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PREMIER OFFERED TO QUIT?

Lloyd George, Says London Rumor, Tendered Resignation Last Week-end But Cabinet Refused It

CURZON THREAT ALSO REPORTED

Rumor Also Asserts That Foreign Minister Declared He Would Resign Unless Policy of Securing French Co-operation Was Supported by Cabinet.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Sept. 21—It is rumored in London that Premier Lloyd George offered his resignation at a meeting of the cabinet ministers at Chequer's Court, the premier's country home last week-end, but that the resignation was refused. It is also asserted that Lord Curzon, secretary for foreign affairs, threatened to resign if his policy for securing the co-operation of France was not supported by the cabinet.

For the moment, Lord Curzon's policy has triumphed and intense satisfaction is expressed in England at the prospect of summoning an international conference to settle the Near Eastern question. It was pointed out in Paris today that General Harrington's warning sent to Kemal Pasha that the advance of the Turks into Allied territory would be considered an act of war against Great Britain, had not been heeded. The French expect that General Harrington's order may be changed.

POLICE ATTACKED BY WORKLESS IN GLASGOW STREET

Refusal of Theatre Proprietor to Allow Unemployed to Hold Meetings in Building Stirs Trouble — Sergeant Subbed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Sept. 21—Several thousands of unemployed men made an ugly rush at the police in Glasgow last night. The trouble arose over the refusal of the proprietor of a cinema theatre to allow the unemployed to hold meetings in the building. The crowd grew so menacing that the police intervened and swept the crowd away from the theatre. The demonstrators, however, reformed their ranks and delivered a mass attack. One police sergeant was stabbed in the back and seriously injured.

STEAMER AGROUND IN MAGELLAN STRAITS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Valparaiso, Chile, Sept. 21—The steamer Texas is aground off Punta Garreras, in the Straits of Magellan, with six feet of water in her hold, according to a wireless message received by the naval authorities here from Punta Arenas. A large hole in the vessel's side has already been repaired, and pumping operations have begun, the message said. A Danish steamer of the same name was reported bound for Chile from Buenos Aires on Aug. 26.

Eclipse of Sun Observed By Astronomers to Test Truth of Einstein Theory

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

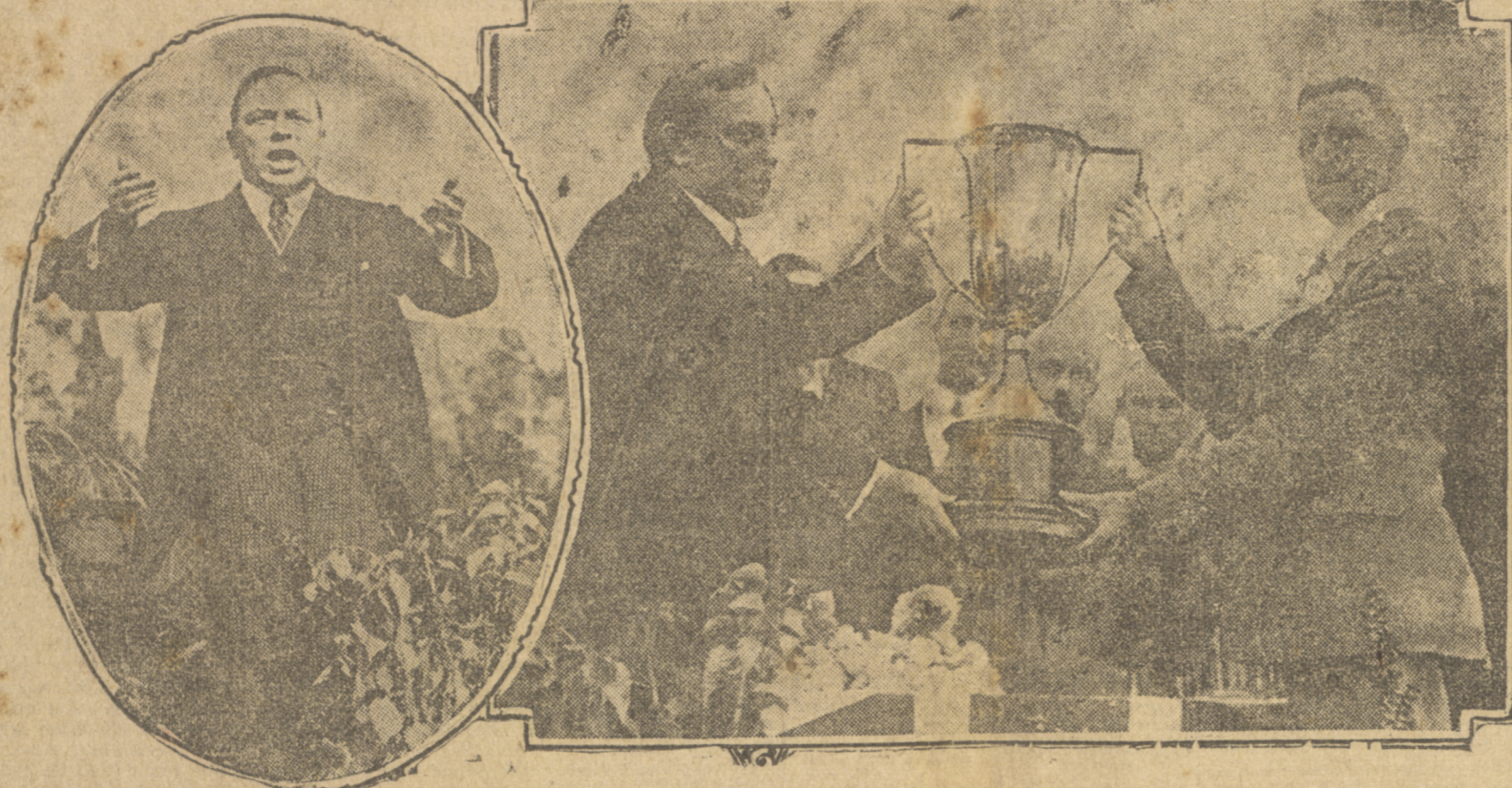
San Jose, Calif., Sept. 21—The observations of the eclipse of the sun at Woolal on the northwest coast of Australia by an astronomical party from the United States, New Zealand and Canada, were "highly successful," according to a cable message received at the Lick observatory, near here today, from members of the party.

