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EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA IN UKRAINE

EPIDEMIC WORST IN RUSSIA'S HISTORY

Half a Million Cases Reported—The Death Rate is 60 Per Cent.

London, July 21—Europe's greatest cholera epidemic is raging in its last stronghold the Ukraine, according to Dr. J. L. McElroy, who has been for the last year district physician for the American Relief Administration in the Ukraine.

Both the cholera epidemic and the less terrible spotted typhus epidemic have become more alarming in Odessa and the Ukraine than they have ever been in Russia, without excepting even the Saratov region he told the United Press.

The continual impouring of refugees from the Volga into Odessa has taxed the facilities of the Relief Administration to the fullest according to McElroy.

"There are to-day 2,000 cases of cholera in Odessa and fully 500,000 cases in the Ukraine," Dr. McElroy said. "The number of typhus cases is approximately twice that number. The present death rate of the cholera victims is 60 per cent with typhus only about 10 per cent."

"The Russian epidemic centres have become quieter in the last six months, thanks to the government's measures and its cooperation with the American Relief Organizations. We hope to reduce the proportions of the epidemic to a much less alarming degree before the winter."

"Our greatest trouble in checking the diseases has been in not being able to check the indiscriminate entry of refugees starving and infected from other areas. Once in the Ukraine it is almost impossible for them to continue into other countries unless they run the risk of being shot by the border sentries, and they can only roam the streets of Odessa a menace to the already stricken people."

"Those fortunate to obtain passports are required to undergo vaccination against cholera but the vaccination is easier to obtain than the passport. Attempt at bribery of the guards is often attempted but the governmental system of unexpectedly changing the guard makes this method a bad gamble for the fugitive."

"The Ukrainian Government is at present operating four hospitals in Odessa, but nearly all their supplies and medicines are given them by the Relief Administration, through the donations of the American Red Cross."

LUMBER INSURANCE CASE

Suit for Non-payment of Insurance on Lumber Burned at Burton.

Before Judge Chandler in the Court of King's Bench at St. John the suit of W. Malcolm MacKay Limited vs British American Insurance Company is being heard. This is for insurance amounting to \$7,500 on lumber manufactured by E. C. Atkinson of this city who was financed by the plaintiff company. The lumber was burned while piled at Burton, Sunbury County a spark from an engine on the C. N. R. being assigned as the cause of the blaze. The company refused to pay the amount of the policies alleging that a clause providing that the lumber must not be piled near brush or standing timber was disregarded. The defence claims that the standing timber had been burned over and was not a menace and that practically no brush existed. Hugh MacKay and E. C. Atkinson were heard Thursday for the plaintiffs and H. W. Frink, G. G. Murdoch and C. Martin for the defence.

Contagious Diseases.

J. S. Scott in his capacity of secretary of the York County Sub-district Board of Health has received reports of a case of scarlet fever at McAdam a case of diphtheria in Devon and a case of diphtheria Marysville.

A BARN WAS BLOWN AWAY BY CYCLONE

Great Damage from Wind-storm in the Vicinity of Elmira, New York.

Elmira, July 18—Another cyclone burst on the country west to Elmira yesterday afternoon when a sudden hurricane carried away the roofs of houses and sheds removed barns from the landscape at a sweep destroyed trees and fences and wrought considerable minor damage.

The storm was felt most severely on the fourth line of Peel township not far from the spot so badly wrecked, while the driving shed and other buildings about the farm were scattered far and wide.

Perhaps the most fantastic story comes from the farm known as the old Graig homestead where the barn is reported to have been picked up and carried away bodily to such a distance that for some time it appeared to be lost and was only discovered after a considerable search has been conducted.

The peculiarity of this storm as well as of the cyclone of last week was its intensive local character. While heavy damage was being executed a few miles away, the citizens of Elmira did not notice any particular disturbance in the town at all. Those who were present at these windstorms and are acquainted with the prairie cyclones report that their manifestations are of a very similar character.

