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WHOLE TOWN WRECKED BY EARTHQUAKE

Fivizzano in Italy is Demolished by Terrific Quake, London Hears.

DOZEN CITIES ARE BADLY DAMAGED

Soldiers and Supplies Rushed to Scene Where Death Stalks.

London, Sept. 7.—The town of Fivizzano, 34 miles northwest of Lucca has been completely demolished by an earthquake, according to a Spezia despatch to the Exchange Telegraph The despatch adds that Solero and Monte were badly wrecked.

Many Towns Wrecked.

Rome, Sept. 7.—The earthquake in Northern Italy was of a violent nature Villa Collomandina is reported to have been destroyed. Castiglione, Pieve Fosciano, Vaglia, Campogiano, San Donnino, Piazza Serecho, Pogio, Castegnola, Foscindora and Canigiano have been badly damaged.

The dead and injured are numerous though the number is not yet estimated. Assistance is being sent to the scenes of the disaster. Villa Collamandina is a small town of two thousand inhabitants in the province of Massac Carrara. Grave reports of the damage sustained in various towns of Tuscany, are being received here, and it is confirmed that Villa Collamandina has virtually been destroyed.

Rescue Parties Sent.

Florence, Sept. 7.—The director of the observatory here, Signor Alfani, says that the centre of the shock was about 50 miles from Florence in a northerly direction.

Soldiers and firemen have been sent to the afflicted areas to aid in the work of rescue and calm the people who, terrified by the shocks, refuse to return to their homes and are camping in the open.

WANT SUITABLE MEN FOR LIQUOR INSPECTORS

Alliance Would Make Salary Attractive — Looking for Successor to Rev. W. D. Wilson.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Sept. 7.—The Council of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance met this morning with the President, Donald Fraser, in the chair. Among the matters considered were the suggested amalgamation of the Social Service Council of New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance.

Rev. F. A. Dowling, of St. John spoke in reference to the relation between the work of the Council and the Temperance Alliance, and presented a resolution suggesting the amalgamation of the two bodies and the appointment of a committee to discuss the matter.

In answer to the resolution the council passed a resolution to the effect that the council did not see their way clear at the present time for such an amalgamation, but thought that it was wise to have the committee suggested appointed.

Invite Suitable Men.

The Alliance discussed the question of salaries for sub-inspectors. The members believe that more suitable men for sub-inspectors could be found if the salary was adequate and attractive. A resolution was passed petitioning the Government to provide for an increase that will appeal to the class of men desired.

The Alliance was enthusiastic in its commendation of the faithful, conscientious work performed by Chief Inspector Wilson in the enforcement of the Prohibitory Law.

Mr. Wilson to Quit.

The intention of the Alliance to make Mr. Wilson their general secretary, as soon as they have found a suitable, capable man to recommend for chief inspector under the Prohibitory Act, was reaffirmed at the meeting. The Alliance is not yet prepared to name a successor to Chief Inspector Wilson.

A resolution was passed conveying the thanks of the Alliance to the Methodist church for the service of Rev. Thomas Marshall who conducted the temperance campaign for the plebiscite.

TRAPPERS IN DANGER FROM FOREST FIRES

Winnipeg, Sept. 7.—Word was received here today by the Dominion Forest Service that Norway House, headquarters for the Hudson's Bay Company fur traders in Northern Manitoba, is endangered by seven or eight forest fires which have surrounded it, and are beyond control. Fire fighters have fought the flames incessantly for more than a week. Four Indians were nearly suffocated when the flames encircled a small Indian colony and forced the inhabitants to flee for their lives.

Lloyd George Is Back In London From Swiss Rest

Unexpected Arrival is Supposed to be Connected With Serious State of Irish Affairs.

London, Sept. 7.—Premier Lloyd George reached London unexpectedly tonight from Lucerne. He travelled direct instead of through Paris as planned. It was not announced what had brought him back so suddenly, but it is presumed that the Irish situation is largely responsible for his arrival tonight. The MacSwiney affair is giving all government officials a great deal of serious thought.

