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***** **The Weather** *****

Strong winds and gales, showery today, becoming colder by Thursday with some light snow falls and fumes.

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DARING AUSTRALIAN AVIATOR MAKES SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT FROM ENGLAND TO ANTIPODES

**WON PRIZE OF TEN
 THOUSAND POUNDS**

**Succeeded in Covering the Dis-
 tance in Less Than Thirty
 Days — Started from Eng-
 land on November 12 and
 Travelled by Way of Egypt
 and India and Landed at
 Port Darwin Today.**

Port Darwin, Australia, Dec. 10.—Captain Ross Smith, the Australian flyer, arrived here today from England, thus winning the prize of £10,000 sterling offered for the first aviator to make the voyage.

Under the conditions laid down by the Australian government when it offered a prize for making a flight from England to Australia, the distance of 11,500 miles had to be covered within thirty days.

Captain Ross Smith left the Hounslow Aviation Field near London at 9 o'clock on November 12th on his flight to Australia. On November 18 he arrived at Cairo, and on November 19 he continued his flight, reaching Delhi, India, on November 23. From there he continued east until he reached Rangoon, turning southward at that city, making a number of stops along the Malay Peninsula and in the islands of Oceania. He arrived at Bima, on Sumbawa Island, near Java, Monday night.

Port Darwin is near the northernmost tip of Australia, being near the town of Palmerston.

NO MUDDLE IN RECORDS OF MILITIA DEPT.

**Officials at Ottawa Give a De-
 nial to Newspaper Reports
 —Canada's Debt to
 Imperial Govt.**

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—There is no "muddle" in the records of the Militia Department, according to responsible officials who were shown a newspaper item which stated that it was impossible to find out the actual number of Canadian soldiers who served in France, because the records were incorrect.

"You might as well say that the affairs of any large business organization were in a muddle because there was an error of 25 cents in a balance sheet," remarked one of the officials. It was explained that by arrangement with the British government, Canada is assessed a certain figure for payment of the maintenance of her soldiers who served in France.

While these soldiers were serving in France, the cost of their upkeep was paid by the Imperial government, but now, in the general adjustment of accounts, Canada is trying to discover the exact amount which she owes to the Imperial government for the maintenance of these men. In order to do this, a small statistical section has been for some time at work overseas and has lately been brought to Ottawa.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A Soviet government is to be established in the State of Yucatan, Mexico, according to advices reaching here from Mexico City.

MR. SMITHERS IS SATISFIED WITH THE GRAND TRUNK SETTLEMENT

London, Dec. 10.—Sir Alfred Smithers arrived yesterday at Southampton on the Adriatic after his four months visit to Canada. He expressed the view that the Grand Trunk settlement with the government was the best that could be made under the circumstances. It was extraordinary that the company have to deal on these lines when traffic had doubled, but costs had so greatly increased that the railway actually was worse off. He spoke as being reluctant to make an agreement on the government offer, but was assured that only on such terms would the Senate pass the bill, and voting indicated that the statement was probably correct.

SPECULATION IN REGARD TO PREMIER BORDEN'S MONTREAL VISIT; LOOKING FOR NEW BLOOD

**A Shuffle in the Quebec Representation is Evidently Contem-
 plated—Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, in Con-
 ference With Archbishop Gauthier—Position of Catholic
 Labor Unions in the Province of Quebec was Under Con-
 sideration—Quebec Ministers Accompanied Premier.**

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The Mail and Empire has this despatch from Ottawa today:

Sir Robert Borden spent the day in Montreal, whither Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, preceded him Monday, and where Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. P. E. Blondin, the other two Quebec members of the cabinet, are at present.

The Prime Minister's trip, which had not been announced, gave rise to a good deal of speculation here. Some political observers were inclined to suggest that it presaged some shuffle in the Quebec delegation in the ministry, possibly with a view to increased French-Canadian representation.

