

SIR LOMER PRAISES THE LEAGUE CURIOUS OVER BANTING'S DISCOVERY

FOREST FIRES RAGING IN MIDDLE WEST RUSH UNHALTED IN THREE STATES

Many Towns are Menaced in Northern Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 12—Forest fires are raging over the northern parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Five towns are seriously threatened, one life has been lost. Great Lakes navigation and bus line service are hampered by smoke and thousands of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed.

Hundreds of Fires

Hundreds of small fires which have been burning for some time united and became a menace as they swept on with renewed vigor under an all-day west wind yesterday.

Late last night J. J. Blaine, Governor of Wisconsin, ordered out the superior units of the Wisconsin national guard to fight the fire raging through the state park at Manitou Falls.

Hundreds of men are back-firing through heavy brush to try to save the villages of Blueberry, a small Douglas county community, and Lake Nebagamon also is in jeopardy. Three farms north of Brule have been burned out and all cattle destroyed.

Towns in Danger

Ontonagon, the seat of Ontonagon county, is threatened by fires surrounding the village, and the town of Green, six miles away, is in danger. Lumbermen estimate 60 square miles already have been burned over. Farmers in that locality, as well as in several in Houghton, Keweenaw, and Baraga counties, are moving to open spaces for safety.

Two summer cottages at Twin Lakes south of Houghton, have burned, and others are threatened.

Douglas, Ashland, Bayfield and Ironwood counties in Wisconsin are dotted with flames. Breathing there is described as torture, and heavy smoke hangs over the land. Navigation on Lake Superior has become a serious problem the smoke covering the water more than the heaviest fogs. Wisconsin highway No. 10, between Ashland and Hurley, has been made impassable by flames and smoke.

Burned to Death

Near Hurley the entire woods are burning, and the whole town of Drummond, west of Ashland, turned out to fight fires. Near Kimball, Ashland county, considerable loss from burning of cut timber is reported. Brush fires rage between Saxon and Lake Superior. A number of buildings have been destroyed by the fire near the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary between Houghton and Keweenaw.

Mildred Louiva, 3, who wandered into the woods near Mohawk, Mich., and was burned to death, was the first person reported killed by the flames.

IS DELUGED WITH LETTERS

Montreal, Oct. 11—Letters are pouring in to Lord Renfrew from every part of Canada. The writing in many cases is a puzzle but the titles on the envelopes are much more puzzling. His Royal Highness is everything from plain "Mr. Prince" to "Mr. Wales," "Mr. Renfrew," "Lord," "Baron," "Earl," "Duke" and in one instance "Edward P. Renfrew." Some have been addressed "Baron of Renfrew," others "The Earl of Renfrew," "Sir Edward Prince," "Prince Edward" and some just plain "Prince of Wales."

The stock pouring in is said to be enormous. Invitations are being received in large numbers and are all given attention.

BOYS RACE WITH THE LAW IN STOLEN CAR

Stepped on the Gas But Were Caught After 18 Mile Chase.

Hammonton, N.J., Oct. 12—Swerving their stolen automobile from side to side on the road to discourage pursuit two very juvenile thieves yesterday led a State Trooper on an eighteen mile, sixty-mile-an-hour pursuit from Hammonton to a point just over the Camden county line. The bold young bandits were just 22 years old between them, being 12 and 10, respectively.

The boys, Kenneth Davis, the elder, and Horace Bowers, both of Germantown, Pa., were captured by State Trooper Rankin only after he had emptied his revolver in a running chase. The shots penetrated the tires and brought the speeding car to a stop.

It began, the boys explained, when they saw the parked car of H. T. Freeman of Collingswood, N.J. standing on a street in Camden. They had been pumping their bicycles all day, Kenneth explained, and were tired. They were bound for Ocean City, N. J., to see some relatives, and suddenly a great yearning to see those relatives at once overwhelmed them.

Parked Bikes in Car

Putting their bicycles in the tonneau of the car for future reference, the lads clambered in, Kenneth at the wheel, as became his seniority. And so they rode bravely forth.

State Trooper Rankin, alert after a warning sent out from the headquarters of the State troopers, to which Freeman had reported, sighted the two young pirates as they drove proudly through Hammonton. He yelled and young Davis stepped firmly on the gas. Rankin on his motorcycle pursued.

To keep the trooper behind them young Davis pocketed him by swerving the car whenever he tried to come alongside. Every now and then, when a chance to fire without hitting the ambitious youths presented itself, Rankin took a pot shot at a tire. He fired seven times.

With both front tires gone, the boys stopped. They turned to smile brightly at Rankin, bruised from several tumbles from his motorcycle.

"Say," he demanded, when he got his breath back. "Why didn't you stop when I fired. Weren't you afraid?" Kenneth was nonchalant.

"We thought you'd fire at the gas tank," he replied calmly.

Horace was sent home to his father. Kenneth, whose father refused to have a little pirate in his home, was sent to the Juvenile Court of Camden county.

