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Minto Coal Co. President Has Narrow Escape In Auto Crash

FRENCH SAY BRITAIN BACK GERMAN

NEAR DEATH WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Sir Thomas Tait and Driver
Saved by a Pile of
Driftwood.

CAR SIDESWIPE Abutment Gives Way When Automobile is Forced Against Railing.

(Canadian Press.)
Fredericton, Aug. 13.—Sir Thomas Tait, of Montreal, had a narrow escape from serious injuries if not death on Sunday afternoon when a big touring car in which he was being driven from his summer home at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea to Minto, where the mines of the Minto Coal Co. of which he is president, are located, crashed through a highway bridge in Sunbury county. Sir Thomas' car was demolished by a passing automobile on a highway bridge in Maugeville, although the marks upon the bridge railing where it scraped show that his chauffeur was as far over on his right side as he could possibly get. Then the abutment at the southern end of the bridge suddenly gave way and a pile of driftwood which had been washed up against the structure was rolled over with the attendant serious results. Sir Thomas Tait and his chauffeur escaped with nothing more serious than a severe shaking up.

CONCERNED OVER 3RD PARTY TALK

U. S. Politicians Figuring on Result
— Coolidge May Be
Called on to Decide.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—With rumors of a third party movement thickening the political atmosphere, Republican leaders are figuring on what might happen should a presidential free-for-all next year result in a deadlock in the Electoral College. One surprising deduction is the remote possibility, it is believed, that Vice President Coolidge might eventually be called upon to cast the deciding vote to determine whether he himself should step into the presidency. Still beyond that lies the chance, however far removed from the realm of probability, that whoever is secretary of state on March 4, 1925, may automatically become president without a single vote being cast for him in any state or in any part of the governmental mechanism. Here is the language of the constitution, upon which these freak possibilities are based: "The person having the greatest number of votes for president (in the Electoral College) shall be president, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers, not exceeding three, on the list of those voted for as president, the House of Representatives shall choose, immediately, by ballot, for president. "But in choosing the president the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a president whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them before the fourth day of March following, then the vice-president shall act as president. "The person having the greatest number of votes as vice-president shall be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list the Senate shall choose a vice-president." Thus, says the political puzzle-shark, if a three-cornered fight next year splits the electoral vote into segments each smaller than a majority, the House must make a try at it. But in the House as it now is constituted, and as it will remain except for deaths and resignations up to March 4, 1925, neither the Republicans nor the Democrats can control a majority of the state delegations. With one vote allotted to a state, twenty-three states would vote Republican, twenty states Democratic, and five—Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Montana and New Jersey—having delegations evenly divided between the two parties, presumably would not be able to vote at all. That, in turn, would seem to fulfill the contingency described in the constitution as requiring the vice-president

7 Trainmen Are Killed in Collision

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 13.—Seven railroad trainmen were killed in a head-on collision between Colorado and Southern passenger train No. 609 from Pueblo and Santa Fe No. 6, through train from the east, at the west switch in Fowler, Colo., early today. No. 609 was derailed over Santa Fe tracks via La Junta because of workshouts at Walsburg on the Colorado and Southern tracks.

SAYS SALVATION A DIVINE GIFT

Sabbath Observance no Concern
of Christian, Declares
Toronto Preacher.

London, Aug. 13.—That Sabbath observance in the strict sense of the law of Israel whether on traditional or any seventh day, is no concern of the Christian, was the assertion of Rev. J. Macdon Smith, of Emmanuel Baptist church Toronto, in a sermon at Talbot street Baptist church, last night. He pointed out that Christian salvation is altogether a divine gift which has nothing to do with personal merit or personal efforts to obtain merit. "In Toronto, for instance," he said, "there are many who make a great point of Sabbath observance. I do not consider it any part of my duty as a Christian to observe the Sabbath. When Christ came, the old law was fulfilled and done away with. Christ was the only being, as a human, who could and did observe the whole law. Of course, as a Christian, I observe certain rules of conduct and habit. But that is a matter of personal purity."

BIRTH RATE IN FRANCE DECLINES

Only Immediate and Mighty
Effort Can Save Nation
Says Neury.

