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## STERLING EXCHANGE IN LONDON SUFFERS A VIOLENT DECLINE

**Prices Today Said to be the Lowest Ever Recorded Three to Four Cents Under Yesterday's Figures—International Bankers Declare British Bankers Will Soon be Compelled to Ship Gold to the United States.**

New York, July 17.—Exchange on London underwent another violent decline today, demand bills falling to 4.26% and cables to 4.28%, or three to four cents under yesterday's figures, the lowest ever recorded.

France also suffered further depreciation with demand at 7.20 and cables at 7.18. The Italian rate was lower and quotations to Holland and other north European countries were again unsettled. International bankers were of the opinion that a further break in sterling would soon cause British bankers to ship gold to this country. So far as known, in international financial circles, the British government does not contemplate a resumption of its stabilizing methods, which served to regulate exchange on London up to last March.

### Has Bearish Effect on the Grain Market.

Chicago, July 17.—Demoralization in sterling exchange had an unmistakably bearish effect today on the corn market. The fact that sterling had fallen 20 points in about a week appeared to have left exporters unable to figure on business.

A drastic setback this morning in the value of hogs tended likewise to depress corn, and so too did failure of bullish weather predictions. Opening prices, which varied from unchanged figures to 1 3-8 cents lower, affected both oats and corn. Oats, after opening unchanged to one cent higher, including September at 81½ to 82 cents, underwent a general sag. Provisions dropped with hogs and grain. Buyers were scarce.

## WORKMEN IN POMERANIA INSIST THAT MARTIAL LAW BE ABOLISHED

Berlin, July 17.—All Pomerania is aroused over the proclamation of martial law there and the order prohibiting workmen from striking. The workers insist that martial law be abolished, that prisoners arrested during the present strike be released and that recognition be extended to workmen's councils.

The gas, electric and water plants at Stettin, capital of Pomerania have been shut down and every street car in the city has been stopped. Latest reports say the strike is gaining force, but officials hope to keep food shops open with the aid of troops this is held to be most important, as harbor traffic has ceased. Workers on farms are reported to have ceased their labors, but are said to be quiet.

## PREPARING FOR THE LIBERAL CONVENTION

Ottawa, July 17.—Numerous committees have been appointed to prepare for the National Liberal Convention which meets in Ottawa on August 5th, 6th and 7th. There is an advisory committee, composed of members of the House of Commons, presided over by D. D. Mackenzie, temporary leader of the party. This committee and the work it performs is preparatory only as it is merged in the National Liberal Convention committee, which is composed of Liberal members of the House of Commons, of the Senate, seven provincial premiers and two Liberal leaders of the opposition.

The National Liberal Convention committee will meet on July 31, and following days and prepare an agenda, making suggestions as to the order of procedure at the convention. The suggestions will be considered, revised and adopted by a caucus of the Liberal members of the house and Senate which meets on Monday evening, August 4. The chairman of the Liberal convention committee is D. D. Mackenzie. The chairman of the caucus will be James A. Robb, chief Liberal whip.

Details for the preparation for the assembling of the delegates and all the preliminaries are attended to by a local committee composed of the officers of the Eastern Ontario Liberal Association, with the members of the executive committee of the Ottawa reform association and three members of the executive committee of the Carleton County Liberal Association.

## CHARLOTTE LIBERALS IN CONVENTION

St. Stephen, N. B., July 17.—The Liberal convention called by Hon. W. E. Foster to elect delegates to the National Convention yesterday chose Hugh M. Balkam, Geo. M. Byron and Daniel P. Gillmour, with alternates, Dr. A. D. Dyas, Harry W. Mann and Burton M. Hill.

The delegates were not instructed by the convention other than on the high cost of living and tariff. A resolution instructed them to urge the vital necessity of the immediate removal of the tariff on all necessities of life, the immediate reduction or entire removal of the tariff on all agricultural implements and on ropes, lines and fishing gear of all kinds, for the benefit of the farmers and fishermen and wage earners. Other resolutions were expressive of regret at the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Senator Daniel Gilmour, and Mr. Frank Todd.

