

Italy and Austria Are Now Drawing Closer Together

European Press Agitated Over Meeting Between Mussolini and Chancellor Schuschnigg in Florence, Italy.

London, Aug. 23—Continental newspapers today devoted columns to commenting on yesterday's meeting of Premier Mussolini and Chancellor Schuschnigg in Florence.

In Paris: The Petit Parisien remarked that the official statement issued at the close of the conversations between the two statesmen "was entirely in conformity with the three-power declaration by France, Great Britain and Italy last February, which guaranteed the independence of Austria."

Le Matin said, "it is impossible to know what measures are contemplated to safeguard the independence of Austria, but the Italian Government showed its conviction that recourse to force might in certain circumstances be the only really decisive way."

The Echo de Paris asked whether Mussolini might not be thinking of a pact signed by France and Great Britain which would guarantee Austrian independence and give Il Duce a mandate in Vienna.

In Rome: The Popolo di Roma said: "There is perfect solidarity between Rome and Vienna concerning the independence and integrity of the Austrian State."

The Messagero observed: "The affirmation at Florence that Austria enjoys full integrity and independence and is to be protected against any meddling that might diminish or threaten her domestic autonomy is a sort of warning that will certainly be understood in its full meaning."

In Berlin: The Boersen Zeitung said editorially that sending former Vice-Chancellor von Papen to Vienna, the Reich made it clear it did not in any way think of leaving Austrian independence open to question. The paper added that it was to be hoped this independence might be recognized by all.

The Berliner Tagblatt editorially discussed Germano-Austrian relations, taking exception to an article in the Vienna Reichpost that suggested the establishment of guarantees whereby Germany would pledge herself to respect Austrian independence. The Tageblatt urged that only a return of confidence between Germany and Austria could lead to an improvement of their relations.

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GANGLAND GRIM AS MONTREAL HUNT PROCEEDS

Six Arrested On Drug Charges Following the Slaying on Tuesday of C. Feigenbaum.

Montreal, Aug. 22—The two assassins who killed Charles Feigenbaum, police informer, have escaped from the Island of Montreal and are on their way to Chicago in an automobile bearing Illinois license plates, police learned tonight. The police discovered the car had passed over the bridge across the Ottawa River at Vaudreuil at 11:30 p.m. last night, a few hours after Feigenbaum was left lying dead on Esplanade Avenue, his body ripped by .45-calibre revolver bullets. The route taken by the killers would lead them through Brockville, Belleville and Toronto, thence probably to the United States border from some Ontario point.

Quebec Farmer Beaten to Death

SOUTH HAM, Que., Aug. 23—A blood-stained blanket for a shroud, Saul Gregoire, 55-year-old Eastern Townships farmer, was today found beaten to death in a field skirting the highway between South Ham and St. Camille. Gregoire had been missing since he left here Sunday night with a large sum of money to pay an insurance premium. His money was missing when searchers came upon his battered body today.

Provincial Detectives A. W. Morrow and Auguste Guyon, who rushed here to make an investigation, believe the crime was committed by someone who knew the middle-aged farmer and was aware of the nature of his journey to St. Camille. Gregoire's horse and buggy was found along the highway, the horse unhitched and calmly cropping grass at the roadside. The buggy was on a slight slope at the side of the road, stones wedged under the wheels to keep it from rolling away.

Gregoire lived on his farm with a partner, who raised the alarm and started a search last evening when Gregoire failed to return from St. Camille. Searchers found the horse and buggy as darkness fell. Nearby was the farmer's blood-stained jacket.

SHEDIAC DISORDER QUICKLY SETTLED

Men Opposed To Buctouche Workers Coming Into Town

Shediac, Aug. 23—The Norwegian steamer Gagina, Bucksport, Me., arrived at Point du Chene this morning to loan pulpwood for the Moncton Lumber Company. The Gagina took on a part cargo of pulpwood at Buctouche before proceeding here. It carried a crew of 19 men. A large quantity of pulpwood is now piled up at Point du Chene, awaiting shipment.

A mild riot took place this morning when the steamer began to load. A large number of men and trucks had come down from Buctouche, with the expectation of obtaining work, but local men protested and blockaded the approach to the pulpwood piles. The R.C.M.P. were called and after negotiations it was agreed that the Buctouche men would work today and the local men would finish the work.

RECOVERED \$1,000,000 FROM SUNKEN 'EGYPT'

LONDON, Aug. 23—Carrying gold and silver bars worth nearly \$1,000,000 the Italian salvage vessel Artiglio tied up in Plymouth yesterday.