(Canadian Press, Via Reuters.)
Paris, Aug. 13.—The effort being put forth in France to check depopulation is being met with success. The temporary boom in marriages and births which began after the armistice has already subsided. The decline of the birth rate is now more serious than ever, according to a pamphlet recently published in Paris entitled "Death or Life of France," whose author, Paul Neury, has just been awarded the Michelin Natality prize. The Neury pamphlet says that while the populations of Germany, Britain, Italy and Spain have been increasing respectively by 21, 16, 13, and 4 1/2 millions in the last half century, the population of France has risen only three millions. It gives statistics regarding the shrinkage of marriages and births in 1920 and 1921 as an indication that the population is diminishing by one third in each generation and adds: "It is the race to suicide of a great people. Only an immediate and mighty effort in transforming our laws and manners can save us."

OUR GUIDES SET NO FOREST FIRES

Game Clubs in New Brunswick
Set Record For Forest
Protection.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The private fish and game clubs of Quebec and New Brunswick have established this season a record in forest fire prevention that may prove an object lesson to other users of the woods, according to the Canadian Forestry Association. Scarcely a fire in either province is attributable to the professional guides and the thousands of experienced sportsmen who are members of these organizations. The rigid club rules and habitual carefulness of guides and members with all forms of fire while in or near a forest has proved most effective. On the other hand, the fires set by amateur fishermen and campers this year have been numerous and destructive. Camp fires, fires of lighted cigarettes thrown into piles of leaves and other forms of reckless conduct have destroyed hundreds of square miles of the finest forest areas in Eastern Canada. In a recent interview Dr. C. D. Hill, a President of the Canadian Forestry Association, said: "We Canadians are spending less than a cent an acre on fire insurance rate on forest lands whose supplies, at the present day, yield as products to the value of \$60 million dollars annually. To get real forest protection the public must be willing to invest more money in it."

to become president. But with the Electoral College deadlocked, if first would be the duty of the Senate to choose a vice-president. And in case of a tie, Vice-President Coolidge would have the deciding vote.

PREPARING FOR IRISH ELECTIONS

Nomination Day This Week
But Little Sign of Excitement Yet.

POSSIBLE RESULTS

Free State Expect 60 and
Farmers 40 Seats
Out of 153

(Canadian Press.)
Dublin, Aug. 13.—There is little sign of any popular excitement over the approaching elections in Ireland, although the day for nominating candidates has been fixed for August 19. Four or five sections of organized opinion have been holding conventions, but it is not expected that there will be anything like an exhaustive vote in some of the constituencies. Election Day is August 27. According to present indications, there will be four candidates for every seat, and as each voter has only one first preference vote the result will depend upon the distribution of the second, third and fourth choices. De Valera's plan for one Republican candidate in each constituency, upon which the Republicans are expected to concentrate, has been largely modified. In some cases there are two or three Republican nominees, which suggests that the hopes of the sympathizers in this cause have risen. The Free State supporters have been making capital of the irregular outbreaks, suggesting that the Government measures are possible in the future. The Republicans repudiate these charges, reaffirming their principles and offering a programme of educational and social reform. Result Predictions. It is expected that the organization backing the Free State Government will obtain the largest number of seats, but the most sanguine forecasts do not give this faction a majority. The most favorable prediction made in behalf of the Free State party is that it will secure 60 seats, the Farmers, with probably 40 seats. However, the existing ministry is expected to be able to carry on for the support of the office, the independent and others anxious for stable government. Labor Party Split. The Labor party will probably form the opposition as in the past. The arrival of James Larkin has split the Labor and aided the Government cause, and where the Larkin element (Continued on page 2, fifth column)

SEEK ASSAILANT

Ottawa Girl Brutally Beaten by
Unknown Man and Left
For Dead.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Practically the whole countryside at Billings Bridge, Ottawa, was out all Saturday night and most of Sunday morning engaged in a man hunt for the author of one of the most dastardly outrages committed in the history of Carleton county, whereby pretty Hazel Mockett, 16 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mockett, well to do farmers of Billings Bridge, lies at her parents' home, almost at death's door. Attacked by an unknown man, but of whom the police have a fairly accurate description, within a quarter of a mile of her home in broad daylight, the girl was brutally battered about the face and throat by her assailant who after dragging her into a shed, again beat her and then apparently left her for dead. Miss Mockett's plight was not discovered until some time later, when she failed to return home, or suppose, her elder sister was sent in search of her, found her with her features almost unrecognizable and hardly able to stagger along the road home.

