

## LADY ASTOR HITS BACK AT HER HECKLERS

### WOMAN'S PART IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

#### Can Conceive of Nothing Worse than a Man Governed World.

London, June 25—"I can conceive of nothing worse than a man governed world—except a woman-governed world" said Lady Astor the first woman to sit in the Mother of Parliaments, in epitomizing the part which women should play in public affairs. Here is no feminist—that is an advocate of petticoat rule. American by birth and English by adoption, Lady Astor's position among the public women of the world is absolutely unique. There is no other woman just like her in England and one would search in vain among the women in public life in the United States to find her counterpart. Nor does her personality suggest her origin in Virginia where she was one of the famous Langhorne sisters. She seems to be like no one except herself.

But she is all-American and her Americanisms often make her English sisters gasp. Nevertheless her quick wit and sharp retorts have helped her out of more than one difficult situation, particularly in her election campaigns when her meetings were packed with hostile hecklers. "Say Lady Astor how many toes has a pig?" shouted one of these hecklers in a packed meeting down in Plymouth last fall.

"Take off your shoes and I'll tell you" was the reply which her interrogator received.

"You ought to be home with your hands in the washtub same as my wife" said another heckler hands in his pockets and very conspicuous.

"Take your hands out your pockets and go to work and your wife can take her hands out of the washtub" retorted the frail, little woman on the platform.

#### Common Sense View.

There is character, conscience and common sense back of every position Lady Astor takes in English politics. She cherishes no notion that women should rule the British empire, but she does feel that women can co-operate more actively in public affairs. "But we must not flatter ourselves" she continued. "The world will never be put right by women as she is now only by woman as she is going to be. A good many of us have to learn to investigate facts more impartially before jumping to conclusions. No doubt we are suffering partly from failings which are common to all who have been kept in a state of submission but we have still a great deal to learn."

#### Returns to This City

J. J. Tanner late on the house staff of the Halifax Club has been appointed steward of the Fredericton City Club, Queen street, and has assumed his duties. Mr. Tanner returns to Fredericton after many years as he was with the Royal Canadian Regiment here at one time being connected with the Officers' Mess some twenty years ago. Many old friends remember him.

#### Inland Revenue Case

An inland revenue case in which Clarence Burt of Burt's Corner is defendant began this morning before Police Magistrate Limerick. Adjudgment was made till this afternoon. The case is the result of the seizure of a still at Burt's Corner a few weeks ago.

## WOMAN CLERK KNOCKED DOWN BY BANDITS

### A Bold Noon Hour Robbery in a Brooklyn Jewellery Store.

New York, June 25—Two men entered a jewelry store at 48 Flatbush avenue, in the heart of the busiest section of Brooklyn at the lunch hour, knocked a woman jewelry clerk on the head and escaped with \$10,000 in diamonds and other valuables.

Max Katz proprietor of the store, had left the place ten minutes before to go to lunch. Frank Belling a clerk in the United Cigar Store at 50 Flatbush avenue, next door, heard Miss Lillian Shelby 20 years old of 264 Eleventh street, moaning. He ran into the jewelry store and found her lying behind the counter, her skull fractured. Belling notified Katz and the police and called an ambulance from Holy Family Hospital. Katz's check up showed that ten diamond rings, eight scarfpins and other small jewelry that has been in the window has disappeared. Katz said he saw two men hanging around the store and acting suspiciously on Saturday and notified detectives who had been watching the place for the last two or three days. Where they were when the hold up men walked in has not been ascertained.

No eye-witnesses to the robbery have been found although a subway station is on the corner two doors away. The jewelry store is near Livingston street on Flatbush avenue. It was said at the Holy Family Hospital that Miss Shelby's skull is fractured and that her condition is critical. She is twenty years old.

## GREAT BRITAIN IS NOT LIKELY TO PROTEST

(Special to the Mail)

London, June 25—Premier Stanley Baldwin announced in the House of Commons today that he could see no ground for a British government protest against the breaking of its customs seals in American territorial waters by officials of the United States. This statement followed questions by members as to the Government attitude towards American confiscation of sealed liquor on British liners.

#### Deposit Forfeited

A week-end drunk arrested by the police forfeited a deposit of eight dollars.

#### Late Mrs. R. D. Wilmot.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wilmot, widow of R. D. Wilmot died Saturday at her home in this city in her seventy-eighth year. Her husband died some three years ago. The deceased was a number of one of the prominent families of this part of the province and was well known. One son A. B. Wilmot of Fredericton and one daughter Mrs. Agnes M. Parke of Montreal survive, also three sisters Lady Barker of St. John, Mrs. Shuttleworth and Mrs. Davis of England. The funeral took place this afternoon with service at Christchurch Cathedral by Very Rev. Dean Neales. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The pall bearers were Dr. H. V. Bridges, Judge Slipp, R. H. Simonds, W. Jaffrey, H. G. Fenety and Charles W. Gilmour. The mourners were A. B. Wilmot, Dr. Kenneth Parke, Henry Wilmot, Charles T. Wilmot, Wilmot Hubbard and R. T. Mack.

