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Industrial Bureau Arranges Get-Together-Trip for Manufacturers and Wholesalers—Three Contractors Sign Union Carpenters' Agreement—Londoner Views 90 Bodies But Cannot Locate Remains of Lost Kerr Family—Captain Kendall's Behavior and Morals Praised.

PEACE IN MEXICO IS DEPENDENT ON GENERAL CARRANZA

Mediators Believe They Have
Found Middle Ground to
Work On.

PEACE PLAN IS OUTLINED

Huerta Delegates Assert That
If Fighting Keeps on Rebels
Will Meet Trouble.

[Canadian Press.]

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 3.—The attention of the mediators today was turned toward General Carranza, Constitutionalist chief. From him must come the next move which will determine whether or not Mexico will be sacrificed by diplomacy. The way has been opened by the mediators for participation in the conference by the Constitutionalist if they care to come in.

Rafael Zubaran, minister of the Interior in General Carranza's cabinet, who is now in Washington on a special mission, will have received today a note outlining the attitude of the mediators. A middle ground is believed to have been found, and the mediators feel encouraged and optimistic.

Internal Affairs. The mediators are discussing internal questions in the mediation is now answered by the Huerta faction, whose delegates have issued a statement saying they consider international and internal questions so closely interwoven as to make impossible a satisfactory solution of the entire problem without due regard for the inter-connection.

Advise Provisional Government. The peace plan before the mediators is a simple one. It reaches into internal questions only in a general way. Suggestions as to personnel will have to be agreed upon privately. The protocol, which will be signed here, will be a declaration of principles on agrarian and educational reforms and advice to Mexico to set up a provisional government, having due regard to the interests of all factions. The actual composition of the new government will be a matter of physical implementation, as seen in the protocol is signed the United States giving its promise to recognize the new government.

Its Composition. In the new government would be a provisional president, neutral in politics, a cabinet of four—two independent men chosen by the Huerta faction but not identified with the present regime, and two Constitutionalist. This may be changed if the Constitutionalist take part in the payoffs here.

The Mexicans were particularly happy that they had been able to make their statement about General Huerta's plans, taking the position that General Huerta's voluntary action had removed from the scope of his own elimination. He could thus retire with dignity, feeling that his resignation was of his own initiative.

Feeling of Optimism.

The general feeling here is one of optimism. Upon the Constitutionalist depend chiefly whether the trend of developments shall be for a peaceful solution or a continuation of bitter civil strife. The Huerta contingent declares, however, that if the Constitutionalist insist on fighting, they will try to take San Luis Potosi, where a big Federal force is concentrating.

C.N.R. Aid Bill Is Now With Senate

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 3.—The bill to aid the Canadian Northern Railway, by a bond guarantee of \$45,000,000 reached the Senate at one o'clock, was given the formal stage of first reading and set for the second reading and leaving stage this afternoon.

DREAMED IRVING'S DEATH

Stage Manager of London Theatre Tells of Scene He Saw
During Sleep, and Recognizes Empress' Saloon in Photo.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, June 2.—Tatting, the stage manager of the Kingsway Theatre, London, relates an extraordinary dream he had about the time of the Empress of Ireland disaster, in which he saw the exit of Laurence Irving from life. He dreamed he was present at a gathering of a number of people in a handsomely furnished room. The people passed in solemn procession before Sir Henry Irving, who was seated and had the appearance of a dying man. Each person took the actor by the hand in a sad farewell. When all had passed, Sir Henry rose and uttered the words: "I can endure it no longer." He placed his hand on his forehead and disappeared, death having claimed him.

Tatting then for the first time no-

ticed Laurence standing alone at the end of the room. "I went toward him," said Tatting, "and stretching out my hands appealingly, exclaimed: 'Can't you see what is happening to your father? He is dying. He has left us forever!' Then looked past me with amazement in his eyes. It seemed for a moment as if he would collapse, but suddenly drawing himself up with a resolute expression on his face, he followed his father with unfaltering steps. "It was a most dramatic departure and made a deep impression on me. There was no sorrow on the part of the son whose call to go seemed to come suddenly and unexpectedly. Tatting afterwards saw a photograph of the saloon of the Empress of Ireland. He recognized it at the room of his dream. He had never seen the vessel nor was aware the Laurence Irving was aboard the Empress of Ireland.

TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY
LEFT AN ORPHAN BY
SINKING OF EMPRESS



BABY MORRIS.

This is the two-year-old son of Staff Captain and Major Morris, of the Salvation Army headquarters, Toronto, and nephew of Major Frank Morris, of this city, who was robbed with father and mother when the Empress foundered in the St. Lawrence.

NO AID FOR RADIAL LINES THIS SEASON

Premier Borden So Announces
in Answer to Question by
McCoig.

THE WIRELESS RUMOR
No Operator on Lady Evelyn,
But Rescued Man Acted
as Such.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 3.—That Lord Mersey, who conducted the British inquiry into the Titanic disaster, will be chairman of the royal commission on the sinking of the Empress of Ireland was stated in Parliament this morning by Hon. Mr. McCoig, chief justice and admiralty judge of New Brunswick, who is the other member of Lord Mersey's party for Canada next Saturday on the Mauretania. It is understood the inquiry will be opened June 15, either at Montreal or Quebec.

An Explanation. Postmaster-General Pelletier said that he had been in communication with Capt. Poulet, of the Lady Evelyn, considering the report that the wireless operator declined to send Marconigrams from survivors without the cash-in-advance. Capt. Poulet replied that he had been sent out without a wireless operator, but among the survivors from the wreck he found an operator named Ferguson, whom he had instructed to wire ashore for food and clothes, but was given no authority to charge for messages. Mr. Pelletier said he was glad to be able to clear the Government officials from blame.

No Aid Yet. A. B. McCoig, of South Essex, asked Premier Borden what the Government had decided to do in regard to general aid to hydro electric radial lines, which was asked by a great Ontario delegation, headed by Hon. Adam Beck. Mr. McCoig said he had many inquiries from the Government.

"The matter is still under consideration, but legislation will be introduced this session in connection with it," said Premier Borden.

Mr. Morphy, of Perth, speaking on the Farmers Bank, declared that there had been no canvas of the Senate to have the bill killed.

CAPTAIN KENDALL REFUSED LIQUORS EVEN WHEN HURT

Rescued Passenger Indignant
at Charges Made Against
Commander of Empress.

SPLENDID TYPE OF MAN

Other Passengers Sure That
Liner's Engines Were Stop-
ped Before Collision.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, June 3.—Insinuations that Captain Kendall of the foundered Empress of Ireland had been drinking before he got on the Stordard, drew prompt and vehement denials again today, one from Dr. Grant, medical officer of the Empress, and another from Percy Adie, of London, Eng. The denials also contain extra proof that Captain Kendall's conduct was absolutely without reproach and that of all the lamentable figures that reached Rimouski from the scene of the wreck he was probably the most painful. Dr. Grant said that he was with Captain Kendall from the time he reached shore. The captain was in bad shape, and the doctor suggested to take some brandy. The captain refused again and again, saying he had never taken a drink in his life. Finally the captain's condition grew so dangerous that the doctor forced him to swallow a mouthful of brandy. Up to that time the doctor said he was willing to swear Captain Kendall had taken no alcoholic liquor.

More Nonsense.

Dr. Grant said all the talk about stabbing and brutality of the crew was nonsense, as he had gone through the wreck from beginning to end and had seen nothing of it.

Montreal, June 3.—"Some of the statements made against Capt. Kendall by officers or members of the crew of the Stordard are absolutely false and cruel," was the emphatic and unequivocal assertion of Percy Adie, of London, Eng., a survivor of the Empress disaster. Mr. Adie, with his wife and Miss Doris Gaunt, who had had providential escapes from the wreck, reached Montreal last evening, en route to Toronto.

"Capt. Kendall is known as a lifelong teetotaler," continued Mr. Adie. "We were constantly in his company from 10 a.m. on Friday until he left Rimouski. I can therefore vouch for the fact that, although he was badly injured and suffering both physically and mentally, he absolutely refused even then to take a little brandy or other stimulant, in spite of the danger."