Wire Briefs

Amherst, Aug. 13.—D. S. Biggs, N. C. Rodgers and P. C. Black left this noon for Montreal, where they will represent the Amherst Squires in the Maritime championships which begin this morning. London, Aug. 13.—The German government has announced, says a Central News despatch from Berlin, that the stoppage of reparations contributions to France and Belgium will be extended to all the Allies, as otherwise the financial reform of Germany is impossible. Fredericton, Aug. 13.—No forest fires are reported in New Brunswick today. Rains during the week-end improved conditions. Fredericton, Aug. 13.—The field days of the New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculture opened today at the experimental station. They will continue on Tuesday. Secretary Fred H. Greenley, of Ottawa, is attending. Cleveland, Aug. 13.—Approximately 350 general chairmen of the Eastern, Western, Southeastern and Canadian Associations of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers have been called for a special session at Chicago, Sept. 6, "for the purpose of giving consideration to the question of inaugurating a wage movement."

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 13.—Great Britain today recaptured the British-America cup, six metre yachts when Golla Third, owned by F. J. Stephens, took the fourth heat, with Reg. (British) second, and Lee, (American) third. This brought the British point total to 90, as against the Americans 48, thus making it impossible for the invaders to win even if they scored the maximum number of points in the final two heats.

Fishermen, Missing, Now Believed Dead

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 13.—Missing from their homes at Borin slope Monday last, William and Maxwell Inpen, are now believed dead. A week ago they went to the fishing grounds in their boat, and when they did not return at the usual time a search was instituted. The coastal steamer Argyle was sent to scour the coast line and the waters far off shore but without results.

FOUND DEAD WITH BULLET IN HEAD

Tragic Death of R. M. C. Graduate,
Veteran of the
Great War.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—Under tragic circumstances the death occurred last night of R. A. R. Adair, eldest son of Robert Adair, president of the Hart and Adair Coal Company Limited, Kingston, who had seen service in Europe and India during the great war. Mr. Adair was found in the bedroom of his home, with a revolver wound in the right side of his head. The discovery was made by C. E. F. Dumarsais, vice president of the Hart and Adair Coal Co., Ltd., who, during the absence of his family for the summer, had been living with Mr. Adair, whose wife and young son are in Halifax. While a maid was in the house, it was stated that she had not heard any report. Mr. Adair, it was reported, was in good health and was not apparently worrying about anything.

COMES TO CANADA

Understood Former Premier
Squires Will Retain Toronto
Council for Investigation

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 13.—Sir Richard Squires, former premier of Newfoundland, left yesterday for Canada, where he failed to return home, or suppose, he intended to consult counsel in Toronto regarding the proposed investigation into the fall of his ministry last month. Refuse to Serve. St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 13.—The Warren Government are finding it extremely difficult to secure a commission for investigation of the circumstances attending the resignation of Sir Richard Squires from the premiership. Several local gentlemen have refused to serve. On Saturday, the Canadian Press understands, Premier Warren requested Governor Allardice to transmit to the colonial office a request for a commissioner to probe the whole matter.

ST. JOHN PRIEST IS HONORED

Rev. James Brown Receives
Chalice From Amherst
Congregation.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 13.—Rev. James Brown, a native of Amherst, son of James Brown, formerly of this town, and a brother of Rev. Father William Brown, rector of St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church, was presented an address and a beautifully engraved gold chalice, here last evening. Rev. James Brown who has recently been ordained, was much taken by surprise.

Rev. Father James Brown is stationed at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here.

INTERNAL SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Strikes Spreading and Ten-
dency Towards Disorder
in Germany.

STRIKERS KILLED

Attack Police at Hamburg
Shipyards With Serious
Results.

