

PLAYWRIGHTS FEAR LOSS OF ROYALTIES

Form Protective Association and Seek Way to End Strike of Actors.

New York, Aug. 21.—Ground between the upper and the nether mill stone by virtue of the actors' strike which threatens to stop indefinitely royalties on their plays, leading playwrights today formed a playwrights' protective association, elected officers, and started search for a way out of the difficulties which have shut down all but five of Broadway's array of playhouses.

The Booth theatre, showing "The Better 'Ole" closed tonight when stage hands and musicians walked out making the twenty-first house to go dark during the strike.

E. A. Powers, treasurer of the Universal Film Co., one of America's largest moving picture play producers, announced his resignation from the national association tonight.

JUDGE M'KENZIE TO LEAD IN HOUSE

Announcement by King—No Definite Statement Regarding Stormont Candidature.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—When questioned today as to the likelihood of his being a candidate in Glenagarry-Stormont in view of the election of the United Farmers in that constituency yesterday, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King stated that he could make no definite statement until after the Liberals held their convention on August 28.

The Liberal leader made the definite announcement that Mr. D. M. Kenzie will again be the leader in the house during the approaching session of parliament.

PATHFINDER PLANES START FOR TORONTO

New York, Aug. 21.—The United States Air Service airplanes left Hazelhurst Field, Long Island, yesterday for the course of the international aerial handicap race between New York, Toronto, and return, which starts Monday.

Britain Anxious for Islands To Construct Commercial Port

Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—According to the National Tidende, England is seeking a railway concession thru Esbohm to reach the Russian market. Negotiations are proceeding, the paper adds, with a view to leasing the islands of Dagoe and Oesel, in the Baltic sea, to England for the construction of a commercial port.

HEADS UNDERWRITERS

Calgary, Aug. 21.—E. S. Miller of the Imperial Life, Regina, was unanimously elected president of the Life Underwriters' Association for the ensuing year at the Thursday morning session of the convention now in session.

EVACUATION OF LITHUANIA BEGUN

Berlin, Aug. 21.—Announcement that the evacuation of Lithuania has begun is contained in a note sent today to the entente powers by the German government.

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STORM CURTAILS COBOURG PROGRAM After Three Events Rest Postponed Until Today—Ennisclare Jumpers Lead.

Special to The Toronto World. Cobourg, Aug. 21.—A drenching rain abruptly terminated the proceedings on the third day of the Cobourg Horse Show after three events had been decided this afternoon, and the remainder of the card was carried over until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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FOREST FIRES IN MONTANA

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 21.—Forest fires consumed their eighth day's sweep in northern Idaho today, laying bare vast stretches of valuable timber and threatening the homes of ranchers and stock men.

NEW AERO CLUB

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—Former air service men here have formed a new club to be known as The Aero Club of Manitoba. Membership will be open to anyone who has served in any capacity with the air forces of any of the allied countries.

GERMAN BANK STATEMENT. Berlin, Aug. 21.—The statement of the Reichsbank, made public today, shows the following changes: Increases: Notes, 469,000 marks; advances, 7,054,000 marks; liabilities, 177,191,000 marks. Decreases: Coin and bullion, 1,436,000 marks; gold, 1,338,000 marks; treasury certificates, 121,005,000 marks; bills discounted, 2,188,263,000 marks; investments, 2,541,000 marks; circulation, 412,876,000 marks; deposits, 2,089,885,000 marks; total gold holdings, 1,108,910,000 marks.

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G. A. C. IS NOW IN POLITICAL ARENA Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 21.—The Grand Army of Canada took its initial step into the political arena last night when at a largely attended meeting it announced officially that Captain Morris L. Fitzgerald, an original officer of Hamilton's 129th Battalion, and later a member of Royal Naval Air Service overseas, would be its candidate for the next provincial election in East Hamilton riding.

NOVIATTE INQUIRY STARTS ON MONDAY Proceedings to Be Held in Supreme Court Building.

Russian Monarchists Aided By German Military Party Berlin, Aug. 21.—The Tagblatt Titelt, East Prussia, correspondent reports the transport of troops and provisions to Russia by night. This is considered here as confirming the assertion of Die Freiheit that there is co-operation between the German military party and the Russian counter-revolutionaries.

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BRILLIANT FUNCTION GREET'S GEN. CURRIE (Continued From Page 1) Frederick Loomis, remarking: "There was no officer in the Canadian corps in whom I placed more implicit confidence than I did in Loomis. He was always ready for a fight and so were his men, while he took good care that his supply depot was very well stocked with things his men needed, not gramophone records. When I entrusted him with an attack I always knew that he would attain his objective with a minimum loss, and that was his record—of continued success in difficult circumstances with every possible care for the lives of men."

Canadians' Heroic Work. General Currie told of the heroic work of the Canadians at the second battle of Ypres and said that after that fight here on Monday next. The commission comprises Mr. Justice Middleton, Toronto, and Mr. Justice Chisholm, Halifax. The sessions are not expected to last more than two or three days. The charges were made by Rev. Kennedy Palmer, and Sir Sam Hughes, and they are in effect that the operation of the military service act was interfered with insofar as the students of the Novitiate were concerned.

Visits Wounded Men. The first of the general war cabinet followed by three cheers and a tiger, followed by the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow in the Field" and a companion of which the general made his way to his car, cheers again being given as the automobile moved off.

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