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Break In Conference Over Thrace But Will Meet Again

Attitude of Greeks and Turks Warlike and Threatened Success of the Negotiations Yesterday—French Support for the Turkish Demand—Rush Call of British Cabinet.

(Canadian Press Cables) London, Oct. 6.—A new crisis has arisen in the Near Eastern situation which had seemed on a fair way to settlement. The armistice conference of Allied, Greek and Turkish military leaders at Mudania was adjourned suddenly yesterday after a dramatic passage over the evacuation of Thrace. Ismet Pasha told the Allied generals that if the Turks could not have Thrace peacefully, "we have the means to enforce our determination."

Constantinople, Oct. 5.—The question of the evacuation of Thrace was the cause of the rupture in the Mudania conference, it was announced at a late hour tonight. The attitude of the Turks and the Greeks was very bellicose, threatening the success of the conference.

JACK SCOTT AND WAITE HOYT Giants Hold Ryan and McQuillan in Reserve

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FRENCH SOLDIERS PRACTICE FOR WAR

France withdrew her troops from the neutral zone in the Dardanelles in a crucial hour. But a big part of her army has been engaged in manoeuvres under conditions as nearly approaching war as possible. On the extreme right President Millerand is shown watching the manoeuvres.

Execution of Bennie Swim At Woodstock Awful Affair

BODY CUT DOWN BEFORE LIFE WAS EXTINGUISHED; GRUESOME TASK IS DONE OVER

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 6.—Bennie Swim, twice reprieved, was hanged this morning for the murder of Miss Olive Swim, his cousin, and her husband, Harvey Tremblome, a returned soldier, of Baie Verte, Westmorland county, N. B. Two hangmen were on hand and after the gruesome task had first been bungled, the second hangman took charge. Altogether more than an hour was consumed from the time the execution was commenced until Swim was pronounced dead.

The executioner called himself "M. A. Doyle, of Montreal." The first time the condemned man's neck was not broken, although he was rendered unconscious. After the body had been hanging for some minutes it was cut down and taken to a cell and placed upon a cot. Life was not extinct. The second hangman, whose name was given as Gill, and who is said to be assistant to Doyle, then took up the gruesome task.

(Special to The Times) Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 6.—Owing to many conflicting reports in connection with the execution of Bennie Swim, in justice to Sheriff Foster the real facts should be made public. After much difficulty, M. A. Doyle, who is the official executioner of the Province of Quebec, was secured on the recommendation of Sheriff Lemieux of Montreal. That no hitch would occur, another man was once engaged and brought here. In four minutes the condemned man was taken down and he was pronounced dead. Four doctors were present, and in twelve minutes they detected signs of life, and Swim, totally unconscious, was taken up and the execution completed. He was taken down in sixteen minutes. Then life had vanished.

Get Down Too Soon. The whole trouble can be attributed to taking the man down too soon. While it is horrifying, it can be said that poor Bennie Swim was absolutely unconscious during the whole proceedings.

The fact that absolutely no blame can be attached to Sheriff Foster for the way in which the execution was performed cannot be too strongly emphasized. He did his duty thoroughly. No man could have done more.

Carrying out the provisions of the law an inquest was held and the body was returned to relatives and at one taken to his father's home in Rockland, where the funeral will be held tomorrow.

The condemned man slept at intervals during the night and while very weak was able to ascend the gallows with little assistance. He prayed continuously and was praying when the trap was sprung. In conversation with Rev. H. V. Braudon, he admitted that he feigned insanity at the suggestion of two prisoners who were in the jail at the time and who advised him to attempt to escape.

Swim's Confession. To Rev. H. V. Braudon, Swim has made the following confession over his own signature: "When I arrived at the house at Benton Ridge, Tremblome came to the door and began to abuse me and jumped on me. In the scuffle the revolver fell from my rascal pocket, and Tremblome picked it up. I took it from him. Tremblome then went into the house and returned with a piece of paper with an address to put on a trunk at my home and to be shipped to him at Benton Ridge. He then asked for the revolver and said he would fix me. I said 'no.' He stepped up to me and caught me by the shirt collar and started to back me into the washhouse and I shot him in the temple. Olive came to the door and said,

FRENCH PROTEST GREEK ACTION

Reported Sending of Reinforcements to Thrace Uneasy in Paris Over Developments at Conference Adverse to Peace—Comment That British Have Not Given General Harrington Free Hand.

(Canadian Press Cable) Paris, Oct. 6.—The French government has instructed its minister for Athens to protest against the Greek government having sent reinforcements to the Greek army in Thrace. The Near East situation is again causing uneasiness. The Quai D'Orsay is in the dark as to the latest developments at the armistice conference in Mudania, its only information being contained in press despatches from London.

