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DETACHMENTS FALLING BACK

Army Garages in Bagdad Reported Ablaze — Attack on Norwegian Consulate at Fiume by D'Annunzio's Men.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The situation in Mesopotamia continues to be serious, says a Havas despatch from Beirut. British detachments on the Euphrates are falling back, adds the despatch, and the garrison of Divanich, situated on the right bank of the river about thirty-five miles southeast of Bagdad, has been cut off. Much agitation prevails in this region.

Army garages in Bagdad were reported to be in flames, when the despatch was sent.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Soldiers under command of D'Annunzio attacked the Norwegian consulate at Fiume, according to a despatch from Rome.

London, Aug. 12.—Letitia signed on a peace treaty with Russia on Wednesday, says a despatch to the London Times from Riga.

Helsingfors, Aug. 12.—Russia and Finland agreed upon armistice conditions at Dorpat on Wednesday.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Spirito Kolosa, Albanian minister to Italy, has arrived in Aviano to arrange for the details of the evacuation of Albania by Italian troops. Despatches received here say he expects to return to Rome in a few days to complete negotiations which will establish complete accord between his country and Italy.

COULD HAVE GONE ON WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES

British Editor's Statement re War in Address at Empire Club, Toronto.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—"We had planned to go through the war without the United States and could have done it," declared Robert Donald, former editor of the London Chronicle, in an address before the members of the Empire Club, yesterday afternoon.

"America at the time of the armistice," he said, "had a rifle strength of 822,000 in France, though 2,000,000 were overseas, most of them brought in by ships. They were not in any fighting force, but in three months they would have been, and it was their presence that was a determining factor in bringing about the armistice."

TIP LEADS TO BIG WHISKEY SEIZURE

Three Still and 200 Barrels of Liquor Captured in Quebec.

(Canadian Press.)

Quebec, Aug. 12.—"If you call at 45 Sault Au Motel street, you will find three whiskey stills in full swing," said an unknown man who spoke to Constable Doyan on traffic duty yesterday. The policeman took the tip, getting a customer officer and another constable, they raided the place and found three gas stoves with stills on them.

The pipes leading to the gas stoves had been connected to the main pipe, but there was no meter. Some two hundred barrels of whiskey were found on the premises. The place was deserted when the police arrived as the parties evidently saw them approaching.

SYDNEY MINES LABOR

Sydney Mines, N. S., Aug. 12.—While there is apparently no general labor unrest in this district, there is nevertheless anxiety among the rank and file as regards the wages and decision of the Royal Commission now holding an enquiry in Halifax. The local U. M. W. leaders here are quite optimistic and feel satisfied that the Royal Commission will deal fairly by the workers.



Citizens of Tottenham, Ont., have presented a monument to their town to commemorate the names of those citizens who gave their lives in the Great War. Photo shows Rev. Mr. Dudgeon, Major Knowles of Toronto, who unveiled the monument, and Mr. Totten, founder of the town of Tottenham.

RACE PROPOSED FOR FISHERMEN

Nova Scotian Vessel Against One from United States.

Lunenburg, N. S., Aug. 12.—The suggestion in the Halifax Herald yesterday that a fisherman's race between a Nova Scotia owned and manned vessel and an American owned vessel at an early date has met with enthusiastic approval in this fishing centre.

Mayor Duff, M.P., says that the idea is an excellent one and that a special Lunenburg designed craft should be built to represent the Nova Scotia fishermen, and that the course should be from Nova Scotia to New York.

LATE SPORT

Tolbo, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Frank Adams of Winnipeg was the only Canadian entrant to qualify yesterday for the seventy-two hole United States golf championship play beginning today, leading the foreign invaders and finishing fourth with a total of 148. His score yesterday was seventy-four and the same on Tuesday. J. Douglas Edgar of Atlanta, who broke all records for low scores last year in winning the Canadian open title, took eighty-one yesterday but qualified easily by virtue of a fine seventy-three yesterday.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 12.—Cal DeLaney of Cleveland was given the new liquor laws, announced Hon. Mr. Drury, London, England, in an eight round bout here last night. They are lightweight.

NO SPECIAL SESSION IN ONTARIO TO TAKE UP THE LIQUOR LAWS

Toronto, Aug. 12.—There will be no special session of the Ontario legislature to discuss the administration of the liquor laws, announces Hon. Mr. Drury, the premier, who thinks that no good purpose would be served by holding such a session.

BANDIT CAPTURED

Calgary, Aug. 12.—Bandit Bassoff was captured near Fishier Creek last night by railwaymen who informed the police and put him under arrest. He made no resistance.

COAL SUPPLY FOR CITY DISCUSSED

Other Matters Before Commissioners in Session This Morning.

The question of anthracite coal supply for the city departments was the main business before a committee meeting of the common council this forenoon. Commissioner Thornton brought the matter up when he said that few of the coal companies could guarantee delivery at any fixed date, and he wanted permission to buy coal in any quantities he thought desirable at an approximate cost of \$19 a ton. He needed fifty or sixty tons for his department.