London, Sept. 21—The astronomer had a splendid view of today's solar eclipse from Woolal, near Broome, Australia, according to a despatch to the Times from Perth. The sky was cloudless and the observations were most successful. The United States expedition at Woolal, headed by Professor W. W. Campbell, director of Lick observatory, saw a corona 40,000 miles wide from which four long streamers of light shot forth, one extending 2,500,000 miles from the sun's centre, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Melbourne. The duration of the totality of the eclipse was four seconds shorter and began fifteen seconds later than had been predicted.

The United States astronomers are said to be highly pleased at the success of the photographic plate, taken with the purpose of verifying Einstein's theory of relativity, namely, the bending path of a ray of light in its passage through the sun's gravitational field. They also expressed pleasure with the work of both the instruments and the observers.

The Canadian and Australian astronomers occupied stations near the Americans. All had made careful efforts to verify the Einstein theory.

RECALLED TO OTTAWA.



Premier King was among his constituents at Stouffville, Ontario, when on Saturday he was recalled to Ottawa to deal with the Near East situation. The right hand picture shows him presenting the Mackenzie King cup to the Stouffville bowlers, who headed the country league.

MISTAKEN FOR TURK AND GIVEN BEATING

Accomplished Algerian Linguist Speaks Arabic in Montreal Restaurant and Greek Sympathizers Attack Him as a Turk.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Sept. 21—While a little learning is a dangerous thing, too much of it can also prove embarrassing, as was proved by an incident which occurred in a restaurant in the East End section of this city.

In the neighborhood where the incident occurred, one finds in miniature the tower of Babel, the most polyglot district one would desire. Into a restaurant during the day sauntered a customer bent only on appeasing his hunger. But this customer was a stranger in the neighborhood, an Algerian, who during the great war, held a commission in the American army. To his prowess as warrior he had added a speaking knowledge of the languages of the English, Turkish, Spanish and a few other lands. He ordered his lunch and proceeded to enjoy it. Nearly five or six other diners, sympathizers with the Greek cause, discussed the Turkish situation now agitating politicians in England and Europe. The man of many tongues, made an unfortunate faux pas, however, in that he let fall a word or two in Arabic. Right there the trouble started. Immediately the Greek-Turkish war found an echo, there was no neutral zone, and before the victim realized what started it, he found himself a besieged fort attacked from all sides with no reserves to call upon.

When the armistice finally was declared he showed scars of battle and had to be conveyed to a hospital for repairs, after which he lodged a complaint with the police. The attacking forces, it seems, hearing his few words in Arabic, decided there was a Turk in their zone and forthwith the bombardment.