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IMPRESSIVE TRIBUTE OF SEVENTH BANDSMEN

With Uncovered Heads They
Play Dead March in Memory
of Empress' Victims.

No more impressive tribute to the memory of the victims of the Empress of Ireland disaster could be imagined than the one paid last night by the bandmen of the Seventh Regiment during the first band concert of the season in Victoria Park. During the usual nine o'clock intermission the bandmen, standing at attention, played the Dead March from Saul. Their heads uncovered, the members of the band played the impressive march with a fervor never before equalled.

The impressive and large crowd that thronged the park was wonderful. As soon as Bandmaster Slater made the announcement thousands of hats came over and during the rendition of the march the people remained at reverent attention.

STRATHROY PLANT IS WIPED OUT BY BLAZE

Stave Mill Was One of Largest
in Western Ontario—Loss
Over \$10,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, June 3.—Fire, starting from some unknown cause just after noon today, wiped out the East End stave mill here, one of the biggest plants of its kind in Western Ontario. At noon the half-dozen men working in the premises left for dinner, believing everything safe, and in a few minutes the whole place was in a fierce blaze. The fire brigade responded promptly to a call, but was powerless to do more than save the surrounding stock in the yards, and only the fact that the wind was blowing to the west and away from the yards made this possible. The property is owned by James P. Bogue, who was out of town today, and it is believed the loss will amount to ten or twelve thousand dollars, as much stock was burned and very little insurance was carried. In the busy season about 25 men are employed in the mill, but this is the slack season.

UTILITIES BOARD WILL RAISE RIVER LEVEL ONE FOOT

Action Necessary to Keep Peak
Load Down as Much as
Possible.

BOAT OWNERS JUBILANT

High Water Imperative to Oper-
ate Hydraulic Pumps at
Springbank.

Another foot of water may be added to the Thames River by the public utilities commission at a meeting Friday afternoon. This means another foot will be added to the dam at Springbank, something that those interested in boating have been trying to bring about for years.

If the commission does it, however, it will mean that it is a saving of at least \$600 a day.

Yesterday and today the river sank about a foot, and boatmen could not account for it. The cause was traced to the use of hydraulics at Springbank to keep the city's peak down as much as possible. It was an extreme emergency of the street railway connection. This is the first year the street railway is using hydro power, and it became necessary to use the hydraulic pumps to keep the peak load down. The use of the hydraulic means a saving of 300 horsepower.

Extra Foot Is Needed.

The hydraulic pulled the river down, and as no water came in from above it remained down much to the disappointment of the launch owners and canoeists. The only remedy this summer, it is said, will be to put another foot on the dam, and it is strongly indicated that this will be done.

Will Submerge Island.

This proposed raising of the river will practically wipe out Grave Island, just beyond the Grand Trunk bridge. Just this morning the city engineer Ash-pall has looked up the property title to this island and while several persons claim it, the city can find no trace of ownership; so the disputed ownership will not be a bar to putting on the extra foot at Springbank.

Launch owners were jubilant today when they heard of the contemplated action of the utilities commission. It will give them a deeper channel for their boats and a greater depth of water for sports.

PAVING "GATEWAY" TO SOUTH LONDON NOW

The Actual Construction Work
Undertaken by City Engineer
Amounts to \$525,000.

The concrete work on Horton street from Ridout street bridge has been completed, and the work of laying the vitrified brick surface will be started at once and rushed to completion.

"This is a strategic road into South London," declared City Engineer Ash-pall today, "and when this pavement is laid it will be laid for all time. I regard it as one of the most important improvements we have undertaken this year."

VICTIM OF DISASTER BURIED THIS AFTERNOON

Remains of Mrs. Mary Cotterill,
Who Lost Life in Empress,
Laid to Rest in Woodland.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Cotterill, wife of John Cotterill, 131 Tecumseh avenue, who was among the victims in the foundering of the Empress of Ireland, was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence. Services were conducted at the house at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. William Walker, of Worsley Road Baptist Church and by Very Rev. Dean Davis, of St. James' Church. Floral tributes were numerous from sympathizing friends in the city. Many relatives from out of town were present. The pallbearers were: Messrs. R. Matthews, T. Jarvis, J. Hardy, W. J. Reid, F. Lloyd and C. Newman. An interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

INDUSTRIAL BUREAU PLANS BUSINESSMEN'S EXCURSION IN WESTERN ONTARIO

MAJOR MORRIS TO REMAIN IN MONTREAL
TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION OF DEAD

According to a letter received this morning from Major Frank Morris, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, with headquarters in this city, who was the only one of the 22 London passengers on the Empress who escaped, it will be some time before he arrives back in this city.