## Masked Bandits Robbed Berlin Gas Works Got Marks Worth \$200

### French Troops Arrive at Leopoldshafen and are Establishing Quarters — French Sentry Shoots Down Two Superior Officers on the Ruhr—Observatory Director is Able to Reach the Summit of Mount Etna.

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Berlin, June 25—A French sentry at Herne shot and killed two of his superior officers who failed to halt when he challenged according to reports to Berlin today.

French troops are reported to have arrived at Leopoldshafen and to be preparing quarters at that place.

Masked bandits brandishing pistols and daggers today robbed the Berlin Gas Works of a payroll of 22,000,000 marks and escaped. The sum taken was approximately \$200.

#### HAD STRENUOUS CLIMB

Rome, June 25—After five hours of strenuous climbing through almost unbreathable sulphurous atmosphere and an incessant hail of hot ashes and incandescent cinders Professor Malladra, director of the Vesuvius Observatory reached the summit of Mount Etna Sunday. His party had started on mule back but were forced to abandon the animals when they were no longer able to stand the intense heat about the cone of the flaming mountain. He declares that the eruption is more intense and that the main torrent of lava is issuing from the volcano "like a huge river of fire" 2100 feet wide. "It flows along the slope noiselessly and as smoothly as oil, reaching the nearest valley at a speed of ninety feet a minute. He estimates its volume at 2500 cubic meters a minute, declaring that Mount Etna has probably already unloaded 65,000,000 cubic meters of lava."

#### FRANCE WILL PROTEST

Paris, June 25—An official protest against the American seizure of liquors on steamers flying the French flag will be dispatched to Washington if the New York Customs authorities go through with their program of breaking the French seals. Premier Poincare favors delaying any other action until the next session of the American Congress in the belief that the law will be changed. Other officials are talking reprisals, especially strict enforcement of the Customs regulations under which American ships could be detained nearly a month every time they enter a French port.

## FOREST FIRE SITUATION

### NOT MUCH IMPROVED; RAIN IN SOME SECTIONS

Few reports of forest fires were received today by the Chief Forester G. H. Prince. No new fires were reported the last reports being on Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions are still unfavorable to fire fighting except in sections where showers have fallen. The Penniac lookout reported showers this morning and at Campbellton it was cloudy. Fredericton had light showers.

#### Rocky Gulch Still Stands.

The sawmill of the Martinon Lumber Co at Rocky Gulch, Restigouche County, and the dwellings in the neighborhood still stand although threatened for several days by the flames.

#### Other Fires.

The fire on Bear Brook, Sunbury County is reported under control. The fire reported Sunday as being on the Dunbar a tributary of the Nashwaak is not showing smoke today and it is possible that residents of the locality or fishing parties put it out. The Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company is keeping a watch for any second appearance of fire. The Department has received no reports today from points along the International Railway.

#### Sunday's Reports.

On the Southwest Miramichi River ten miles north of Napudogan a fire was reported in a very bad locality on Miramichi Lumber Co. lands. There is much standing dead timber there. A crew of fire fighters went in to fight the flames. Fishing parties are held responsible.

The Snowball Company has closed its Chatham sawmill and taken its crew of the drive to fight the fire.

at Tabusintac near the Northumberland-Gloucester line. The road crew between Bathurst and Newcastle also was taken off and put on the fire. Additional men were sent to fight the fire on the Renous. The fire on the Renous. monhurst, Victoria County. The Jardine Brook fire in Restigouche County considered out several days ago, burned up today in several places. The same occurred on the head of Little Tobique.

#### Making Rapid Progress

Rapid progress is being made in the construction of concrete sidewalks. The laying crew is at work on George street between Regent street and St. John street. Another crew is at work on Brunswick street between St. John street and Church street tearing up the asphalt sidewalk in preparation for laying concrete.

#### Fishways Damaged.

The fishway in the Nashwaak River at Marysville was badly damaged by the spring freshet and is now practically out of commission. The authorities at Ottawa have been notified and it is likely that repairs will be made soon. Experts claim that salmon swim past it into a sort of pocket and do not make an effort to get over the obstruction. Trout fishing in the Nashwaak has been very good this season, but it is claimed that trout do not make use of the fishway. There is another fishway in the dam at Stanley Village, which was also put out of commission by the spring freshet.

## POLLING IN THE ONTARIO ELECTION TODAY

### Conservatives Have the Largest Number of Candidates in Field.

Toronto, June 25—The sixteenth Legislature of the province of Ontario will be elected today when 289 candidates seek to enter the Assembly in 109 constituencies. There are 111 seats in the house, two candidates—W. F. Nickle, Conservative of Kingston and Peter Heenen, Labor of Kenora—having been elected by acclamation. Fine warm weather throughout the province and with keen interest being taken by the electorate it is probable a levy if not a record vote will be polled.