TO FAR AUSTRALIA WITH RECORD CARGO OF STEEL FROM N. S.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 21—The largest cargo of Sydney steel products ever shipped to the Antipodes is carried by the Canadian Conqueror which cleared from here last night for Australia and New Zealand, with 2,200 tons of the output of the Dominion Steel plant on board.

THE PROPOSED HYDRO CONTRACT DISCUSSED

Considered at Length at Conference Yesterday

Many Questions Asked and Very Effectively Answered by Mr. Kribs—No Steam Standby in Any Part of Ontario Hydro Commission's System, He Explains.

The draft of the proposed contract between the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and the city of St. John was considered by a joint meeting of members of the commission and the city council at a meeting in city hall yesterday afternoon and evening.

The whole of the contract was considered and amendments suggested. The contract is to be redrafted by the solicitor of the commission and the city solicitor and brought back to a meeting to be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The chief questions under discussion yesterday were continuity of service, which the commission was willing to guarantee, the time for the operation of the contract to start, which is to be arranged by mutual agreement, and the question of to whom the city may sell current, which is to be considered later.

The meeting opened at 3 o'clock and continued, with a break of two hours for dinner, until 10.45 last evening. Those present during the afternoon were Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, C. O. Foss, Gordon Kribs, J. D. P. Lewin, Mayor McLellan, Commissioners Frank, Wigmore, Bullock and Thornton, with the common clerk and the city electrician.

In opening the proceedings, Mayor McLellan said that the city commissioners had gone over the draft of the contract between the city and the power commission. The city solicitor had been present and several changes were suggested in the wording of the contract.

Hon. Mr. Foster said he was present to go over the contract with the commissioners. It was decided to take up the contract section by section. Mr. Lewin read the sections. There was a discussion on whether the contract should say "electrical power or energy," "electrical power and energy," or simply "electrical energy." It was finally decided to have it "electrical power or energy."

His worship suggested a change in regard to the current to be taken by the city, but Mr. Kribs pointed out that the clause as it appeared originally gave the city greater leeway in regard to peak load. However, he saw no objection to accepting the mayor's suggestion. This was "to reserve, deliver and supply to the city, as required by it, electrical energy, at the option of the city, to an amount of from 10,000,000 kilowatt hours to 15,000,000 kilowatt hours per year. If 10,000,000 k.w.h. is contracted for it is to be consumed at a rate of 2,338 k.w.h. during a period of thirty minutes. If 15,000,000 k.w.h. is contracted for the rate to be 3,500 k.w.h. during a period of thirty minutes."

Mr. Kribs pointed out that the contract put the peak at 4,715 k.w.h. as the maximum and the city could go anywhere below that figure providing the power factor was maintained at 85 per cent.

In answer to the mayor, the city electrician said the contract was the better arrangement for the city.

Commissioner Bullock wanted it understood that the minimum consumption would be 10,000,000 k.w.h. and the city would have to pay for this amount \$120,000, whether it was used or not. When the consumption went above 10,000,000 k.w.h. the city would pay at the rate of 1.2 cents.

Horse Power Basis. Mayor McLellan asked if there was any objection to the city buying on a horse power basis and Mr. Kribs said the commission preferred the plan submitted, but if horse power was to be the basis of payment a new contract would have to be arranged.

Dr. Smith said a change would have to be decided upon by the commission.

The mayor suggested that the city should have the right to secure a greater amount than provided for in the con-

New York Funds at Par First Time Since 1915 In City of Montreal

Montreal, Sept. 21—New York funds were officially quoted at par in Montreal today after opening at 1-64 of one per cent. This is the first time since 1915 that United States money could be purchased locally without the payment of a premium. The nearest Canadian dollar has approached New York par in the recent past was 1-32 of one per cent.

100,000 Workers Return to Jobs As Ford Reopens

Motor Car Manufacturer's "Industrial Strike" Against What He Termed "Excessive Coal Prices" Comes to End.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Detroit, Sept. 21—Henry Ford's "industrial strike" came to an end tonight. At midnight his great automotive plants in the Detroit district, employing upwards of 70,000 men, that were closed for an indefinite period last Sunday as the manufacturer's protest against what he termed "excessive coal prices," again were the scenes of industrial activity.