**MINISTER OF LABOR AND ARCHBISHOP GAUTHIER
 HAD A CONFERENCE ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS**

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, was in Montreal for a few hours yesterday and had a conference with His Grace Mgr. Gauthier, Auxiliary Archbishop of Montreal, in connection with the national labor unions. The minister left immediately after for Ottawa, and His Grace, when asked about the conference, said he had no statement to make at present.

The purpose of the conference was to consider the position of the Catholic labor unions in the province of Quebec, their recognition by the Department of Labor at Ottawa, and their relation to the international unions.

**NATIONAL LABOR UNIONS IN QUEBEC ARE
 NOW ALL CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS**

All the national labor unions in the province of Quebec are Catholic organizations. They have their stronghold in the city of Quebec, where they share about evenly with the international organizations; in Chicoutimi, where they control the whole field; and in Three Rivers, where they hold a good percentage of the laboring people.

In Montreal their movement has developed lately and a number of associations have been formed, mostly in branches not yet touched by the international unions, and no conflict or clash between the national and international bodies has been reported so far.

MONCTON MAY BE HEADQUARTERS OF PROPOSED MARITIME AIR LINE

**Representative Citizens Confer With Truro Man as to Location
 of Aerodrome Site—Some Concessions Asked for in the
 way of Financial Backing.**

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 10.—Mr. H. Stevenson, of Truro, the aviator; Mayor Price, H. S. Bell, president of the Board of Trade, and others, met on Tuesday and talked over the possibilities for an aerodrome site at or near this city. Last night at the City Council Mr. Stevenson went more fully into the matter and addressed the aldermen at considerable length. Briefly, Mr. Stevenson's proposition is that Moncton may be selected as the headquarters of the proposed air line throughout the Maritime Provinces, Magdalen Islands and Newfoundland, which a stock company known as the Eastern Canadian Air Lines will operate shortly if their plans carry out. Halifax and St. John and Charlottetown will be terminals of the route, but the company propose to erect an immense aerodrome at some central point if possible, where there will also be a training school and repair shop.

St. John has already been visited, and Charlottetown is to be called upon shortly by Mr. Stevenson.

Last night Mr. Stevenson declared that he found so far in his observations that this city would be the best location for the headquarters of the new line. He, however, asked the council that his company be given some concessions in the way of financial backing by the citizens of Moncton, in return for the proposed aerodrome, which he stated would employ in time three or four hundred men.

HAS DECLINED NOMINATION

London, Dec. 10.—Lady Beaverbrook, who before her marriage was Miss Drury, of Halifax, N. S., has declined the invitation of the Unionist committee for Ashton-under-Lyne to become a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons.

Mr. C. H. Dexter of Hampstead is in the city.

Mr. A. P. Barnhill of St. John is at the Queen.

FARMER FELL TO HIS DEATH

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 8.—John Mustered, aged seventy, a farmer belonging to Cardigan, was instantly killed today by falling off a load of straw his neck being broken.

Resignation Accepted
 The resignation of C. N. Goodspeed as member of the Sub-District Board for the County of York, has been accepted by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

JUDGEMENT IS HANDED DOWN BY JUSTICE LENNOX IN THE FAMOUS BABY TRIAL CASE

TRAIN SERVICE IN THE WEST IS CRIPPLED

**At One Point Mercury Went
 Down to 36 Below Zero—
 Heavy Snow Falls
 Reported.**

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Frigid weather, accompanied by heavy snow, continued last night to cripple train service and to aggravate the situation caused by the scarcity of coal in the states west of the Mississippi river. The lowest temperature reported officially today was at Billings, Montana, where the mercury dropped to 36 below. Denver was shivering in the coldest weather since 1913, with the temperature standing at 12 below.