Commissioner Frink said that he had secured a trial carload of soft coal, at \$9.40 a ton, but he had found it more convenient to buy in odd lots. He said that the city had no proper storage facilities for coal, and that open storage was provocative of spontaneous combustion.

Mayor Schofield urged that the whole situation should be carefully considered by the commissioners and that proper coal housing facilities should be provided for the various departments, even if it were only board shelters.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I received a severe shock the other day when I went to inspect my cucumber bed, and was proud of that bed, for I spaded and prepared it for the seed, and watered it with the weeds, and was filled with joy when the time came that the vines and leaves completely covered the ground, and the yellow blossoms came. The back-sides were then forgotten, for I could hold men up and scold them, and they were about my cucumbers. But on this particular day I found the leaves and vines miserably wilted. The frost, said I, when I was able to speak. 'There has been a frost, and my cucumbers are dead.' I went to my farmer friend for sympathy, as his turnips had failed to come up. When I told him the story he laughed, but when we got to the garden he said, 'I have been talking to somebody that knows. If you want to see real cucumbers you come out and see Hiram's garden. I'll carry 'em in on my shoulder like a corn-cob-stick—By Hen!'"

"Then these cucumbers is mostly water anyhow," said Hiram. "You've to learn a bit, Hiram, afore you kin keep a garden. Every plant that grows here a way of its own—'n' bugs of its own. There are eight million on 'em, look after 'em—then mabe it'll die on your hands. They call us farmers layabouts at home, but when we see a city feller tryin' to make a garden we get the laugh on him—unless he's been talkin' to somebody that knows. If you want to see real cucumbers you come out and see Hiram's garden. I'll carry 'em in on my shoulder like a corn-cob-stick—By Hen!"

BIG WOODSTOCK POOL TO BUY A SPEEDY HORSE

(Special to Times)

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 12.—It is rumored this morning that the railway men are considering seriously purchasing a horse, the name of which is not given, at a price of \$8,000, the deal to go through at once in order to enter the fall race. There are eight names on the list to compose the buyers.

HOULTON MAN IS ELECTROCUTED

Houlton, Aug. 12.—Isaac Chase, forty-four years, who has been in Houlton since April, was electrocuted here on Tuesday afternoon, while working on the state road north of this town. Mr. Chase was working on the main line used in blasting and in some manner touched the live wire. He was wearing a rubber cap, but the current, carrying a voltage of 1,000 volts, struck him on the forehead. He died instantly.

ST. LAWRENCE AT MONTREAL IS NOW VERY LOW

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A new low level water mark record has been made in the St. Lawrence river here when the water has sunk to 29 feet 9 inches, the lowest in 100 years. Should the water fall much lower vessels in the harbor will be compelled to finish loading at Quebec.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather has been rather warm from the Great Lakes eastward, with showers in northern Ontario and the maritime provinces, while in the west it has been fair and comparatively cool. The shallow disturbance which was over Minnesota yesterday is now centered just west of Lake Michigan.

Unsettled.

Maritime—Moderate southerly winds, unsettled, with occasional rain today and on Friday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh easterly to southerly winds, showers tonight and on Friday.

New England—Showers probably tonight and Friday. Somewhat cooler on Friday, moderate variable winds.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—Temperatures yesterday—

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest	Lowest	Yesterday
Prince Rupert	60	60	50	60
Victoria	62	72	58	62
Kamloops	68	86	52	68
Edmonton	72	84	54	72
Calgary	82	90	60	82
Prince Albert	46	50	44	46
Regina	48	52	46	48
White River	50	48	44	50
Sault Ste. Marie	74	62	60	74
Winnipeg	62	64	54	62
Kingston	68	70	66	68
Ottawa	68	78	62	68
Halifax	67	78	62	67
St. John, N. B.	58	40	58	58
St. John's	67	78	62	67
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Young Man Drowned At Gardiner's Creek

Charles A. Forbes Falls From Bridge in Placing Net and is Entangled in Ropes.

Charles A. Forbes, aged nineteen years, was drowned in Gardiner's Creek, St. John county, last evening while putting out a drift net. In company with David Thorpe he was stretching the net across the creek and while so doing lost his balance and fell off the bridge disappearing in the waters below. He was unable to swim and when he did not come to the surface his comrade rushed for assistance. He met the unfortunate young man's brother-in-law, George Elliott, and together they rushed back to the bridge, but their efforts to locate the body were unavailing. The news of the drowning spread rapidly and soon a party of volunteers arrived at the scene and some of the men immediately started grasping. They did not recover the body until this morning at 5:30 o'clock. At that time it was in about fifteen feet of water and all entangled with rope.

He was the youngest son of Mrs. George C. Forbes and is survived by one brother, W. J.; and three sisters, Mrs. George Elliott, of St. John, and Mrs. Walter Grigsby, of Nipomo, Cal.