The order for the reopening of the plants came this afternoon from Edsell Ford, son of the manufacturer and president of the Ford Motor Company, who made arrangements to obtain coal during a long conference in Cincinnati with fifty mine operators yesterday.

The reopening order today not only puts back on the payrolls the more than 70,000 Ford workers in Detroit and 30,000 others in assembling plants throughout the country, but also means reopening of scores of small machine shops and accessory concerns, chiefly in the Detroit district, that were obliged to close last week because the Ford company is their sole or chief consumer.

ESCAPE FIRE AT RICHARDSVILLE

Family of Joseph Doyle Has Close Call When His House and Barn Are Destroyed.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Campbellton, Sept. 21—Fanned by a hurricane from the northwest, fire which broke out on the premises of Joseph Doyle at Richardsville about 10 o'clock on Tuesday night, completely destroyed his house, barn and a large touring car which was housed in the latter building. The loss exceeds \$6,000. The property is covered by insurance to the extent of \$4,500. When first seen by neighbors the blaze was in the barn, where, owing to the high wind, it gained rapid headway and spread to house nearby. The inmates had scarcely sufficient time to escape. A baby sleeping upstairs was rescued none too soon. A few pieces of furniture were saved, but the salvaging of the automobile and the other contents of the barn was impossible owing to the position of fire when discovered.

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STILL HAVING ITS OWN TROUBLES

Executive of Provincial Opposition Party Unable to Agree Regarding an Organizer.

The executive of the provincial opposition party met here yesterday afternoon in the Seaman's Institute. There was a fairly large attendance and it was announced that the meeting was for organizational purposes. It was said that a vote of confidence in the leader J. D. Palmer was passed, although many thought that C. D. Richards should be the leader, especially as he was leading the party representatives in the provincial house.

It had been intended to select an organizer for the party, but there were too many candidates with strong influences and the meeting could come to no decision on this question and "passed the buck" to a special committee. Probably this committee will be able to reach some decision in the matter, it was said, but it was hinted that in order that no new breaks in the party might develop, the organizer may not be named just at present.

MONTREAL MAY BUY 60,000 TONS OF COAL

City Council Authorizes Committee to Purchase Between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 Worth of Fuel to Relieve Shortage.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Sept. 21—With the assurance of Premier Taschereau before them that the provincial government is willing to recommend to the legislature the ratification of the transaction proposed by the city authorities for the relief of the fuel shortage in Montreal, this winter, the city council this afternoon by the almost unanimous vote of 24 to 1, resolved to grant the executive committee authority to buy 60,000 tons of coal, under suitable guarantee, which will be sold to consumers in this city.

The motion as amended during the meeting permits the city executive to consider any offer made to them for the quantity of coal desired. This amendment and other changes which provided for financial and other guarantees broke down what opposition to the scheme had developed among certain of the aldermen.

The estimated outlay is between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 and the coal it is proposed to buy will supply three tons each to about 20,000 families.

FIRE SWEEPS OVER IMMENSE STRETCH OF WESTERN LANDS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Lethbridge, Alta., Sept. 21—Blood Indian officials report that the prairie fire on the reserve just north of Cardston was extinguished early this morning after it had swept 100,000 to 150,000 acres of hay and grazing lands. Nearly 200 men, including Hutterites of the Raley colony and Indians of the reserve, fought the fire. So far as is known no lives were lost, although this has not been definitely established.

Several haying camps in the path of the flames were wiped out. Many thousands of tons of hay put up by the Indians and ranchers were consumed.

WOMAN CUTS THROAT IN RESTIGOUCHE CO.

Campbellton, Sept. 21—(Special)—Mrs. Fred Furlong of Lorne settlement, is now in a very critical condition as a result of injuries inflicted by herself on Tuesday night, when she made an attempt at suicide by cutting her throat. There is little hope for her recovery. She has one child.

BRITAIN REFUSES TO WITHDRAW HER TROOPS FROM CHANAK AREA

Belief Expressed That Curzon Has Been Instructed to Tell M. Poincare That Britain Will Preserve Dardanelles From Turk Control

Prospects of Peaceful Settlement Regarded in London as Distinctly Improved—Members of Cabinet Appear to Be Satisfied With Present Situation in Near East—Anglo-French Agreement Still Unattained—To Fix Peace Conference Details Today.

Paris, Sept. 21—Great Britain has refused categorically to withdraw her troops from Chanak, and has so informed the French government. This was definitely announced in official British circles tonight, in reply to a persistent report in French quarters that the British forces would probably be retired on the other side of the straits.