BUILDING AN AIR TERMINAL

Paris, July 19—A terminal greater than all of New York city's railway stations combined is the plan already under way for the world's greatest airway station at Orly, five miles south of Paris. Le Bourget, now France's aerial centre, is devoted only to planes, but the Orly station will provide accommodations for dozens of dirigibles with sliding ways to carry the gas bags into the interior of the station without landing on the ground.

Orly village has few accommodations but since workmen began unloading concrete and iron bars for the station's framework land values for miles around have more than trebled.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST U. S.

Washington, July 21—An indictment against ten persons, charging conspiracy to defraud the United States out of more than \$1,000,000 in connection with the disposition of Government lumber following the war was returned today by the special Federal Grand Jury which has been in session since June 1 investigating the transactions.

Those named in the indictment are John L. Phillips, Republican State committeeman for Georgia; John Stephens, partner of Phillips; Ernest C. Morse, Charles S. Shotwell, George M. Chambers, Frank T. Sullivan, Roland Perry, Charles Phillips, Jr., Gus Eitzen and Mitchell A. Touart, Jr.

Revision of Bylaws.

Bylaws of Victoria Public Hospital are being revised and the committee in charge of revision met again at the Mayor's Office Thursday night.

Making Good Progress

Work on the Chestnut Canoe Company's factory which will replace the building destroyed by fire a short time ago, is proceeding satisfactorily. The new building which will be considerably larger than the old one will be of brick and will be a substantial structure. Work on the walls is now well advanced and it is expected that the structure will be completed some time during the coming autumn.

Directors of C. N. R. Reported to Have Resigned Posts

WILL GIVE GOVERNMENT A FREE HAND IN THE MATTER OF REORGANIZATION—SOME MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED—HON. MR. KING DECLINES TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

Toronto, July 20—A prominent member of parliament told the Star today that the entire directorate of the Canadian National Railway had resigned at the request of the government and that the resignations were put in today to free the government to enable it to take whatever steps are deemed wise in the matter of reorganization.

It is understood that several members of the board will be reappointed but that others will be replaced by new men whom the government has in mind.

It is probable that some announcement will come from the government next week as to the personnel of the new board. The question of personnel, however, is being left almost entirely in the hands of the minister of railways. Some significance is attached to his absence this week from the capital.

OTTAWA NOT SURPRISED

Ottawa, July 20—Little surprise was occasioned here by the resignation of the Canadian National Railways in Toronto. It is regarded as an inevitable and primary step in the formation of a new board and in putting into effect the government's policy of co-ordinating all the government railways.

Those who constituted the board which resigned today are: D. B. Hanna, chairman; A. J. Mitchell, Major Graham Bell, C.M.G., deputy minister of railways and canals; Robert Hobson, Hamilton; E. R. Wood, Toronto; R. T. Riley, Winnipeg; Sir Hormidas Laporte, Montreal, and A. P. Barnhill, K. C., St. John, N. B.

The prime minister this evening when asked regarding the matter, refused to make any comment. Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways and canals, is out of town and is not expected to return before Saturday or Sunday. It is understood that the prime minister is not at all surprised at today's developments.

Whether the members of the board were asked to relinquish their positions by the government is not known. The belief generally held here is that they did so of their own volition realizing that it was the logical step for them to take. Moreover it is bound to clear the track for a speedy and effective reorganization of the government railways administration.

Today's cabinet meeting is the last to be held for about ten days. The next council will take place probably on Tuesday Aug. 1.

MAY BE UNITED STATES MAN

Ottawa, July 20—It is reported that the minister of railways has again gone to the United States to consult with American railwaymen, and in this connection the rumor is current in strengthened form that an American railwayman may be made technical head of the national system. In such a case, it is regarded as possible that the presidency may be separated from the active management, a Canadian public man of outstanding reputation being appointed as chairman of the board of directors.