The precious metal is part of the cargo of the steamer Egypt, sunk off Ushant fourteen years ago while carrying \$5,000,000 in bullion. Four millions were recovered during the past two years, but this year the work was much more difficult, as the vessel had settled deep into the ocean bed.

The cargo brought in by the Artiglio was obtained after two months of hard work.

STREETS TREATED IN WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Aug. 23—In an endeavor to put the town street in as good a condition as possible, oil will be laid on them this week, probably starting tomorrow. A total of 8,000 gallons will be put on in this application, the third this year. So far the experiment seems to be successful, the dust within the town limits not having been much of a problem this summer.

IS CHARGED WITH FAILING TO STOP

Information Laid Before Bathurst Magistrate Against Driver

Bathurst, Aug. 23—A further investigation into the Big River alleged hit-and-run automobile accident Sunday night, when Robert Chamberlain and his wife were thrown from their wagon and bruised and shaken up and their horse injured, resulted in the laying of an information today against Eddie Arseneau, East Bathurst, now working in Chatham, before Magistrate Lemarquand here, charging him with failing to stop after an accident.

It was reported by police that Arseneau made good the damage done to the horse, wagon and harness. He told the police, they said, that while coming down from Big River he saw the Chamberlain wagon on the small bridge or culvert and that he thought the horse was running away. On inspecting the automobile, it was found that a fender was dented and a hub cap torn off.

Will Plan to License The Exports of Hay

Situation In Maritime Provinces Is Very Pressing and Regulations Would Protect the Farmers

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 23—Because of the shortage of hay and straw in many parts of Canada, particularly the West, the government will take steps to regulate exports, by license, it was learned here unofficially on Wednesday.

The situation in the Prairie Provinces and in the Maritimes to a lesser extent is very pressing, according to representations to the government. Regulation of these exports by licensing would be to protect the farmers from speculators.

In Saskatchewan, it is understood, some 27,000 tons of hay must be brought into the province. Saskatchewan is a heavy producer of hay but to meet the requirements of the drought area it is estimated 24,000 tons will be required from Manitoba and 3,000 tons from Alberta.

Burnt-out areas in the United States are badly in need of hay, and that country contemplates taking off the \$5 a ton duty for the entry of Canadian hay.

N. B. FORESTS GIVEN RELIEF BY LIGHT RAINS

Chief Forester Says Relief Only Temporary, However

FIRES CONTROLLED

Fire Fighters Had Stiff Battle With Blaze at Mile 28, Nashwaak

Temporary relief came to New Brunswick forest fire situation today in the appearance of light rainfall in the various fire-ridden sections.

The rains particularly effected the areas in Gloucester county where the situation was becoming hazardous. All fires were reported controlled in that county today.

At Mile 28 on the Nashwaak subdivision of the Canadian National Railway, about six miles up the main Southwest Miramichi river from Blackville, a large crew of fire fighters worked nearly all night in an attempt to extinguish the blaze, covering forty acres. About twenty minutes of hard rainfall occurred in that area and enabled the crews to get the blaze under control. The fire is reported to have been started by a passing train.

At Tracadie, where the fire was quite serious yesterday, three hours of rain occurred last night and early this morning. The Tracadie burn was an old one in blueberry barrens. Yesterday it spread to Weldfield, Northumberland county. Both were under control today.

The Nerepis fire also was under temporary control today. Five men have been left on patrol, however, in case of renewed outbreak. The Nerepis blaze is about a mile east of the Broad road and is thought to have originated from a lunch fire and burned about two acres in cut-over land.

The chief forester expressed concern today over the weather conditions and declared that unless more rain fell immediately that the situation would be only slightly bettered. Several days rain is urgently needed he said.

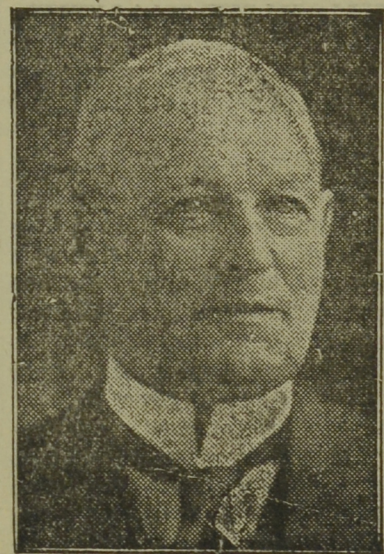
Indianapolis, August 23—Edward B. Nicholons, 59, an unemployed photographer was arrested by city police today, who said he had confessed to having attempted to extort \$10,000 from directors of the Fletcher Trust Company by threatening to "blow them up one by one and then blow up the bank".