PONZI IN HANDS OF U. S. MARSHAL

"Wizard" Gives Himself Up in Boston

Still Declares He Is Solvent—Hanover Trust Co. Closed by Bank Commissioner—Financier Admits Past Record.

Boston, Aug. 12.—Ponzi surrendered to United States Marshal Charles P. Allen today in the midst of his sensational financial career today to rest and recover from the nervous strain caused by events of the last few days. The man whose fifty per cent. interest in the Hanover Trust Co. was closed yesterday by Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen, retired to his home in Boston.

Commissioner Allen said his action was due to finding that the bank had made loans in excess of its capital and beyond the legal limit, and many loans that are either bad or of doubtful value. He expressed fear that Ponzi's capital had been impaired.

Ponzi resigned from the bank's directorate immediately after his arrest. He had served twenty months in prison for a similar offense in 1917. He admitted that he had been in the United States for some time, but that he had not been in the country for some time.

Allen declined today to give out any estimate of the total of Ponzi's liabilities reported by unpaid notes reported to him, but it was said that many of the first hundred who had invested in the bank had lost their money. He met all his obligations.

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FRENCH ACTION REWRANGLER HAS CAUSED A DEEP STRIKE IN ENGLAND

Official Notification of Recognition Reaches Downing Street

TROTSKY BEHIND SOVIET FRONT

Papers Say It Is Menace to Entente Relations—King Postpones Trip to Scotland.

London, Aug. 12.—Great Britain has been officially notified of the recognition by France of the government of General Baron Wrangel as the de facto government of south Russia and the question is being discussed between the two governments.

Something akin to consternation is evidenced by the evening newspapers over the French action which is characterized as contrary to British ideas and a menace to Entente relations. Meanwhile King George, who was to leave for Scotland tomorrow, has postponed his trip owing to the situation.

Warsaw, Aug. 12.—Leon Trotsky, Russian Bolshevik minister of war, has arrived at Bialystok, just behind the Soviet front, and has set up headquarters there, according to news from the other side of the battle line.

Speaking in Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, recently Trotsky announced that Soviet Russia had been officially recognized by the western powers and that M. Krasin and Kameneff, heads of the Bolshevik commercial mission to Great Britain had been received at London with the ceremonial usually accorded ambassadors. "In a year," he continued, "all Europe will be Bolshevik."

London, Aug. 12.—Progress of the Russian front was announced in the official statement from Moscow. Woodrow Wilson, on the Big River south of Brest-Litovsk, has finally been taken by the Soviet troops, while further south they have captured Vladimir-Volynsky, east of the Bug, north of the old Galician border. Further advances on the front near Warsaw also are announced.

Constantinople, Aug. 12.—Bolshevik forces in southern Russia are striking at the extreme flanks of Gen. Baron Wrangel's army north of the Crimean peninsula, according to despatches received in this city.

NO POLES THERE FOR THE MEETING.

Warsaw, Aug. 12.—Polish delegates have not left for Minsk where an armistice meeting was to have been held today, on account of the failure of the Russian Soviet government to reply to the Polish note of August 5, regarding an armistice and peace terms. Russian delegates, however, were at the Polish advanced posts at the appointed time to await the Polish delegates. Prince Sapieha, Polish foreign minister, has sent an officer to the Bolshevik lines to determine the armistice situation. It is ascertained that the Soviet government is willing to conduct negotiations on the basis of the Polish note of August 5, a Polish delegation will be sent to Minsk.

London, Aug. 12.—Lloyd George last evening notified Leo Kamenef, Soviet minister here, that the Polish government had just informed the British premier that up to nine p.m. Tuesday, Poland had not received a reply from the Moscow government to the message of Poland expressing a willingness to send delegates to the armistice and peace conference at Minsk. Poland informed the British premier that the Polish officer commanding the sector beyond Siedlec had just announced that the Russian peace delegation had arrived in that sector and not finding the Polish delegates, had stated that it would wait until ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

The premier further informed Kamenef that Poland replied that the Polish delegation was proceeding to the front to meet the Russians and that if the Russian delegates were still there the Poles would send their peace delegation immediately.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, Aug. 12.—(10:30 a. m.)—Stocks were under pressure at the opening of today's market because of less satisfactory foreign news. Offerings were not large, but quite a number of the important shares registered losses of a point or thereabouts during the first half hour. United States Steel, Bethlehem, Crucible, Vanadium, Baldwin, Pan-American, American International, Canadian Pacific, and Southern Pacific fell 1 to 1 1/2 and Mexican Petroleum 3/8. Some of the less active shares were higher, including Famous Player, Pierce Arrow, Remington, American Sugar, Atlantic Gulf and Repulse Steel.

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F. B. MURPHY

Farmers' Party of Colchester County Nominates Capt. H. A. Dickson.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 12.—The United Farmers party of Colchester county held a convention here last evening and nominated Captain Hugh A. Dickson of Ontario, to oppose Hon. F. B. Murphy, minister of public works, in the by-election September 20.

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