Nothing has been received from the Near East except a long mutilated message from M. Franklin-Bouillon, filed Wednesday. Due to the errors in transmission little could be made of this, but the French envoy appeared to suggest that the British General Harrington's personal conciliatory predictions were cramped by his limited instructions from the British government.

Some alarm was caused by a report that the Greeks had despatched two trainloads of troops from Saloniki to Adramitole, the capital of Eastern Thrace. While this is as yet unconfirmed, it is expected that the Greek army will be in a position to take the offensive in the near future.

FRENCH OFFICERS KILLED IN SYRIA

Attack was Made on Islim Pasha, Governor, and He was Wounded.

Cairo, Oct. 6.—Two French officers were killed during an attack on the automobile of Islim Pasha, governor of Hama, in French Syria, as the governor's party was leaving the capital yesterday, according to a report from reliable sources.

MOTHER INSANE WHEN SHE CAUSED DEATH OF BABE

Toronto, Oct. 6.—That Mrs. J. Currie occasioned the death of her baby daughter on the morning of Sept. 28, was shown at the time of the verdict returned last night by a coroner's jury. The verdict added that this state had been brought by ill-health and a severe mental shock.

NEW C. N. R. BOARD MEETS NEXT WEEK

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—(Canadian Press) The first meeting of the new Canadian National Railway board will probably take place next week, either in Toronto or Montreal. Sir Henry Thornton, the new president, will, it is understood, not be present at this meeting. Proceedings will be more or less formal. It is necessary to hold a meeting of the board in Montreal to take over the Grand Trunk Railway and another in Toronto to take over the Canadian Northern lines.

ON HUNTING TRIP

J. M. Woodman, general superintendent of the C. P. R., New Brunswick district who is on a vacation, left last evening on a hunting trip in the woods near Farmham. He is after a moose and predicts he will land one before he returns home. He recently returned after a hunting trip in the woods back of Lepreux and although he failed to get a moose he shot a deer with a splendid spread of antlers.

Dead Thirty-Eight To Eighty in Forest Fires in Ontario

Thirty More Bodies Found in Devastated Region Rain Has Removed the Fire Danger—Whole Family of Ten Among the Victims—Relief Measures—Bad in Maine, But Better in Minnesota.

(Canadian Press) Cobalt, Ont., Oct. 6.—Various estimates of from thirty-eight to sixty dead are still made in regard to the casualties in the fires which wiped out the town of Halleybury, with several smaller settlements and devastated the surrounding countryside on Wednesday afternoon.

Thirty-three bodies have been reported, some of them impossible of identification. Heavy rains have quenched the fires in this district and it is thought there will be no danger of recurrence for the present at any rate.

Refugees who have managed to reach this and other surviving towns of the district are being cared for. It is expected that the Ontario government, which is represented on the spot by Premier Drury and other members of the cabinet, will provide a restoration commission to assist in the rebuilding of the devastated towns and settlements. In regard to Halleybury the district capital, there is talk of temporary buildings for the winter, along the line of the Halifax method following the explosion there during the war.

FATHER, MOTHER AND THEIR EIGHT CHILDREN DIE North Bay, Oct. 6.—The list of known deaths in the fire first in a family in Halleybury: Mrs. P. Cobbold, Felice Desjardins, Alfred "Tochen"—Rufus (infant). Unidentified dead include a three months' old baby, four men, two women and two bodies so badly burned that the sex has so far not been determined.

Headly: Robert Bond, his wife, and eight children, John Marshall (Mrs. Bond's brother), Amos Headly, his wife and two sons; two men named Fleming, (father and son).

Charlton: Mrs. O'Hara, an old man and a baby (unidentified). An unconfirmed report states that six bodies have been found at Charlton.

Relief measures were undertaken in all the surrounding centres, untouched by the terrible conflagration. Scores of families have been separated and fearful lest their beloved ones have been struck down by the fire.

BABIES BORN IN FLIGHT OF MOTHERS Harrowing stories of privations suffered by those rendered homeless are heard on every side and these were many incidents of deep pathos. Three cases are known where babies were born while their mothers sought safety from the on-rushing flames. One infant was born while the mother was in a boat on Lake Pemisskaming one in an empty house in Halleybury, and the third in the railway waiting room here.

Many of the roads and trails were strewn with blazing logs and fences while the suffocating smoke made the trek from the burning territory almost unbearable.