Lord Curzon, British foreign secretary, was in communication with Premier Lloyd George by telephone and telegraph throughout the day and the French premier received notification late this afternoon of the decision to hold the troops at Chanak.

The British government has been advised by military and naval experts that the troops are in no danger of an attack by the Kemalists. It is further said that the British navy in co-operation with the land forces, could withstand a strong attack by the Turks, but, if overwhelmed by superior numbers, which is regarded as highly unlikely, the troops could be easily withdrawn to Gallipoli under cover of the naval guns.

Meanwhile, according to despatches from Constantinople, the French and Italian contingents have been withdrawn from the neutral zones, which is regarded as highly unlikely, the troops could be easily withdrawn to Gallipoli under cover of the naval guns.

M. Poincare, however, has made a strong plea for the retirement of the British forces, on the ground that such a move would hasten peace and calm the more warlike party in the Angora government.

Anglo-French Agreement Unreached. A further decision by the British government which will be formally announced at tomorrow's meeting is that its representatives will go to the proposed conference with an open mind and will refuse to concede the Turkish claims to Thrace, Adrianople and Constantinople in advance of the peace meetings. These two decisions come as a great disappointment to France which had hoped

for withdrawal of the British forces and tentative acceptance of the Turkish claims on the part of Great Britain as a preliminary to the conference. The British contend that if the Turkish demands were accepted immediately, there would be no need of a conference. Complete accord between France and Great Britain therefore is very remote.

Tomorrow's session of the allied conference will confine itself to fixing the date and place for the conference and the possible drawing up of the agenda.

Perid Bey, the Nationalist representative in Paris, informed the Associated Press this evening that the reply of the Angora government regarding the conference would probably come within two or three days.

"Whether there is trouble in Asia Minor and an advance of our forces into our rightful territory depends entirely on the good will of Great Britain," said the Turkish envoy. "If Great Britain gives any indication that she will grant our just demands for Thrace, Constantinople and Adrianople, our forces will remain where they are, pending the conference. If we do not get this assurance Turkey will be forced to make further sacrifices for her rights. We prefer to obtain our rights by diplomacy and peaceful methods but we may have to insist on them by other means."

British Firmness. London, Sept. 21—Conferences between M. Poincare and Lord Curzon will be renewed at Paris tomorrow morning, and while these are pending the British prime minister left for his country residence and the other members of the cabinet are scattering. It is believed, however, that instructions have been sent to the British foreign secretary to inform M. Poincare in the most emphatic manner that Great Britain is determined to preserve the Dardanelles straits from Turkish control.

At the same time special efforts will be continued to bring Roumania and Jugo-Slavia to the British point of view, especially as these powers apparently are hesitating whether to favor the British or the French side.

Montreal, Sept. 21—A shrewdness in horse trading that would do credit to an old-timer in a Gypsy caravan was revealed in the juvenile court today, when three boys aged between thirteen and fifteen appeared before the judge on a charge of stealing a trotting horse, new buggy and a set of harness, all valued at \$500. Even the father of one of them, himself a horse trader, admitted that when it came to swapping equines, his offspring son had the edge. "He's a chip off the old block," said the father of the ringleader. "I'm a horse trader, but he's a better trader than I'll ever be. I never yet swapped a goat for a horse, and that's what he did the other day."

When the owner of a trotting stable reported a few nights ago that one of his best string of fast ones, a buggy and set of harness had been stolen from outside a fair grounds, where he had left them for a few minutes, the police went on the hunt. Their investigations finally brought them to a certain stable.

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Filming of the Commons With Actors as Members Is Forbidden By Speaker

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Sept. 21—The taking of moving pictures of the Canadian parliament has been brought to a sudden stop. Lately a movie company has been taking pictures of the interior of the new parliament buildings. Some objections were raised but the company was able to film the senate with some pseudo-senators provided for the occasion. Pictures were taken of the Hall of Fame but at the precincts of the house the movie men were told to stop. They could not take pictures in the House of Commons without permission of the speaker.

And Speaker Lemieux has now declined to grant permission. The idea of the movie men was to have government and opposition represented by actors; that the house would sit, pass resolutions, adopt bills and respond with alacrity to division bells. But Speaker Lemieux considers such a proceeding not in accordance with the dignity of parliament and has given instructions that movies of the commons chamber are not to be taken.

So, filming of parliament has stopped. Unless some concession is made, the picture will be minus the House of Commons.