BOGUS CHEQUE OPERATOR NOW IN ST. JOHN

**Failed to Get Cash in the Win-
 terport, However—Drew
 Cheque on Bank of
 Nova Scotia.**

The man who passed bogus cheques in Fredericton last week probably has been operating in St. John since then as the Telegraph contains a report similar to those of the methods of the man in this city. The Telegraph has the following:

"It is reported that a bright looking young man of about twenty-two or twenty-five years of age is abroad in the city trying to pass bogus cheques. The manager of the Ideal stores, Main street, speaking to The Telegraph, last night, said that a young man answering to this description had entered his store and presented a cheque drawn on the Bank of Nova Scotia for the amount of \$21. The manager according to his statement, left the store to have the cheque certified at the branch of the bank at the corner of Mill and Main streets, but was told there that there was no such account as that given on the cheque. Returning quickly to the store, he found his customer vanished and with him a packet of cigarettes. He made the facts of the case known in order that the general public may be warned."

A slight error was contained in the Mail's story of the bogus cheques yesterday. One of the merchants who met with loss was H. W. Estabrooks whose place of business is in Westmorland Street and not in York as stated. The man said to Mr. Estabrooks that he was staying at the "hotel" meaning the York and not Long's.

NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED WITH SOVIET

London, Dec. 10.—No agreement has been reached with Soviet Russia on the exchange of prisoners question, according to an announcement last night by Lord Stanmore. The conditions proposed by Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolshevik plenipotentiary, were too comprehensive to be accepted by the British government, Lord Stanmore said.

MARGARET RYAN IS MOTHER OF THE GIRL

**Widow of Wealthy Chicago
 Contractor Secured the Child
 in Ottawa and Claimed It as
 Her Own—Put in Claim for
 the Estate, Which was Con-
 tested by Relatives of the
 Dead Man.**

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Margaret Ryan, a Carleton county girl, is declared the mother of the famous "Baby Irene" in a judgment handed down yesterday afternoon by Mr. Justice Lennox. At the same time, the Judge directed that the baby be not removed from the jurisdiction of the Ontario courts until the time has elapsed for the appeal of the case, and then not until further orders.

The Matters Fortune.
 Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Dolly Ledgerwood Matters is the widow of the late Frederick Matters, a Chicago contractor, who left a fortune of upwards of a quarter of a million dollars. Matters died on January 4, 1915. Mrs. Matters came to Ottawa in June of the same year and returned to Chicago, claiming to have given birth to the female child she brought home with her. As Matters had died without leaving a will, she sought administration of the estate on behalf of herself and child as the sole heirs. Relatives of the dead man contested the claim, bringing up the question of the motherhood of the child and claiming Mrs. Matters was only entitled to the widow's share under the laws of the State.

A charge of conspiracy was laid against Mrs. Matters in the Chicago criminal courts, and after a lengthy hearing Mrs. Matters was acquitted.

Then Margaret Ryan, of Ottawa, appeared on the scene and was successful in claiming possession of the child under a writ of habeas corpus in the court of Federal Judge Landis, and brought the child to Ottawa.

Mrs. Matters later appealed Judge Landis' decision and the United States Court of Appeals decided in her favor. However, the child was outside the jurisdiction of the United States courts and the Ryan girl refused to give it up.

Then followed Mrs. Matters' sensational attempt at kidnapping last summer, the laying of a charge still pending of attempted kidnapping and her subsequent institution of the habeas corpus proceedings in the Supreme Court of the province of Ontario, just concluded by the judgment of Justice Lennox.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD

London, Dec. 10.—Cambridge University beat Oxford University seven to five in the first Rugby match between the two teams since 1913.

HON. DR. TOLMIE THINKS FARMERS ARE ENTITLED TO ALL THEY GET

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 10.—"Any farmer who gets up at four or five every morning to milk his cows, who attends to them seven days in the week and who has all the expense of putting his product on the market under prevailing conditions, is entitled to every cent he ever got for milk in this country," declared Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion, speaking at the directors luncheon yesterday in connection with the Ontario Winter Fair. "I am tired of all this talk of profiteering. I am getting so that I say to the men who indulge in it: 'Why don't you go and produce milk if there is such big money in it, why don't you give up your barber ship,' but they don't go."