

French Air Force Hold Mock Battle On Eastern Front

Giant Bombers Engage Fast Modern Types—
Civilians Assist Authorities and Douse Lights—
—French Aviator Ditto in Italy.

NANCY, France, Aug. 27—The second day of the aerial "war" between attackers and defenders of the Eastern French frontier was in progress today, with giant "enemy" bombers pitted against the latest and fastest type of defence fighting planes. Two hundred planes were engaged in the fighting. The civilian population of the area co-operated with the Air Ministry by extinguishing all lights during the night raids of the enemy. Officers checked on the time necessary to plunge the entire district into darkness after the first raider was detected by the amplifying "ears" of the aviation corps.

Also Manoeuvre

SPECIA, Italy, Aug. 27—Nine hundred airplanes massed in a sham attack on Spezia early today inaugurating manoeuvres to test Italy's attack by air.

Search lights flooded the sky as anti-craft forces opened fire on the attackers. Officials called the display the "world's largest aerial manoeuvres."

MILLTOWN MAN WAS KILLED BY U.S. GANGSTERS

Milltown, N. B., Aug. 26—The tragedy of the gangster-gunman era in the United States was brought home to a well-known Milltown family with crushing force when word was received today that Alexander Baxter, 72, who left here for Roxbury, Mass., in 1923, had died in a Roxbury hospital today of a bullet wound in his side.

He was shot while in his grocery store there last night in a struggle with two youths, flourishing revolvers, who robbed his cash register of \$15. The bullet pierced his side when he grappled with one of the gunmen. The other remained on guard at the door.

News of the tragedy came to a son of the victim, Alexander, junior, collector of customs here, by telegram today. He was requested to hurry to Roxbury. He left Calais by plane this afternoon.

The victim's two daughters, Mrs. Percy Armstrong and Miss Elizabeth Baxter, reside here. His widow is in Roxbury.

It is expected that the body will arrive here Friday night for burial in the Milltown cemetery.

Massachusetts police are searching for the gunmen who hurried from the scene in a high-powered car in the direction of New York.

Delegates Return

The York County delegates to the Convention of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities at Edmundston, returned home this morning by auto after spending last night at Woodstock. Strange to say the city council was not represented at the convention. The gathering was a great success and the delegates greatly appreciated the hospitality extended to them by the authorities and people of Edmundston. An address by Dr. A. S. McFarlane, Chief Superintendent of Education advocating an equalization of assessment for school purposes, featured the proceedings and the convention unanimously endorsed the principle.

WAR SECRETARY IS APPOINTED FOR CABINET

London, Aug. 26—The Marquis of Crewe, a Liberal long prominent in politics, was appointed this afternoon to the post of Secretary of State for War in the National Ministry.

The Marquis of Crewe was British ambassador in Paris from 1922 to 1928. He served as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1892 to 1895 and Lord President of the Council from 1905 to 1908 and from 1915 to 1916.

He was Colonial Secretary from 1908 to 1910, and Indian Secretary from 1910 to 1915. In 1916 he was President of the Board of Education.

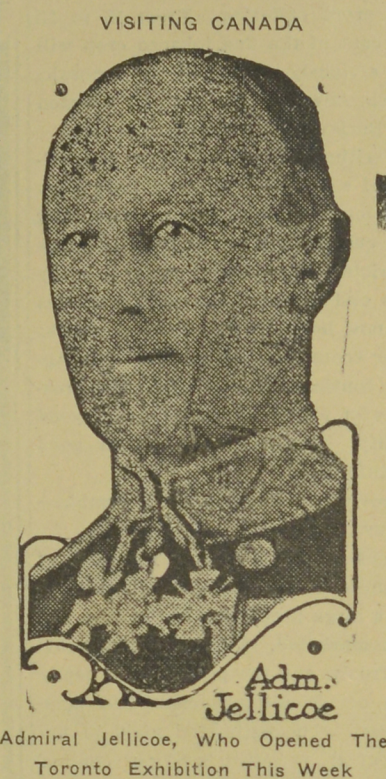
The new Government now included nine Conservatives, five Laborites and five Liberals.

JOHN A. M'AVITY BUSINESS HEAD, PASSED AWAY

Saint John, Aug. 31—John A. McAvity, vice-president of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., and prominent for years in the industrial life of Saint John, died at his residence, Orange street, at 10 a. m. yesterday after an illness of several weeks. A man of quiet, kindly disposition, he did not aspire to an outstanding place in public affairs that might have been his; but in his association with the firm of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., had been one of the city's chief captains of mercantile enterprise.