GREATER NEED FOR RAILS THAN SHELLS IN 1918

Lines Required Quick Delivery to Fit Them for War Duties.

STEEL COMPANY SUES FOR LOSSES

Ten Dollars Per Ton on 116,000 Tons is in Dispute Now.

Ottawa, Sept. 7—That the condition of Canadian railways was such in the early months of 1918 as to justify the Dominion Government in taking steps that practically stopped the making of steel for shells by the Dominion Steel Company, in order that rails necessary for renewals might be rolled, was shown in the hearing of the case of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company vs. the King, which opened in the exchequer court this afternoon. Sir Walter Cassels presided.

The point at issue was the price the company should be paid for 116,000 tons of rails rolled and delivered subsequent to April, 1918, by the steel company, the rails being furnished in consequence of an order-in-council passed by the government under the authority of the War Measures Act, enjoining the company to ship at least one hundred thousand tons in order that the railways might be put in a position to operate up to full capacity during the period of the war.

What Started the Trouble

The cause of the difference of opinion as to the value of the rails, it developed during the hearing yesterday, was that when the government order was issued, the Dominion Iron and Steel Company had in hand large orders from the Imperial Munitions Board for shell steel and the manufacture of this had to be practically discontinued, with the result that 99,000 tons were not delivered.

On behalf of the company, it was stated that for this steel the company would have received about $8,000 per ton, but cost of production would have exceeded the cost of making rails by from $3 to $5 per ton. The company suggested, in view of these facts, that it should receive $75 per ton for the rails.

The War Trade Board, on the other hand, took the view that $65 would be a proper price. The company refused to accept this price when it was offered by Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, and in accordance with the terms of the original order-in-council, a case was made to the exchequer court. The amount actually in dispute, therefore, is $10 per ton on 116,000 tons, or $1,160,000.

$2,500,000 to Pay Yet

Of nearly $8,000,000 claimed by the company for the rails, $5,500,000 has already been paid by the government. The foregoing facts were brought out this afternoon in the course of the examination of Controller Cameron of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company by Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., chief counsel for the company. In reply to a question by the court, Mr. Nesbitt stated that it was the desire of the company to be placed in as good a position, financially, as it would have been had it been permitted to proceed with the contracts, with the Imperial Munitions Board and other contracts of the same kind, which would have been undertaken. Letters were produced to show that the Imperial Munitions Board was anxious to have the contracts completed and to place others, and that it had been suggested that an upward revision of prices would be made for additional orders.

Claims Evidence Irrelevant

On behalf of the government and the railways, exception was taken to all evidence relating to the contracts with the Imperial Munitions Board on the ground that it is irrevelant, but the court ruled that it should be heard and the question of relevancy could be decided later on. The railways have been made parties to the case, because they will be called upon to pay for the rails, the amount the court decides is a fair price.

TWO HUNDRED JAPS DROWNED.

Tokio, Sept. 7.—Two hundred men were drowned in a tidal wave which swept over buildings and barracks on the Island of Saghalien, according to reports received here.

MINE MEN IN NO RUSH TO THE PIT

In Some Sections of Anthracite Fields More Were Back on the Jobs.

OTHER SECTIONS LOSING MEN

On the Whole No Great Improvement Shown in the Operation of Mines.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 7—Contrary to the expectations of the union leaders, there was no rush of mine workers to return to work in this vicinity today. In some sections more men were back on the job than during last week, but this record was offset by new men joining the ranks of the "vacationists."

Officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company reported that many additional workers were back at its plants this morning. At the plants of the company in West Scranton and Taylor, where work has been tied up since last week, the same situation prevails today.

Some Return, Others Go

Officials of the Pennsylvania Coal Company say that many workers returned to work today at the company's collieries in the Pittston district, but that many of the workers at the No. 1 and No. 2 collieries of the company in Dunmore remained away from work today.

That determined effort is to be made to get all of the workers of the Pennsylvania Company at its Dunmore plants to join the "vacationists" was stated today, by leaders of the insurgents. They say that the Pennsylvania Company is the worst offender in the proportion of the contract system and the principal fight now is for the abolishment of this system.