The interest taken in the election is indicated by the number of candidates. Conservatives number 102, Liberals, 77, United Farmers 75, Laborites twenty-one and Independents fourteen. Straight flights are scheduled for fifty constituencies and there will be a similar number of three-cornered contests. In seven ridings four candidates are in the running while in Port Arthur five are hopeful of success. To West Ottawa goes the honor of the greatest number however six persons seeking election in that constituency.

While there has been no great stake in the long campaign chief interest has been taken in charges of extravagance levelled at the Farmer-Labor Government headed by Hon. E. C. Drury by both parties in opposition the Conservatives and Liberals, while the former have also strongly criticised the enforcement of O. T. A.

Vigorously defending the Government against the allegation of extravagance Premier Drury has claimed that the increase in the provincial debt has been brought about by nothing but necessary expenditures, heavy expense having been incurred by the Government's road building programme, the extension of educational facilities, social reform and in hydro development. Denial of charges made in connection with the enforcement of the O. T. A. has been made principally by Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney General.

## DELAYED BY CATERPILLARS

Moncton, June 24—Saturday's Ocean Limited from Montreal was delayed four hours between Bathurst and Newcastle by the swarming caterpillars which have been giving a lot of trouble on certain sections of New Brunswick railways lately. Near Bartibogue River, section men, train hands and soldiers on the Ocean Limited worked for some time sweeping the insects from the rails before the engine could pull the train up grade. At some places the rails were completely covered with the caterpillars, the pest being the worst experienced in recent years.

#### Made Perfect Marks

In the April examinations on postal laws and regulations, G. H. Cummings of Fredericton, and W. McF. Burden of Moncton, made 100 per cent.

Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture, of Fredericton Junction, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hartley and child of Woodstock motored here today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Boulter of Halifax are in the city today on a visit.

M. R. Stevens of Montreal is in the city today.

## PARLIAMENT MAY FINISH THIS WEEK

### WILL HAVE TO HUSTLE SOME

#### The Supplementary Estimates Likely to be Tabled on Tuesday.

Ottawa, June 24—If this is to be "clean-up" week in the Parliament of Canada much undignified haste will likely be necessary for there are still many subjects to be disposed of and two or three of them, at least, are of a highly contentious nature. As a "curtain raiser" tomorrow the House will discuss the Union Bank situation. Many of the Progressives, notably the leader Robert Forke and W. C. Coote will take a hand in this debate and it is expected that the Minister of Finance will express his opinions as to the advisability of airing such an episode on the top of animated sessions in committee on the revision of the Bank Act. Then on Tuesday it is expected that the supplementary estimates will be tabled by the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister announced on Friday that on Tuesday or Wednesday opportunity would be given for the long awaited debate on Imperial policy and Canadian position in relation thereto, in view of the approaching meetings of the Imperial Ministers and of the Imperial Economic Conference.

The leader of the Opposition and some of the Progressives in addition to the Prime Minister will make some interesting contributions to this discussion. The branch line construction programme of the Canadian National Railways system is yet to be disposed of and the two items in the estimates for the Canadian Press Limited will furnish a subject for lively discussion. It is expected that A. F. Healey, Liberal, North Essex, will make an attack upon the custom of subsidizing this association news service of the Canadian newspapers.

Some members of the Government are hopeful that the House will end this session on Thursday night but even with the morning sittings which commence on Tuesday is seems hardly possible unless an unusually large amount of electric light is used.

#### False Alarm of Fire.

A false alarm was rung in from box 57 Sunday night late. The change in the location of boxes made some months ago bewildered many people as the box although now in King's Ward formerly was on Smythe street. Many went to box 112 in Smythe street.

#### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Patterson, Fredericton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Mildred, to Hazen M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, of Canterbury. The wedding to take place in the near future.

#### Visitors From Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burden and their son Eric arrived from Moncton to visit Mr. Burden's parents Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burden, St. John street. They will return to Moncton on Tuesday. Mr. Burden is on the staff of the Moncton post office.

#### Preparing for Construction

The preparation of the ground on the rear of Queen's Square which has been taken by the C. N. R. for trackage and roundhouse, is proceeding rapidly. The ground now is being graded and the erection of the roundhouse is to start shortly.

## ITALY AND GREECE ONCE MORE HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Rome, June 25—Italy has resumed diplomatic relations with Greece. The Italian minister at Athens was recalled after the Greek revolution of September, 1922, which culminated in the executions of the Gounaris cabinet.

## THE ITALIAN LIRE IS SLOWLY AND STEADILY DECLINING

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Rome, June 25—The value of the Italian lire is again slowly but steadily dropping. During the past two weeks the dollar rose from slightly over 22 lire to 22 1/2. An ominous phase of the situation is that food prices are rising while the currency falls.