BIG CORN CROP IS IN SIGHT IS IN SIGHT

Washington, Oct. 12—A three billion bushel crop of corn this year was forecast to-day by the Department of Agriculture. Indications are this year's crop will be the fourth largest corn production in history. It is the fourth time a crop of three billion bushels or more has been grown. The wheat crop was placed at 781,737,000 bushels in a preliminary estimate. That is 7,490,000 bushels less than forecast a month ago and compares with a crop of 861,091,000 bushels last year.

Corn production was forecast at 3,021,454,000 bushels compared with a forecast of 3,076,000,000 bushels a month ago and last year's crop of 2,890,712,000 bushels.

Southampton, Oct. 7—George three year old son of Fred Schildroth of Saugeen swallowed a carpet tack. At first the tack lodged in the child's throat, causing him much distress. The tack finally slipped down and was later removed from the child's stomach by a local physician.

Dominion Statesmen Strongly Support the League of Nations

Their Attitude to it Has Created Some Surprise in Old Country—The Tendency is to Allow the League to Settle Difficult Problems That Arise in Europe—The Corfu Seizure.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the United Press)

London, October 12—The eulogy of Sir Lomer Gouin of the League of Nations and of the work which Lord Robert Cecil did at Geneva has caused some surprise in England especially among Conservatives, who favor a policy of isolation from European politics. It was generally thought that American influence in Canada had caused the people of the Dominion to lose their enthusiasm for the league and the attitude of the delegates yesterday throws some light on the question of the foreign policy of the British Empire which would seem to be to allow the league to settle difficult problems that arise in Europe. The Dominion statesmen seem unanimously determined to do everything in their power to weld the league into an effective instrument for the pacification of Europe and for the prevention of future wars.

THE CORFU INCIDENT

All seem to lay great stress on the moral aspect of the incident of the seizure of Corfu by Mussolini and they do not look with any favor on the pusillanimous arguments that if the league had insisted upon immediate and drastic action in accordance with the strict letter of the covenant the league might have been destroyed through the withdrawal of Italy from membership. That war might have resulted between Italy and Greece and that to rebuff Mussolini might lead to his overthrow and to an outbreak of revolution in Italy. The attitude of the premiers of Canada and the other dominions will undoubtedly restore some of the prestige which the league has lost through the handling of the Corfu incident.

FORMER CITY OFFICIAL IS ON TRIAL

Halifax, Oct. 11—At continuation today of the trial of ex-City Collector Robert Theakston, charged with the theft of \$34,000 of city funds, Mayor John Murphy under cross-examination recalled a conference on June 2 when a report from the auditors making a special audit of the city's affairs was read to Mr. Theakston. W. F. Page, a taxpayer, who held receipts for taxes, payment of which was not entered on the city books, was present at the conference.

Mr. Theakston said at that time after the reading of the auditor's statement:

"The taxes are unpaid. I have an arrangement."

Mr. Page replied: "Theakston, that is a damn lie; there is no arrangement."

The accused had then said that the arrangement was with a member of Mr. Page's staff.

Mothers' Pensions.

A Royal Commission appointed by the Provincial Government to consider the questions of mothers' pensions and the minimum wage will open its sessions in St. John on Saturday of this week. The meeting will be held in the council rooms of the Provincial Government. Dr. W. C. Kierstead of the U. N. B., is chairman of the commission, and the other members are R. A. Frechet, Moncton, Felix McMillin, L. W. Simms and Mrs. J. L. Sugrue of St. John.

The case against Burton Kelly charged with illegal fishing, was tried before Magistrate John Elliott at Kingsclear on Thursday. Several witnesses were examined. Judgment was reserved until Friday of next week.

BERGDOLL WILL FACE THE U. S. COURTS

New York, Oct. 11—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy slacker, intends to return from Germany and serve his sentence for draft evasion, his mother, Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, declared yesterday on her arrival aboard the Albert Ballin from Germany, where she visited her son.

His return, she said, would have to await the conclusion of court proceedings, following the alleged attempt recently to kidnap him when one of the men who tried to get him out of Germany was killed and another wounded.

At that time, Mrs. Bergdoll declared, her son was preparing to return to the United States. The kidnapping attempt, she characterized as unjust and unfair persecution.

Woman Window Smasher.

Moncton Transcript: The police were called to the northern part of the city Wednesday morning to take charge of a girl aged 19 who persisted in breaking windows, fancying in particular the large plate-glass type. She had smashed out six in three houses and was resting on the ground when the officers arrived. She will be sent to the Provincial Hospital at St. John.

Bail For Harry W. Clark.

Harry W. Clark arrested Monday in connection with the thefts from the hardware store of R. Chestnut & Sons and the discovery of stolen goods at his home, was released on bail of three thousand dollars today by Police Magistrate Limerick. He is held in one thousand dollars from himself and like amounts from Guy Tufts, D. S. C. R. watchman and Duncan Reid of Marysville.

N. Y. BANDITS PREY ON TAXI CAB DRIVERS

Twelve Robberies of This Kind Pulled off in Two Weeks.