LABOR FEARFUL OF TOO MANY ARRIVALS

Policy of Government in Bringing Workers to Canada Criticised.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—From Vancouver to Sydney credentials are being received from delegates who will attend this year's Dominion Trades and Labor Congress at Windsor. The Congress opens on September 13 and is expected to continue throughout the entire week, the closing session coming on Saturday afternoon. Resolutions touching on almost every subject of interest to labor men have been received, and it is expected that the chief interest will centre around discussions on industrial disputes act, cost of living, Workmen's Compensation Acts and immigration of workmen to Canada. Many workers in this country feel that labor is being brought in from other countries without any reasonable prospect of work being found for them on their arrival here. Political activities of the workers are also expected to be freely discussed.

BROOKLYN STRIKE IN CRITICAL STAGE

Rapid Transit Workers Must Return to Work by Noon Today or Forfeit Rights.

New York, Sept. 7—The strike of 11,000 employes of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company entered the critical stage today in the opinion of company officials. Unless the men return to work by tomorrow noon, they will forfeit their seniority rights and other privileges, in accordance with the ultimatum issued last week by Lindley M. Garrison, receiver for the company.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit officials said better service than at any time since the strike began was maintained this morning.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit agents, who have been visiting homes of strikers, said 3,500 men, or 35 per cent. of those out, had promised to return to work tomorrow before expiration of the time limit set by Receiver Garrison.

James Sheridan, chairman of the strikers' executive committee, declared, however, after a strikers' meeting this morning, "it is a fight to the finish"

FORMER PREMIER OF QUEBEC DEAD

Montreal, Sept. 7.—The Hon. S. N Parent, ex-premier of Quebec, who has been lying critically ill at the Hotel Dieu for some time, is dead The condition of the honorable gentleman was reported as distinctly improved on Friday, and high hopes were entertained for his recovery, but he underwent a relapse and death came this morning.

GREEKS POSTPONE EXPEDITION

Constantinople, Sept. 7.—The expedition to the Turkish Black Sea coast planned by the Greeks for operations against the Turkish Nationalists, has been postponed, it was learned today

WORLD NEWS TODAY

ST. JOHN.

The attendance at the Exhibition yesterday was 5,422 paid admissions.

Miss Mary L. Harrison, Sydney street, is elevted vice-president for New Brunswick at the Associated Canadian Clubs meeting in Toronto.

CANADA.

Freight rates in Eastern Canada will advance 40 per cent, the Board of Railway Commissioners announce. In Western Canada the raise is 35 per cent. Passenger fares are increased 40 per cent., while sleeping car berths advance fifty per cent.

THE BRITISH ISLES.

Lloyd George arrives unexpectedly in London from Switzerland, where he has been resting. It is rumored his return is due to the serious nature of th Irish cause.

EUROPE.

General Wrangel, anti-Bolsheviki leader in Southern Russia, captures 5,000 Soviets and many guns.

Italy swept by appalling earthquake, and many towns are destroyed or seriously damaged. Loss of life not yet known.

MARKET PRICES TAKING TUMBLE IN MONTREAL

Evidence All Over the Markets of Falling Prices in Farm Products.

Montreal, Sept. 7—There is evidence all over the markets of Montreal that prices are falling. Potatoes are going at $1 to $1.80 a bag of eighty pounds. Melons were as low as 50 cents, but the best were obtainable at $1.25 to $1.50. Squash were 75 cents a dozen. Cauliflowers, $1.50 to $1.75. Turnips at $1 a bag of fifty pounds. Red onions at $3 a bag, or 35 cents a bunch of 12. Leeks at 10 cents a bunch. Cukes at 75 cents to $1 a bag. Corn at 15 to 20 cents a dozen. Tomatoes 30 to 35 cents for a qin box loaded to capacity. Eggs were 75 cents a dozen for specials, and some others as low as 60 cents a dozen. Butter, best quality, 62 cents to 64 cents.