Though in his eightieth year, he was to a marked degree diligent, astute and keen of mind. He was respected and held in affectionate regard by those associated with him, whether in the field of the local organization or in the widespread scope of the firm's connection beyond the city. Allan G. McAvity is a son of the deceased.

Miss Dorothy Pickard, of Boston is spending her vacation with her cousin, Mrs. Bird, Government Lane.



JOHN S. SCOTT PRESIDENT OF COUNTY UNION

Edmundston, N. B., Aug. 26—John S. Scott, of Fredericton, was elected president of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities at the closing session here today of the 25th annual convention. He succeeds Max D. Cormier, of Edmundston, M.P. for Restigouche-Madawaska. The 1931 convention will be held in St. Stephen.

Other officers elected were: Vice-president, C. R. Pollard, Moore's Mills; secretary-treasurer, John B. McNair, Fredericton; executive, J. W. Howard, Campbellton; Joseph Talbot, Bellefleur; J. E. T. Linden, Newcastle; L. P. A. Robichault, Richibucto; E. V. Steeves, Moncton; G. A. Taylor, Dorchester; George C. Blight, Hopewell Cape; Thomas Gilliland, Hammond River; Councillor E. Claude Seeley, Lancaster; Commissioner K. D. Spear, Saint John; T. D. Hebert, Edmundston; Dr. F. A. McGrand, Welsford; F. J. Saunders, Prince William; George W. Brown, Fredericton; F. O. Creighton, Woodstock, and N. J. Dionne, Perth.

Among the resolutions adopted yesterday afternoon was one asking that steps be taken by the Attorney-General of the province to have the N. B. Public Utilities Board investigate the earnings of the N. B. Telephone Co., Ltd., looking toward a readjustment of rates.

School Taxes

In a general discussion which followed an address on the subject of school taxes by Dr. A. S. McFarlane, Chief Superintendent of Education, and chairman of the province's new Educational Commission, delegates this morning strongly favored the equalization of school taxes within the various counties.

While reviewing many features of the school assessment, Dr. McFarlane, in a lengthy address, featured the aspect of the county as the economic unit. His remarks were heard with interest.

The school problem held the attention of the Union during the entire forenoon and was taken up again this afternoon.

For Pickling Time

Celery, Califfowers, green tomatoes, Cabbages, Lettuce mint and Parsley. We also have Astors, Gladiolus, Dahlias, Mignonette, Stocks, Shrubs in the most artistic styles, all at The Bebbington Gardens.

FRENCH FLIER SEEKS RECORD FOR LONG HOP

Reord Now Held By Boardman and Polando

FROM NEW YORK TO ISTANBUL

Will Soon Hop Off For South America

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Le Bourget Airdrome, France, Aug. 27—Jean Mermose, French long distance flier, was ready today to attempt to break the world's distance record set by Russell Boardman and John Polando in their flight from New York to Istanbul.

Mermose and his co-pilot Etienne completed tests of their aeroplane "Antoine Paillard" and expected to fly to Istres near Marseilles today. There they will await favorable weather to begin their flight in the direction of South America.

REVOLT IN PORTUGAL IS DOWNED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Lisbon, Portugal, August 27—The government of President Antonio Oscar Carmona appeared today to have dominated a brief but bloody revolt in the capital. An official statement said the revolt was quelled and order maintained throughout Portugal. Unofficial estimates placed the dead at 40 and the wounded at 260.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN WOMAN LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Tisia Jane Colter, 85, widow of Dr. N. R. Colter, ex-M.P., who practiced medicine in Woodstock and was later in the postal service at Saint John for many years, passed away at her home in 302 George street, last night, after a brief illness. Her death will cause sincere regret on all sides, as she was very well known and popular.

She was born in Fredericton, the daughter of the late George Hatt, of this city. She lived in Woodstock during the early part of her married life, and moved to Saint John in 1898, returning to this city in 1917, where she has lived ever since. She is survived by four daughters and two sisters. The daughters are Mrs. I. W. Taylor, of Vancouver, Mrs. H. L. Paynter, of Winnipeg and the Misses Miriam and Eleanor at home. The sisters are Mrs. F. S. Williams, city and Mrs. B. H. Torrens, of Moncton.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon with service at 302 George street at 2.30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. W. Bartlett. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery.

On Foot With Dog

Eugene Lambert, of Montreal, accompanied by his dog, an English bull terrier, passed through Fredericton today en route on a trans-Canada tour from Halifax to Vancouver. Gaston Boivan, a friend of Lambert's, is accompanying him. Part of the hike was made by horseback, but the death of the horse resulted in Lambert's taking the more arduous alternative of foot. The Montreal youth has made several trips around the continent on horseback and foot during the past few years. While here, he secured a letter from Premier Richards and other mementos of Fredericton.