MOSQUITO HITS THE CHAUFFEUR

Kearny, N. J., July 21—A large Jersey mosquito landing unexpectedly on the face of Louis Leontt, while he was driving his automobile at Dead Man's Curve on the Harrison Turnpike here late last night, caused Leontt to lose control of the steering wheel, the automobile going over a five foot embankment and overturning. Neither Leontt nor his wife nor any of their three children who were in the car, was injured.

Police Chief Walter Oliver and Patrolman William Flack, who were returning in another car from strike duty at the Pennsylvania railroad shops at the Kearny Meadows, went to the scene of the accident and took the children home.

Mrs. J. H. King Injured

Mrs. J. H. King wife of the Minister of Public Works was painfully injured when a cinder got into her eye when she was travelling on the train from St. John to Halifax where Dr. King has been inspecting the harbour, etc., carrying out the official duties of his tour. Mrs. King was unable to accompany her husband on his trips and was confined to her room when the party were taken for a sail around the harbor.

MEILKE AND WYLIE PLAY

Charlottetown, July 20—Gerald Meikle, Brightwood Golf Club Dartmouth, amateur champion for the last two years, and H. M. Wylie, Halifax, will meet tomorrow in the finals of the maritime golf tournament here. These two will clash for the championship as the result of their play in the semi-finals today when Meikle vanquished his brother, Frank, two up and one to play, and Wylie defeated W. H. Semple, Truro, three up and two to play.

Another event of today's playing was the defeat by the Meikle brothers of the professionals Quessnell, of Brightwood, and Braut, of Moncton, two up, in a best ball foursome.

On Way To Virginia

Upon the arrival of the D. J. Purdy at St. John last evening Mr. and Mrs. G. L. White completed the first leg of a journey which will end in Petersburg, Virginia. Mr. White who has been connected with the Fredericton Business College recently purchased the Bowman Commercial College in Petersburg and after spending a few days at Hubbard's N. S., will proceed to his destination accompanied by his wife and six year old son. Mr. White is the son of C. W. White of Fredericton.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING AT WESTMINSTER

Lord Louis Mountbatten and Miss Edwina Ashley Married at St. Margaret's Church.

London, July 21—Miss Edwina Ashley, granddaughter and heiress of the late Sir Ernest Cassel, and Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of the King and close friend of the Prince of Wales, were married today in St. Margaret's Westminster.

The wedding was one of the most brilliant social events since Princess Mary's marriage last March. The Prince of Wales acted as best man for his friend and companion on his trip to the East.

The royal family headed by King George and Queen Mary, attended the ceremony. The Prince of Wales and his three brothers, were there as were also the Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles; the Queen mother, the Princess Victoria of Connaught, Princess Helena Victoria, Princess Marie Louise, and Duchess of Albany and the Earl of Athlone.

Other notables present were the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, Countess Torby, Princess Andrew of Greece, the Prince and Princess Nicholas of Russia, the Infante Alfonso and the Infanta Beatrice of Spain the wedding was the greatest event since that of Princess Mary.

Lord Mountbatten is second cousin to the King and the bride is the daughter of Col. Wilfred W. Ashley M. P. The couple will spend a few days of their honeymoon at Broadlands, Col. Ashley's country seat and then tour through part of Europe staying some days in Germany at a residence which has been lent to them. Later they will proceed to Spain, returning here the first week in September. They intend to sail for America on September 27 on board the Majestic visiting in New York whence they will go to the Everglades in Florida for some weeks.

The entrance of Brook House, known as Cassel's wonder house has been transformed into an orange grove with great banks of flowers for the royal reception to which more than 2,000 persons have been invited.

The bride wore a gown of silver tissue, partly veiled with priceless Venetian point lace and four yards of train. The skirt was about four inches from the ground. The head-dress shaped like a tiara, was of orange bolsons with a simple tulle veil nearly as long as the train. She carried a large sheaf of Madonna lilies. The seven bridesmaids (Lord Mountbatten's four nieces the Princesses Margarita, Theodosia, Cecile and Sophie; Miss Mary Ashley, the bride's sister; Miss Joan Pakenham and Lady Mary Ashley) were dressed in blue crepe roman, simply cut like the bride's gown.