MONCTON POLICE ROW REACHES THE CLIMAX

City Council Passes By-Law Dissolving Police Commission—Rideout to Resign.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 7—The City Council at its meeting tonight passed a by-law dissolving the Police Commission of the City of Moncton, which means that the control of the police force reverts to the City Council The police force has been under Commission Government for a little over 12 years, and the action of the present council in abolishing the commission has brought about by clashes between the council and chief of police. The climax differences between the council and the chief came when Mayor Chapman ordered the suspension of Sergt. Allard, in connection with the arrest of G. B. Beaumont, of Truro, some weeks ago, and Chief Rideout refused to act upon the mayor's instructions, claiming he took his orders only from the police commission.

The First Clash

Sergt. Allard, consequently, remained on duty. Beaumont's arrest and Sergt. Allard's conduct in connection with the arrest has been the subject for investigation by the police commission, but no decision has yet been reached. Since the introduction of the by-law at the city council abolishing the police commissio, Chief Rideout and nearly all his officers have stated that they would resign if the control of the police was taken out of the hands of the commission and placed directly under the council's control. After the meeting of the council tonight, Chief Rideout reiterated his statement that he would resign, informing members of the council that his resignation would be forthcoming in the morning.

The action of the council in abolishing the commission has aroused much interest and discussion throughout the city and the end is not yet.

ARTHUR ECREMENT FACES NEW CHARGE

Former Member of Canadian Parliament Accused of Defrauding O. Patenaude.

Montreal, Sept. 7—Arthur Ecrement, ex-member of the Canadian parliament, charged with conspiring to defraud Michael Connolly out of the sum of $125,000 in a fake wire-tapping scheme staged last year at Buffalo, N Y., appeared in court today on another charge by O. Patenaude, accusing Ecrement of securing $5,250 by false pretences. The hearing was only a matter of form before accused goes to trial. The commission, which went to Buffalo to take evidence in the Connolly charges, returned here Saturday. The finding of this commission will not be made public until the trial on the Connolly charges takes place.

ST. JOHN LADY TO REPRESENT PROVINCE IN CANADIAN CLUBS

Miss Mary L. Harrison of Sydney Street Honored at Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 7—Miss Mary L. Harrison of St. John, N. B., was elected New Brunswick Vice-President of the Association of Canadian Clubs at the last session of the annual meeting here this afternoon.. R. W. Craig, K. C., of Winnipeg was elected president. The vice-president, is Mrs. A. B. Code; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Smith, both of Winnipeg. This has been done so as to have the main executive centralized there for the coming year, as it has been at Montreal, during the past year.

For the provincial vice-presidents, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were left blank, with the understanding that vice-president should be appointed later after consultation. Other vice-presidents are included. Lack of co-operation with the main association by the member clubs was dwelt upon in the secretary's report for the year.

The meeting concluded with brief speeches by the new president and Mr. Isaac Pitblado of Winnipeg.

Miss Mary L. Harrison, 158 Sydney street, is the corresponding secretary of the St. John Women's Canadian Club and also held last year the office of vice president for New Brunswick.

NO MEDICAL CARE FOR FOOD STRIKERS

Twenty-Eight Days Since Eleven Irishmen in Cork Refused to Eat.

Cork, Sept. 7.—This is the twenty-eighth day since the eleven hunger strikers in Cork jail refused food. Sean Hennessy, 19 years of age, of Ballingarry, Limerick, and Thomas Donovan, Emly, Limerick, are said to be suffering severely, Hennessy with blood poisoning of the leg and Donovan with an abscess of the mouth.

Since Thursday last, when the prisoners refused to permit the jail doctor to visit them, they have had no medical attention, being cared for by Nuns day and night. A fortnight ago the prisoners refused to take even water, asserting that the prison officials were putting stimulants into the water and they thirsted as well as starved until the Nuns appeared and gave them water with their own hands..

PRINCE OF WALES IS SELLING REAL ESTATE

Will Put up a Portion of London Holdings at Auction This Fall.

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London Sept. 7.—The Prince of Wales has joined the army of aristocratic landlords who are putting their real estate on the market owing to the heavy taxation on land, which since the war is heavier than ever.