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 13.—Sanguinary fighting between Communists and the police, according to a despatch received here today in Seltz, Saxony, according to a Central News despatch from Berlin. A large body of Communist stormed the town hall, occupied by the soldiers, and there was considerable fighting in the streets. The bodies of nine Communists were recovered. Thirty were injured and many of the troops were wounded, the message said. Berlin, Aug. 13.—Several strikers were killed and many wounded at the Hamburg shipyards today in a clash with the police, according to a despatch received here. The strikers are alleged to have prevented those willing to work from entering the shipyards, whereupon the police intervened and were attacked by the strikers. Berlin, Aug. 13.—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new German Chancellor today undertook the task of organizing a ministry to replace the "cabinet of work" which Chancellor Cuno brought into office last November and which passed out of existence yesterday in the face of a "no confidence" vote by the Reichstag. The leader of the German People's Party plans a coalition ministry, representing his own faction, the United Societies, the Catholics and the Democrats, which will command 372 of the 469 votes in the legislature. It is expected that he himself may take the foreign ministry, at least temporarily. Internal Situation Critical. The seriousness of the internal situation with which the new Chancellor is faced, and the danger of a rioting in several localities over the week-end while in this city the strike movement has reached serious proportions. Stresemann's Attitude. Berlin, Aug. 13.—Just what attitude Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new chancellor, will take toward "big business" now that he is installed as head of a socialist-Bourgeois cabinet is a question which is already actively agitating the minds of the politicians. They recall that Chancellor Stresemann was wholly indebted to the industrial support of industrialists for his political advancement. Communists Hold City. Luebeck, Germany, Aug. 13.—Communists are holding this city after a rioting in the streets. Reichswehr troops have arrived to attempt to restore order. Senator Lebrun Asked To Succeed Viviani. Paris, Aug. 13.—Senator Lebrun has been asked by Premier Poincare, according to a daily newspaper, to succeed M. Viviani, as France's delegate to the League of Nations. M. Lebrun has held a number of cabinet positions, his latest portfolio having been minister of blockade and invaded regions. United States Vessels To Visit N. S. Ports. Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Officials of the National Defence Department have announced that the United States eagle boats number 19 and 42 will visit Yarmouth, Shelburne, Liverpool and Halifax from August 13 to 25. These are vessels which were built on the Great Lakes during the war to act as submarine destroyers. Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night
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Winnipeg .. 66 78 68
Toronto .. 64 66 60
Montreal .. 60 75 60
St. John .. 58 66 66
New York .. 74 82 70

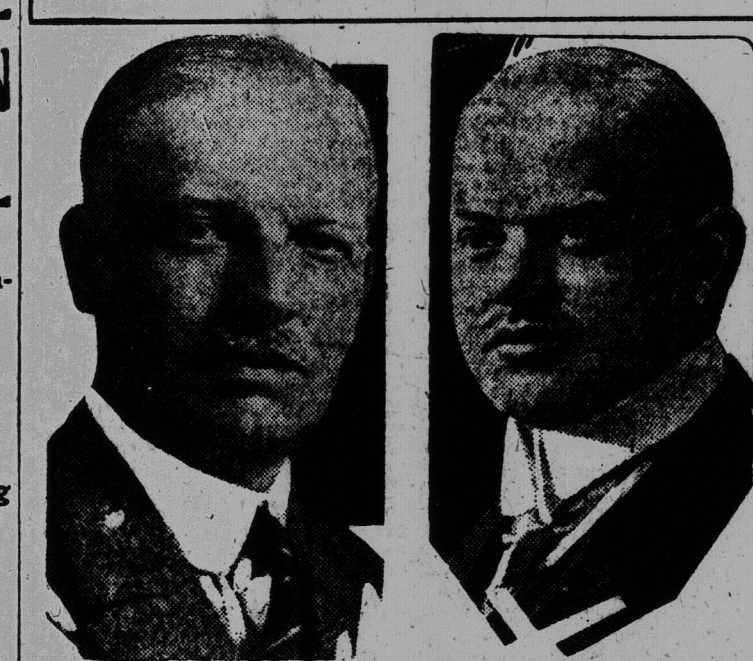
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Weather Report

(Special to The Times.)
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Cuno and His Successor



WILHELM CUNO. DR. G. STRESEMANN.
Chancellor Cuno of Germany and his entire cabinet on Saturday placed their resignations in the hands of President Ebert. They were accepted by the president, and Dr. Gustav Stresemann, leader of the German People's Party, was commissioned to form a new Government. There was much rioting in Germany over the week-end and several deaths were reported. In one place effigies of Cuno and Hugo Stinnes were hung from gallows erected by the excited populace.