New York, Oct. 12—Taxicab hold-ups in which the drivers are the victims have become so prevalent in the White Light zone that detectives of the West Forty-seventh street station the West 100th street station have been notified to be on the alert for this type of bandit.

In the last two weeks twelve complaints have been made by taxi drivers that they were robbed of their day's receipts after being engaged to drive a few blocks.

The pseudo customers generally hire the cab in the vicinity of Times Square, direct the chauffeur to drive to some spot on Riverside Drive or Central Park West and upon reaching some sparsely lighted section stick a gun in the driver's ribs. The bandits in some instances have women accomplices.

The Latest Victim.

The latest victim is William Kaplan of 12 West 113th street. Early this morning three young men hired Kaplan's cab and told him to drive along Central Park West. At Sixty-fourth street he was ordered to halt. One of the youths pressed a revolver to his side and told him to get into the cab. There he was robbed of \$17. The passengers then told Kaplan to drive in the opposite direction and threatened if he hesitated, to hurry him along with a bullet.

Kaplan drove to the West Sixty-eighth street station. Detectives Cornelius Manning, James Cunningham and Joseph Hammon started a search along Broadway.

At Sixty-first street they came upon three youths who quickened their steps as the detectives approached. When told to halt, they started to run. One of the detectives fired two shots over the men's heads and they stopped.

Kaplan was summoned and he identified one of the trio as the one who held the gun to his side.

PRAISES THE N. B. SCENERY

C. C. Harvey, editor of Fort Fairfield Review, always has a good word for New Brunswick. The following items from his most recent issue are pleasing and complimentary:

New Brunswick for scenery! It is surely hard to beat our sister Province in that regard. The editor and party recently had a ride around the "North Shore," as they call the northern edge of New Brunswick, along Bay Chaleur, thence to Campbellton and up the Metapedia Valley. Whether it is the St. John, the Nashwaak, the Miramichi or the Metapedia, the scenery is more than beautiful every step of the way. Coming as this trip did, right in the height of the fall colors on the trees, the woods and hills, mountains and valleys were beautiful beyond description.

TO HARMONIZE LEGISLATION

Quebec, Oct. 10—At the inter-provincial Good Roads Association Congress in session in this city today it was decided to co-operate in all matters relative to the control of highways and the taxation and regulation of vehicles using the highways insofar as local conditions will permit.

In line with the general intention expressed the Government representatives agreed to the appointment of officials of their respective highways departments as members of a special committee which will be called together by the Canadian Good Roads Association for the purpose of harmonizing proposed legislation and regulation as far as possible.

STRESEMANN MAY NOT GET BILL THROUGH

NEEDS A TWO THIRDS VOTE

Another Attempt Will Be Made Tomorrow to Shove the Bill Through.

(Special to the Daily Mail) Berlin, Oct. 12—Reichstag supporters of the Stresemann cabinet were hurrying to Berlin from the provinces today for the second attempt to be made tomorrow to drive the dictatorship bill through the chamber. Despite rumors of a growing communist menace in Saxony and Thuringia it was said today that the chancellor may be unable to rally the necessary two thirds to pass the measure owing to the assertion of the Pan Germans and Communists that it would mean inauguration of a "White Terror."

The Chancellor has threatened to dissolve the Reichstag if it fails to pass the bill and to postpone the new elections as long as constitutionally possible so as to gain dictatorial powers. The uncertainty of the Reichstag situation was again reflected on the Bourse today where the mark had dropped to five milliards to the dollar.

INTERESTED IN BANTING'S DISCOVERY

(Special to the Mail)

London, Oct. 12—The greatest curiosity is being displayed in England over the cabled announcement appearing in the afternoon papers yesterday of the new discovery of Dr. Banting, the Toronto scientist, responsible for the insulin cure for diabetes, and people suffering from cancer, tuberculosis and other diseases have begun to write to the newspapers this morning asking for further news of the new cure. Dr. Banting is beginning to be looked upon as a modern medical wizard who is expected to find cures for every known human ailments.

PASTOR SICK IN HEART ENDED LIFE

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 12—The body of the Rev. John E. Jones, 47 years old, of Hutchinson, Kan., was found in a room in a local hotel late yesterday. Police said that he had committed suicide by shooting himself and had been dead ten hours when his body was found.

In a letter addressed to "My dear Mary and the children," the clergyman wrote:

"I am well in body and mind but sick in heart and soul and have decided to go 'beyond the vale.'"

In a note accompanying the letter Mr. Jones said his wife and children were somewhere in New York. His wife, he said, was known on the stage as Pauline La Verne, Mary Tupper Jones or Mary Tupper. The children are Isabelle, 19 years old; John Starr 17; Walter Tupper, 16; Paul Robert, 14, and Theodore, 12.

Mr. Jones recently resigned as archdeacon of the Southwestern Kansas Episcopal Area and was said to have been en route to Philadelphia. He registered at the hotel here Saturday.

G. McNinch and B. Berton of Moncton are registered at the Barker House.