As Duke of Cornwall, the British heir apparent owns a large slice of South London, which is known as the Kennington estate. A portion of the estate will be put up for auction in the fall with a view to building development. This section of the Prince's land has been mostly cleared of its old decayed buildings. Since succeeding to the estate, the Prince has taken an active interest in it and a number of model dwellings for artisans have been built.

MONTREAL FIFTH CITY IN POPULATION

Montreal, Sept. 7 — The statistics compiled by the Lovell Company for the new issue of the city directory give the city of Montreal population of 801,216, making it the fifth largest city on the continent.

JAMAICA SHIPS STRIKE DELAYED

Kingston, Ja., Sept. 7.—A general strike of longshoremen is in progress and ten cargo vessels are held up, 20,000 tons of freight being affected. The men demand a flat rate of 25 cents an hour and are in a threatening mood. Armed police are guarding the ships and docks. It is announced that the epidemic of cowpox is on the decrease.

CLOCKS GO BACK IN MONTREAL OCT. 24

Montreal, Sept. 7—Announcement was made today in the office of the City Clerk that all the clocks in Montreal will be put back an hour to standard time on Sunday morning, October 24, at 2 a.m.

BY-ELECTION IN EAST ELGIN.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The postponed convention for the selection of a government candidate in the East Elgin by-election will be held at Aylmer, Ont., on Friday next. Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will speak.

Hoboken Tells King MacSwiney Is Dying As "Tyranny Protest"

American City Commissioners Declare Peace of World is Threatened Again.

Hoboken, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The city commissioners today sent cablegrams to King George and Premier Lloyd George protesting against imprisonment of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork. Requesting release of MacSwiney the cablegrams stated "America entered world war for freedom of small nations and MacSwiney is dying as protest against tyranny. Hoboken, the port of embarkation of the American forces, asks that you take immediate action to avert disaster to peace of world," ended the messages.

WRANGEL GETS FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS NOW

Soviets Taking Men from Polish Front to Stop His Advance.

RUSSIANS CLAIM TANKS CAPTURED

Reserves and Students Sent Into Line Against Anti-Red.

Sebastopol, Sept. 7.—The two last weeks in August were productive of a considerable harvest in prisoners and guns for the forces of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik commander in South Russia, according to figures given out at his headquarters here. In the period from August 16 to August 31, his troops took prisoner five thousand Bolsheviki, and captured twelve cannon and 51 machine guns.

Against the Wrangel forces the Russians are declared to be using all their reserves, arming even the students and drawing reinforcements from the Polish front.

Paris, Sept. 7.—The Russian Soviet official statement from Moscow for September 6 declares that General Wrangel, who had assumed the offensive on the South Russian front, was repulsed by the Soviet forces and that the Wrangel army sustained heavy losses, including three tanks.

Russans Not Satisfie d

Warsaw, Sept. 7—The Russian Soviet Government has sent a wireless message to Poland, saying the Russians are dissatisfied with the arrangements for the Russo-Polish peace negotiations at Riga because the Letvian guarantees are insufficient. The Soviet Government complains that Letvia made no reference to the liberty of movement of the delegates, a headquarters during the negotiations or immunity of documents from examination at the frontier.

Poles Want League Help

Paris, Sept. 7—The Polish note to the League of Nations asking it to mediate in the Polish-Lithunian controversy says that while the Polish armies were retreating before the Russian Soviet forces the Lithuanian Government concluded an agreement wit hthe Soviet Government at Moscow authorizing the Soviet army to make use of Lithuanian territory for its passage and the establishment of a militiary base. This, the note pointed out, was a breach of neutrality.

LITTLE CHANGE IN FLOUR MARKET

Special to The Standard.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 7.—The Northwestern Miller's Weekly Review of the flour trade says: There is little change in market conditions, buyers taking practically no interest in flour purchases, while the spread of twenty to thirty cents between cash wheat and the December option remains. Flour prices are nominally somewhat higher, averaging for patents from twelve dollars and thirty cents per barrel for soft winters up to thirteen dollars and ten cents for springs. There is a fair demand for strong clears at good prices. Feed is quiet but a little higher. The output of flour remains about fifty per cent of the country's milling capacity. Millers fear a serious congestion when purchases begin, if buyers do not take hold soon as the railroads may not be able to handle promptly the heavy flour shipments which will then be called for.