Following is the text of the letter written from Montreal headquarters of the Salvation Army and directed to the acting divisional commander, Adjutant Smith.

Adjutant George Smith,
London, Ontario.
My Dear Adjutant,—
I have arrived here, as you will see, from Quebec and Rimouski, and was glad to hear from you. I will not detail here to you the trying experiences of the past few days. I will leave that till a later date. God has been merciful. I do not know when I shall reach London, as I expect to remain in this vicinity for a short time in order to see if I can help in the identifying of the remains. Then I would like to get Staff-Captain Arthur's body, if at all possible. I was able to find that of his dear wife.

God bless you,
F. MORRIS, Major.

GAS EXPLOSION DAMAGES PLANT AND KILLS EXPERT AT TORONTO

Interior of Generator and Boiler Rooms at Consumers' Company Buildings Wrecked—Shock Felt Like Earthquake.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, June 3.—An explosion at the Booth avenue plant of the Consumers' Gas Company, this morning caused the death of one man and slight injury to several others, and damaged the plant and surrounding property to the extent of six or eight thousand dollars. E. Foster, an expert employed by the company, was so badly injured that he died on his way to the hospital.

A Leaking Main. The cause of the explosion has not been definitely ascertained, but is supposed to have resulted from a leaking main. It occurred just after the early morning crew had gone off duty. Foster was alone in the boiler room at the time, and was struck on the back of the head by some flying debris.

The interior of the generator room and the boiler room has the appearance of having been visited by a cyclone. Huge iron pipes, heavy from doors, steel-framed windows, twisted and bent in unrecognizable shapes. Masses of brick and mortar lie piled in gigantic heaps, and sections of machinery are scattered over the neighborhood.

Like an Earthquake. So great was the force of the explosion that houses over a block away swayed and trembled as if shaken by a mighty earthquake, while the sound of the terrific explosion was heard as far east as the Kingston road and west as far as Church street.

NO TRACE OF KERR- RUSSELL FAMILY

Peter Russell Wires Wife From
Quebec That Bodies Are
Not Recovered.

VIEWED NINETY CORPSES
That More Dead Will Be
Brought In.

After a fruitless search among the rows of dead on the wharves of Quebec, where he has been patiently threading his way since last Monday, Peter Russell of 9 Elgin street has come to the conclusion that none of the Kerr-Russell family was recovered from the Empress of Ireland.

Mrs. Russell received a telegram, from had viewed 60 bodies on the wharves and in different morgues of the city, but found no trace of the nine relatives who took passage on the boat.

Went Down in Their Sleep. It was Mr. Russell's belief before he left here that if the family was lost in many instances the strike will inconvenience them seriously. Some contractors, who have no rush carpentering work on hand for a few days, are not seriously worried by the strike. Others, who have rush jobs on hand, would like to see a settlement.

Several of the leading city contractors are not union contractors, and the strike will not affect them so seriously, unless further developments affect the non-union men more generally.

Fall to Arbitrate. London local, No. 1946, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, at a meeting attended by 150 members, unanimously decided to go out about 11 o'clock last night, following the failure of the local contractors to make (Continued on Page Eleven.)

ANOTHER BAD NIGHT FOR SENATOR COFFEY

Is Weaker Today, But Shows
No Appreciable
Change.

"Senator Coffey had a bad night," said Dr. W. J. Tillmann this morning, "but shows no appreciable change in his condition."

THREE CONTRACTORS SIGN AGREEMENT

Agree to Union Demands and
Carpenters Return to
Work.