Haggerty Says He Is Not Guilty

MASONIC GRAND LODGE MEETING IN SAINT JOHN

H. B. Colwell, Sterling Limerick, S. L. Morrison, Ald. W. J. Maxwell, Others Left From Here To Attend.

A number of Masons in this city left today for Saint John where they will attend the annual meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of New Brunswick which is holding sessions in the



MR. JUSTICE BAXTER
Grand Master of the N. B. Masonic Grand Lodge

Masonic Temple there today. Four sessions are being held—a corporate financial and general business session, Grand Lodge, banquet, degree work and election of officers. Those from here included, H. B. Colwell, Sterling Limerick, S. L. Morrison, Ald. J. Warren Maxwell, Rev. C. Leroy Moores, of Devon.

At 2:30 P. M., the Masonic corporation dealt with its properties and other business.

At 3:30 o'clock the Grand Lodge was presided over by Mr. Justice J. B. M. Baxter, grand master of New Brunswick.

Following the Grand Lodge's meeting, the visitors will be dined by the Saint John members. This function will begin at 6:30 o'clock to conclude in time for the reconvening of the lodge at 8 o'clock, when a team of Saint John Masons will exemplify the third degree upon a class of candidates.

Following the ritualistic work there will be election of officers. It is expected the Grand Lodge will not conclude its work until midnight.

LATE FLASHES

Jonquieres, Quebec, August 23—Struck by an automobile which knocked him from his bicycle in the street last night, Ludger Larouche, 38, died here today of his injuries. Larouche was taken to his home by the motorist and a doctor called, but he died early this morning.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 23—The Aluminum Company of America this afternoon formally rejected the Government's plan to end a strike of approximately 8,500 workers in six of its plants, stating that it does not consider demands for closed-shop, check-off, universal wage rates and union agreement to be "proper matters for arbitration".

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 23—Air Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford Smith today set a new record by flying from Sydney to Melbourne in two hours and 23 minutes.

North Tetagouche Man On Trial For Cousin's Death—Several Witnesses Called by Crown Following Petit Jury.

Bathurst, Aug. 23—The trial of Thomas Haggarty charged with murder of his cousin, Frank Haggarty was resumed today at the Gloucester County Court House before Mr. Justice LeBlanc. There was a large number of citizens present during the proceedings. Standing room being at a premium.

Haggarty pleaded not guilty, when the indictment, on which a true bill had been returned at the opening of court yesterday, was read to him. Defence counsel, C. T. Richard, M. L. A., announced that he was withdrawing his motion, made yesterday to have a special jury decide on Haggarty's sanity. The prisoner was examined in his cell yesterday afternoon by Dr. W. H. Coffyn, M.L.A., and Dr. L. D. Densmore, Bathurst.

Hon W. H. Harrison, K.C., attorney-general, and A. M. Robichaud are appearing for the Crown. Mr. Richard and N. A. Landry, K.C., are appearing for the defence.

The Jury. The following jury was selected today: Herbert Arseneau, merchant, Tracadie; Alden Cole, farmer, South Bathurst; William Pinet, farmer, St. Amateur; Ernest P. Losier, merchant, Losier Settlement; Edmond Ellis, stonecutter, Bathurst; George Aube, laborer, West Bathurst; Ernest Chalmers, ice merchant, West Bathurst; Joseph S. Doucet, merchant, West Bathurst; Alex. E. Vienneau, farmer, Rough Waters; Clement Bourdage, merchant, West Bathurst; John Louis Godin, merchant, Upper Caraque; Amede Mache, farmer, Trudel.

Mr. Robichaud, associate counsel for the Crown, delivered the opening address to the jury, following which Dr. Densmore was called as the first witness. He was examined by the attorney-general and cross-examined by Mr. Landry. Dr. Densmore testified that he performed a post mortem examination on the body of Frank Haggarty, on April 12 last, and found two bullet holes. One had entered above the left hip bone and came out between the sixth and seventh ribs on the right side. A piece of the jacket of the bullet was found at point of exit. The other bullet entered beneath the left shoulder blade and came out above the left breast, having traversed the heart. This bullet was the cause of death.

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DAGG CONFESSES TO FRAUD CHARGE IN POLICE COURT

Ottawa Man Says Loan Companies "Worried Him to Death" As Cause of Theft

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 23—Henry S. Dagg, 42, former travelling auditor of the Treasury Board, pleaded guilty to seven charges of uttering forged documents in Police Court here today, and elected to be tried by the magistrate. Dagg was remanded until Monday for sentence by Magistrate Glenn E. Strike.

Dagg was brought back from Atlantic City yesterday by an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, where he had given himself up and waived extradition proceedings.

It was charged that Dagg had forged Dominion Government cheques amounting to \$1,517.