result of a fight which preceded the tragedy. She is suffering from nervous shock and is unable to take the lightest nourishment. The fatal quarrel is said to have been caused by cattle belonging to the Zukka family running loose in grain fields.

### WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN SUITCASE

### Head and Legs Missing in Find Made in Merrimack River.

Tyngsboro, Mass., Sept. 5.—The torso of a woman was found in a suitcase floating in the Merrimack River here. There was no clue to the identity.

An automobile party which had stopped at the bank of the river saw the suitcase floating down stream and notified a policeman. He got a pole and brought the receptacle ashore. On opening it he discovered the headless body. The legs also were missing.

The police began an investigation to determine if any woman in this section was missing. Tyngsboro is a small town on the New Hampshire border half way between the cities of Lowell, Mass., and Nashua, N. H. The State highway runs close to the river and there is a bridge in the center of the village.

The torso had been in the water for about five hours, according to Merrimack Examiner Harding. The appearance of the limbs indicated that the woman had not done hard work. She was about 30 years of age and of medium height.

The police learned that an automobile drove along the boulevard that parallels the river opposite the shore near which the suitcase was discovered. Traveling at high speed, according to Charles L. Nelson, who was near the open car, it crossed the Tyngsboro bridge and crashed through a fence in making the turn into the highway, but resumed its journey before he could reach it. There were two persons in the car.

The suitcase was found a quarter of a mile below the bridge. The authorities seek to develop their theory that persons in the automobile cast the suitcase into the stream from the bridge, the police are dragging the river in search of the rest of the body.

### Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure is highest north of the Great Lakes and in the Maritime Provinces and lowest in Saskatchewan. The weather is fair and moderately cool in all parts of the Dominion.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair today and Thursday.

Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair today and Thursday. New England—Probably showery tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature. Moderate east, becoming south winds. Toronto, Sept. 5.—Temperatures:

Lowest Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night  
Victoria ... 64 82 84  
Vancouver ... 54 82 84  
Winnipeg ... 52 78 48  
Montreal ... 56 86 50  
St. John ... 52 66 42  
Halifax ... 64 66 44

### Mother of Twins at 52

### REFUGEES LOSE LIVES IN FLAMES

### Thousands are Burned in Attempt to Flee from Fire in Tokio

### FOOD IS SCARCE

### Many Foreigners are Now Reported to Be Among Earthquake Dead.

Osaka, Sept. 5.—Approximately 10,000 refugees, fleeing from the ruins of Tokio, were burned to death in the yard of a military clothing factory in the industrial suburb of Honjo.

Water and provisions are reported still scarce in Tokio. Three persons are sharing a single piece of bread.

### THOUSANDS ARE DEAD

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—Latest unofficial reports place the dead in Tokio and Yokohama at 204,000 and 450,000 persons injured as the result of the earthquake and fire, according to a wireless message picked up here last night by Admiral Edward W. Eberle, chief of naval operations, from Admiral Edwin Anderson, commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet.

Reports Are True.  
As the story of the Japanese disaster is unfolded in the fragmentary messages from Press Association correspondents, Japanese newspaper and individuals, it is apparent that the magnitude of the catastrophe has not been overdrawn.

In only one dispatch has there been a suggestion that the death toll will not reach the proportions already indicated. This was a message from the Radio Corporation of America in Japan which said the Japanese house office estimated the dead in Tokio at 10,000, in Yokohama at 100,000.

On the other hand, Admiral Edwin A. Anderson, commanding the U. S. Asiatic fleet, says the latest unofficial reports give the casualties in the capital and Yokohama as 240,000 dead and 450,000 injured.

Another estimate, this one coming from the Eastern News Agency, says that 820,000 persons have been killed in the entire stricken districts.

### Refuses Tow To Port After 84 Days Of Battling In Seas Off Gibraltar

New York, Sept. 5.—Eighty-four days out of Gibraltar, alone in a battered 35-foot sloop in heavy seas about 200 miles off Nantucket Light, F. Gerbaut, a French seaman on Wednesday refused a tow to port offered by the Greek liner Byron, Captain Vlahkis related today when the Byron arrived from Greek ports.

The lookout on the Byron, Captain Vlahkis said, saw Gerbaut, standing clad only in underwear despite bitter cold and rolling seas on the deck of his diminutive craft, waving his arms furiously and shouting in French. After explaining that he was crossing the ocean on a boat of 500,000 francs bound for New York, and that two other schooners which had left Gibraltar with him had disappeared, the hardy Frenchman asked that his empty water kegs and food bins be filled, took his bearings as furnished by the Greek navigators, refused an offer of aid and went on his way.

### NEAR AGREEMENT AS TO FORESHORES

British Columbia and Ottawa Have Been Disputing Since Confederation.

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### WOMAN SWIMS TEN MILES ON 63RD BIRTHDAY

Santa Monica, Calif., Sept. 5.—Mrs. Anna Vanshick celebrated her sixty-third birthday by swimming ten miles in the ocean. Just before finishing the swim she sang a verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" to show she was not exhausted, and on leaving the water dressed without assistance. She was in the sea nine hours and twenty minutes.

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### Steamer Rockland Is a Total Loss

Bath, Me., Sept. 4.—The City of Rockland, which struck a reef off Dix Island, at the mouth of the Kennebec River, on Sunday night, while bound for Boston with a party of 300 Labor Day excursionists, probably will be a total loss, representatives of the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc. her owners and of a marine wrecking company, reported today after an inspection of the vessel.

The City of Rockland struck the reef in a heavy fog.