Miners' Executive To Support Labor In National Gov't

Will Stand in Accord With Trades Union—Representatives Will Confer With General Council—
King George Returns to Scotland.

LONDON, Aug. 27—The Miners' Federation executive committee decided today to support the Trades Union and the Labor party in their opposition to the National Government. It was understood that representatives of the miners would meet later today with the T.U.C. general council, the national executive committee of the Labor party, and the consultative committee of the Parliamentary Labor party to outline "vigorous opposition" to the new administration.

The King Returns

BALLATER, Scotland, Aug. 27—King George arrived here by train from London at 10 a. m. and motored to Balmoral Castle to continue his interrupted vacation.

CHAMPS PICKED BY WISE ONES AT LOCAL NET MEET

Large galleries watched tennis of mixed quality yesterday at the York County Tournament being played at the Riverside Courts. Six matches in the Men's Singles events were run off, one in the mixed doubles and two in the Ladies' Singles.

Already the wise ones are picking the champions. On yesterday's showing Bartlett, who vanquished Lloyd Smith in straight sets, seems to be a strong favorite for the Men's Singles crown. He is a newcomer to the game here and is a former runner-up in the Bermuda Junior Championships.

Ron Lohnes, ranking player of the Lansdowne club, also demonstrated class in his match with Roy Daye, of Devon winning 6-1, 6-1. He relied almost entirely on speed for his points, lacing drive after drive to centre court with little regard to placement. George Johnston, the other favorite for the men's title, goes into action for the first time this afternoon against Raymond Foster, and if he succeeds in winning, will cross racquets with Lohnes in the next round which should be one of the closest matches of the tourney.

In the ladies' singles Miss Audrey Webb went down to defeat at the hands of Miss Ella Chappell in a three set struggle, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Miss Helen Spike, who is out for a little this year, downed Miss Marjorie Mersereau in straight sets, 7-5, 6-0.

The matches are:—

Men's Singles—Leonard defeated Trites, 6-2, 6-3; ; Lohnes defeated R. Daye, 6-1, 6-1; Black defeated W. Fowler, 6-1, 6-2; T. Porter defeated H. Perkins, 6-2, 6-3; Henry defeated Gorman 6-4, 6-1; Bartlett defeated Smith 6-3, 6-1.

Ladies' Singles—Helen Spike defeated Marjorie Mersereau, 7-5, 6-0; Ella Chappell defeated Audrey Webb, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles—A. Fowler and L. Stirling defeated H. Brewer and A. Kilburn.

Recuperating

Carl MacDonald, of Edmundston, and formerly a science student at the University of New Brunswick is spending a few days with friends in Burt's Corner. He is recuperating from a serious illness.

GOLF EQUIPMENT STOLEN FROM LOCAL CLUB

\$200 Break Made Last Night—Visitors Are Blamed—Missed This Morning Provincial Police Search.

Itinerant Golfing "bugs" are blamed for the break at the Golf Club last night, in which \$200 worth of golfing equipment disappeared, and which has many of the club members mourning the loss of several of their "pet" clubs.

The material was first missed this morning when the caddies walked into the clubhouse which contains the golf equipment, found the window raised, and many clubs, ball, bags missing. A search revealed that intruders had come out the door, after securing entrance by way of the window. Included in the loot were several clubs of Bill Martin, the professional of the Fredericton Golf Club.

Sr. Constable Garnett Vail, of the N. B. Provincial Police headquarters here, investigated the place this morning, but found no clues which might lead to the solution. The officials at the Golf Club also hold the opinion that the break may have been committed by irresponsible youths, who took advantage of the darkness to perpetrate the theft. At any rate, a thorough investigation is being made.

Last Half Holiday

The half holiday, for stores, which has been in vogue here since the beginning of July ends today. The plan has worked fairly well, and has been particularly pleasing to clerks and employees of the establishments which observed it. The only complaints have come from visitors particularly angling parties proceeding to or returning from the Miramichi. These people are permitted to carry home with them free of duty goods to the value of \$100, and when no chance to shop here on a Thursday afternoon en route home the trade is lost.

Paris, Aug. 27—Newspapers have a story about a man in Geneva, Switzerland, who forgot his latch-key, started to climb a window and was grabbed by police for a burglar after putting up a stiff fight. Police discovered they had Amanullah, former King of Afghanistan.