For brilliance and costliness the wedding presents were second only to Princess Mary's.

Shanks-Austin.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Austin, Musquash, on Monday July 17, when their daughter, Eleanor Theresa, was united in marriage to George Henry Shanks of Fredericton the ceremony was performed by Rev. N. P. Fairweather beneath the same arch of ivy under which the bride's grandparents were married. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion with roses and peonies. The bride was beautifully gowned in white georgette crepe, with pearl trimmings and bridal veil of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses. The bride who was given away by her father was attended by Miss Effie Clinch, St. Stephen, N. B. Frances B. Cassey, Toronto supported the groom. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The wedding presents were very numerous, including cut glass, silver and checks. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial check; to the bride's maid a gold brooch set with pearls, and to the best man a pearl stick pin. The bride and groom will reside at Musquash, where the groom is employed in connection with the hydro electric development.

CONFERENCE DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT

VERY LITTLE WAS ACCOMPLISHED

Conference Closed Without Reaching an Economic Accord with Soviet Russia.

The Hague, July 20—The United States government figured in the closing scene of The Hague conference, which today passed into history without accomplishing its aim—the reaching of an economic accord with Soviet Russia.

M. Catter, of Belgium, made the statement at the final session at the peace palace that he was authorized by the American charge d'affaires to say that the United States government would adhere to the resolution which has just been adopted where by the governments engaged not to assist any of their citizens in attempts to acquire property in Russia which belonged to citizens of other countries and was confiscated since November 1917.

The United States he said had no intention of departing from its line of conduct with regard to property expropriated in Russia.

The resolution itself gave rise to some doubt. France, through M. Alphand, moved to amend the resolution so that the word "belonged" would become "belongs." France's idea was that although the property had been seized by the Bolsheviks it was legally left in the possession of foreigners and that in the resolution the use of the present tense of the verb should clearly record this fact. The amendment was rejected.

The Baltic States did not succeed in their efforts to have set up some machinery for possible continuance of the work at The Hague. Believing the project for recognition of debts and the right of compensation for confiscated property was a logical basis for an eventual accord with Russia the Baltic States wanted to create some organization for receiving the Moscow government's reply as to whether the newest proposal of its Hague delegates was officially ratified.

PERSONAL MENTION

Movements of People in Whom Mail Readers are Interested.

Mrs. W. J. Glenn has returned from a visit to Grand Manan.

Mr. Gordon Titus of St. John is spending a few days in this city.

St. Croix Courier: Mr. and Mrs. James F. McMurray of Fredericton are at Kennedy's Hotel, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.

Mrs. G. W. Babbitt of St. Andrews has returned to her home after visiting in Fredericton.

Chas. Purcell, who has been in Sussex and last week visited St. John and Fredericton, returned home Friday.

Chatham Gazette: Miss Elizabeth Nutter of Fredericton is registered at the Touraine Hotel.

Miss Helen Wark, daughter of the late Senator Wark, who was in St. John last week, has returned after a short visit to Fredericton, her home town, and will be at St. John for some time, before sailing for Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Botsford, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., are on their usual vacation at their summer home at Land's End, St. John River. Mr. Botsford is an old Fredericton boy.

Carleton Observer: Mrs. John Rogers and daughter, Bertha of Bristol are visiting relatives in Fredericton.

Miss Beryl Colquhoun of Moncton formerly of Fredericton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Malby Newcastle.

St. Croix Courier: Miss Grance Doyle of St. George is spending a few days in Fredericton with her brother Harry G. Doyle.

Mrs. W. C. Collis and her daughter Marguerite of Ottawa are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chestnut.

C. C. Belding of Norton is at the Barker House.