Barber Fined \$25 for Extracting Dime Tip Against Customer's Will

New York, Aug. 13.—A tip is either a tip or extortion. If 20 cents is the fixed price of a shave that is all that a barber may charge a customer who asks for nothing but a shave. Law does not support the barber shop assumption that upon entering the chair a customer surrenders all liberty of will. This revolutionary doctrine is implied in a ruling by Magistrate Oberlager in Tombs court wherein Anthony Santore, owner of a barber shop was fined \$25 on conviction of disorderly conduct, which charge might have been changed, the court suggested, to one of petit larceny. Santore had been arrested on complaint of A. W. Morf. Morf bought a shave, nothing more, but when he handed over 50 cents Santore returned only 20 cents change. When Morf remonstrated Santore said that when customers failed to tip it was necessary to extract a dime, because barbers would not work without tips.

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Do You Know
That George A. Barker Died
in 1889 While Holding Office
as Mayor of St. John?

CLAIM NOTE DISAVOWAL OF ALLIES

Think Premier Will Reply,
Though Document Might
be Ignored.

LONDON IMPRESSED

Government Action Approved
But Fears of Grave
Crisis Entertained.

(Canadian Press.)
Paris, Aug. 13.—The British note is regarded in French official circles as a positive disavowal of Great Britain's war aim to annex a franc speaking German case. It is thought Premier Poincare will reply in due time, although the Quai d'Orsay it is held the document smacks so much of propaganda it might properly be ignored. This amazing document proposes to haul France and Belgium before a tribunal to answer for their efforts to make Germany carry out her treaty obligations, said an official of the foreign office today. France and Belgium are not ready to answer such a summons, even from Great Britain. The same official, whose statements were unofficial in a strict sense, reflected the tense feeling aroused in the higher French circles said the note obviously was intended to influence American opinion. He was curious to know, however, how the Americans would receive a document which made all settlements of the reparations question depend upon the payments of the debts to the United States, which would amount to throwing the responsibility for the European chaos on the U. S. Franco To Issue Book. Paris, Aug. 13.—The French foreign office will issue tonight or tomorrow a yellow book on reparations, containing all the documents relating to that question that have been exchanged up to the latest British note which arrived too late to be considered. The London View. London, Aug. 13.—The British note to France and Belgium, in which the Baldwin Government says it regards the Ruhr occupation as illegal under the Versailles treaty, but is willing to submit the point to arbitration, has made a very deep impression here. Few here are willing to believe that the plain spoken phraseology of the note caused astonishment, although that astonishment was mingled with satisfaction that the Government used language which he commentators endorse. Grave Crisis Anticipated. Among those who oppose the line the Government has taken there is excitement, anger even alarm and the position is considered to be one of grave crisis. The communication reiterates that Great Britain would be willing to have any sum pay "to the maximum of her capacity," but asserts that "what that maximum may be should be decided by an impartial jury." For her own part, Britain would be willing to obtain from German reparations and allied debts a sum sufficient to meet her debt to the U. S. The present situation in the Ruhr, says the note, constitutes a grave political and economic crisis which is having a particularly noticeable effect on trade. The communication declares that Great Britain would be willing to have representatives of both the U. S. and Germany on the proposed board of inquiry into the Reich's assets, but that the reparations commission, being preponderantly Franco-Belgian, would hardly be competent to conduct such an investigation. Deal Generously As Possible. "When steps have thus been taken to ascertain the real value of the assets reported by German reparations," continues the note, "and to secure its realization, without further depreciation, His Majesty's government will be ready to deal as generously as circumstances permit, and in the light of their respective capacities to pay, with the debts due to Great Britain by her allies."

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