Perhaps the most horrible tragedies occurred at Health and Charlton, some communities on the railroad, some distance from Cobalt. Here, it was learned that seventeen persons met death from suffocation. Robert Bond, his wife and eight children and their hired man sought refuge in a rookhouse on their farm while on their way to Amos Headly and his wife and two sons died the same. The bodies of all these were recovered.

Relief Measures. Ottawa, Oct. 6.—The Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada is prepared to send relief nurses equipped for immediate work in the devastated area. C. A. Magrath, chairman of the executive council, communicated their willingness to serve to Dr. McCullough, chief health officer for Ontario, in a wire today.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—The Canadian Red Cross society sent a detachment north from Toronto specially outfitted for the emergency, particularly for the keeping of records. Nurses are being held in readiness as soon as word comes of the need. Dr. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the Red Cross, said that the organization was ready to do anything to help.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—"We are doing everything that we are asked to do," said Premier King, when asked what steps the federal government was taking to help fire sufferers in Northern Ontario. The premier was seen following a meeting of cabinet at which the situation was discussed. He repeated that instructions had been given by the minister of defence to have all tents, equipment and supplies sent up to the stricken area by special train. Measures for permanent relief have not, it is understood, been discussed.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—Indications are that suffering and exposure will be reduced to a minimum," Premier Drury wired from North Bay to Hon. George Graham, minister of militia last night. The telegram was an expression of appreciation for the supplies of 10,000 blankets and other government stores to the stricken districts.

In Maine. Jackman, Maine, Oct. 6.—There was no halting early today of the forest fire which started in cut-over land north of here three days ago and raged through the piles of slash, forcing woodsmen and their families to flee several miles.

The flames have made deep inroads through county forests eastward along the north shore of the Moose River. Extra fire fighters are being rushed to the vicinity. Lumbermen, driven into the town by the dense smoke, say that Great quantities of pulpwood already cut and piled, were threatened with destruction today.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 6.—A decided feeling of optimism prevailed throughout most sections of the northern Minnesota forest fire zone today. No new outbreaks had been reported early today.

IS VICTIM OF A WOMAN'S REVENGE

Sydney Veteran Before Recorder in Montreal

Accused of Having Drugs in Possession, Court Declares No Doubt McCauley is Suffering Because of Woman's Vengeance.

(Canadian Press) Montreal, Oct. 6.—Fred W. McCauley, a war veteran from Sydney, N. S., who served with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and won the D. C. M., appeared before Recorder Geoffroy yesterday on a charge of having drugs in his possession.

"Victim of a woman's vengeance," was the comment of the recorder after hearing evidence. McCauley's lawyer declared that his client was the victim of a "frame-up."

McCauley was arrested by two local constables about a fortnight ago while walking with two women in Dominion street east. The policemen who made the arrest told the court that, when following the trio, they had seen McCauley drop three decks of cocaine to the sidewalk. When placed under arrest, the prisoner had sworn that he knew nothing of the drugs, and that he was not addicted to "them." He said that a girl acquaintance had once sworn to "get" him because he had put her out of his apartment during a party for settling disorderly.

"There is no doubt that it is a case of vengeance," said the recorder yesterday, "but there is the question of law. The possession of drugs is illegal." He adjourned the case while search is undertaken for another woman whose testimony is required.

MORE TRADE WITH BAHAMAS

Governor in Ottawa After a Visit to Western Canada Speaks of Outlook.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—That conditions in the Bahamas Islands are prosperous at present, having been repatriated and loyalty to the U. S., which furnish a huge market for the exportation of winter vegetables and fruits to them, should be the statements made by Sir Harry E. S. Cordeaux, C. B., C. M. G., governor of the Bahamas, who is here on his return from Western Canada.

There is not nearly the amount of trade carried on between the Bahamas Islands and Canada that there should be, he says, but he is certain that the new Canadian merchant marine has not only been expanded and increased, but as a result of the establishment of this shipping service, trade will increase with Canada enormously in future.

SYNOD COMMITTEES The meetings of the standing committees of the Fredericton Diocesan Synod were continued this morning in the Church of England Institute and were well attended, a particularly large number being present at the meeting of the social service committee. Other statistics and finance. The executive met at 2:30 this afternoon. Only routine business was transacted this morning at all of the meetings. The Lord Bishop of Fredericton, who is ex-officio chairman of all committees, presided.

BOSTON POLICE VISITOR Inspector Dennisey of the Boston police force was a caller this morning at the central police station. He is on his way back to Boston after a successful shooting trip in northern New Brunswick. The inspector was here last year as well as renewing old acquaintances this morning.

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