20 MEN ARE AFFECTED
Others of 200 Strikers Still
Out—Hope for Settlement

Twenty of the two hundred carpenters who struck this morning have returned to work, three contractors employing them signing the union agreement to pay a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour. Two of the contractors signed the agreement last night, and one signed this morning. The union at once instructed the men to return to work. The others are still out. In addition to the 150 members of the local union, 1946, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, about fifty non-union men threw down their tools in sympathy.

Organizer Tom More stated that the strike was progressing quite to the satisfaction of the union. The contractors who are holding out disclaim any danger of entire disability, but admit that in many instances the strike will inconvenience them seriously. Some contractors, who have no rush carpentering work on hand for a few days, are not seriously worried by the strike. Others, who have rush jobs on hand, would like to see a settlement.

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Rebels Capture Cargo of Sugar

[Canadian Press.]

On board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Mex., June 2, via wireless to San Diego, Cal., June 3.—The Mexican schooner Garibaldi, carrying a cargo of sugar, went aground today on Piedras Island in Mazatlan Harbor, and was captured by the Constitutionalist. The vessel is breaking up in the surf.

The Federal governor of Mazatlan has granted permission to a representative of the United Sugar Company to enter the Constitutionalist lines to try to negotiate the return of the captured sugar.

Arranging Three Days
Itinerary of Special
Train.

"GET TOGETHER" IDEA.

Wholesalers, Manufac-
turers and Bankers to Get
in Touch With Their
Field.

PLAN MANY VISITS

Pere Marquette and
Grand Trunk Lines Will
Be Covered By
Train.

Following the custom of many of the up-to-date cities, both on the American and Canadian side of the international border, London will have its first businessmen's excursion either at the end of the present month or at the beginning of July.

The object of this excursion, which includes a three-days' itinerary of Western Ontario towns, west of London, is to bring the local men in closer touch with their business field and to promote an inter-Western Ontario-London spirit. It is being conducted under the auspices of the London Industrial Bureau, and is for the bankers, wholesalers and manufacturers of the city. Between 50 and 100 are expected to participate.

While Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip, who arranged the trip, made the announcement this morning, no date has yet been fixed. It was originally intended to hold it at the last of June, but the calling of the provincial elections for the 29th may have the effect of postponing it until July. The definite announcement of the dates of the trip will be made later.

Time-Table May Change.

The itinerary has been practically arranged, but the time-table will not be completed, owing to the fact that it may be changed to meet the requirements of the various towns that will be touched during the trip. In some of these places the municipal councils and the boards of trade will meet the London delegation and show them 'round the town as well as arrange for an official reception. This means that no time can be set until the plans of the individual towns have been made known.

The special train, which will be one of first-class equipment, will leave via the Pere Marquette and will travel over that line as far as Sarnia, where it will be transferred to the Grand Trunk, and brought back to London.

The itinerary includes:

First Day.
Dutton,
West Lorne,
Ridgeway,
Blenheim,
Berlin,
Wheatley,
Leamington,
Kingsville,
Harrow,
Walkerville.

Second Day.

Windsor,
Essex,
Toledo,
Tilbury,
Chatham,
Dresden,
Windsor,
Port Lambton,
Sombra,
Courtright,
Sarnia.

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THE WEATHER

LOOKS LIKE
LOOSE LIKE FISH
TODAY

TEMPERATURES
The following were
the highest and
lowest temperatures
recorded in London
during the 24 hours
previous to eight
o'clock last night:
Highest, 74; lowest,
41.

The official tem-
peratures for the 12
hours previous to 8
a.m. today were:
Highest, 73; lowest,
41.

TOMORROW—THUNDERSTORMS.
Toronto, June 2—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Moderate to fresh southerly
winds; fair and warm today.
Thursday—Showers and thunderstorms
in many localities.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and
lowest temperatures during the 24 hours
previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	66	48	Cloudy
Calgary	68	48	Clear
Winnipeg	88	64	Cloudy
Port Arthur	84	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	64	46	Cloudy
Toronto	75	54	Cloudy
Ottawa	60	50	Cloudy
Montreal	58	48	Cloudy
Quebec	54	48	Cloudy
Father Point	44	32	Cloudy

Weather Notes. A depression covers the States and the Western Provinces, causing numerous thunderstorms in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Light scattered showers are reported from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.