BIG REVENUE FROM TAX ON COAL SALES

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Berlin, Sept. 7.—The German coal mines pay a government tax of 20 per cent. based on the selling price at the pithead. Owing to the high price of coal, this tax, it is estimated will produce no less than 4,500,000,000 marks during the financial year 1920-'21.

ALL RAILWAY CHARGES ARE MUCH HIGHER

Eastern Canada Freight Rates Jump Forty Per Cent. and Western Twenty-Five.

PASSENGER RATES ADVANCE 40 PER CENT.

Sleepers on the Railroads Will Cost Fifty Per Cent. More Now.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—By virtue of a judgment which will be issued from the offices of the Board of Railway Commissioners, probably tomorrow, railway companies in Canada are granted an increase of forty per cent. in Eastern Canadian freight rates and thirty-five per cent. in Western freight rates, effective on Monday next, September 13, and to continue in force until December 31.

After December 31 the increase in the freight rates in Eastern Canada is reduced from forty to thirty-five per cent. and in Western Canada from thirty-five to thirty per cent.

Passenger Rates, Too.

Simultaneously with the increase in freight rates, passenger rates all over the country are advanced twenty per cent., so long as they do nott exceed four cents a mile. This increase is effective only to December 31. After that date, and for the six months period from January 1, 1921, to July 1, 1921, a ten per cent. increase is authorized. Following July 1, passenger rates return to those in force at the present time.

The judgment will authorize increases of fifty per cent. in sleeping and parlor car rates and an increase of twenty per cent. in the rate on excess baggage.

No Increase on Milk.

No increase is autthorized in the rates on milk. Authorization is given for an increase in freight on coal from ten to twenty cents a ton.

A summary of the judgment which has been handed down by the Railway Commission in the application of all Canadian railways for increased rates was given out this evening by the Chief Commissioner, Hon. F. B. Carvell.

The judgment will refuse to authorize any increases in the rates on sand, gravel and crushed stone, incidental services, such as switching, milling in transit, diversions, re-consignment, stop-overs, demurrage, weighing, etc., but provision is made for special applications in any or all of these services.

No increase is authorized in the rates on commutation fares, nor in the minimum class rate scale, or the minimum charge for shipment.

FARM IMPLEMENTS MUCH TOO DEAR

Federal Trades Commission Suggests Legal Action Against Manufacturers.

Washington, Sept. 7—Declaring prices of farm implements in the United States to have been increased without warrant through "concerted action" of manufacturers and dealers, the Federal Trade Commission in a report recommends reopening of anti-trust proceedings against the International Harvester Company and institution of judicial proceedings against implement manufacturers and dealers

WOUNDED IN ARM IN FIGHTING DUEL

Montevideo, Sept. 7.—Julio Maria Sosa, editor of El Dia, was wounded Sunday in the first duel fight under the newly legalized duelling law.

His opponent was Minister of Public Works Humberto Pittamiglia. The men fought with sabres and Sosa was slightly wounded in the arm.

TORONTO MAY HAVE NO LABOR PARADES

Toronto, Sept. 7.—Following the admitted "fizzle" of the Labor Day parade here yesterday, when only 3,000 out of a membership of 30,000 took part. Prominent labor officials said today that they thought the time had about arrived to discontinue the annual Labor Day parade. The contention is made that the large majority of organized workingmen prefer to spend the whole day with their families to have the whole day for their own use.

TWO YEAR TERM FOR JUVENILE THIEF

Special to The Standard

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 7—Joseph Osborne, the lad from Toronto who was arrested charged iwth theft of various articles from the bathing beach at the West End, appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning and was sentenced to two years in the Dorchester Penitentiary for the offence.

Two prohibition cases appeared before the magistrate over the week end and both offenders were fined $200 or six months jail for violations of the Prohibition Act.