A final resolution was passed "that all union Liberals to officiate with the Laurier Liberals in the future, for the welfare and good of our country."

## THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, July 16.—Wall Street—Steel equipments, Petroleums, tractions and shippings as represented by Bethlehem Steel, republic iron and American Locomotive, Sinclair oil, Brooklyn Transit and lacing preferred were the active and strong features at the opening of today's stock market. Gains ended from large fractions to two points, Pennsylvania, Seaboard, steel and food, Tobacco and copper issued also were active, rails showing a firm tone. United States Steel was unchanged at the outset but harried with the General list before the end of the first half hour.

## MORE TROOPS EN ROUTE HOME

London, July, 17.—The Steamer Regina sailed for Halifax on Tuesday carrying 139 officers, three nurses and 1,805 troops.

## BLACK-PICKARD NUPTIALS ON WEDNESDAY

### POPULAR MARYSVILLE GIRL WEDS A SOLDIER

**Gnr. M. J. Arnold Back From Overseas Service—Marysville Will Take Part Here Saturday.**

Marysville, July 16.—A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pickard, Main Street last evening when their eldest daughter Miss Eleanor S. was united in marriage to Mr. Kenneth G. Black of St. John. The bride was gown in white crepe de chene and carried a bouquet of carnations and sweet peas. They were unattended, and Rev. J. B. Daggett pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church officiated. The bride's travelling dress was of navy blue with hat to match. They left last evening by auto for St. John where they will make their future home. The groom returned from overseas a few months ago.

Gr. M. J. Arnold son of Mr. Judson Arnold arrived home last evening from overseas and is receiving a hearty welcome.

A meeting of the citizens was held last evening at the Dawson Club for the purpose of making arrangements for a celebration on Saturday next in honor of the signing of peace. It was decided to participate with the City of Fredericton in their parade in the morning and in the afternoon and parade will be held here with fireworks in the evening.

### False Alarm Last Evening

The Fredericton firemen were called out this morning about one o'clock to answer a false alarm sent in from Box 14 at the corner of Brunswick and Smythe Streets. For some nights past some one has been ringing in false alarms as a joke but the joke reflects very sadly on his sense of humor.

### Installation of Officers

At Castle Hall, Queen Street last evening, Fredericton Lodge No. 6 K of P. had the following officers installed by D. G. C., Alonzo Staples:—C. C., Charles E. Hashey; V. C., C. S. Creed; P., Robert Coombes; M. of W. Samuel Mackey; I. G., Robert Bayley. A committee was appointed to arrange for some participation in the Peace Celebration and a special Pythian Peace badge is to be procured.

Miss Louise Scott, B. A., returned last evening from a visit to St. John.

## TORONTO SOLDIERS STORM GUARD ROOM AND LIBERATE PRISONERS

**Early Morning Riot at Orthopedic Hospital—Prisoners Released and Building Was Set on Fire—The City Police Took No Action.**

Toronto, Ont., July 17.—About 1:30 o'clock this morning forty returned soldiers at the Christie Street Orthopedic Hospital stormed the guard room to liberate two of their comrades who were imprisoned there. After bursting open the door and taking out the prisoners they got a quantity of coal oil, drenched the bedding in the building and set fire to it. As the structure is fireproof, the flames simply consumed the inflammable material inside, all the fittings being destroyed.

As the rioting took place on military property, the city police took no action.

It is reported the prisoners in guard room, were two men, one with one leg and the other only one arm, they were doing twenty-eight days field imprisonment, for playing cards on Sunday, which includes loss of pay, imprisonment and defaulters rations. The outbreak was the culmination for considerable dissatisfaction which has manifested itself among the patients at this hospital for some weeks.

## BODY OF MOHMANDS SURPRISED BY GURKHAS IN INDIA ARE ROUTED

Simla, India, July 16.—A body of Mohmands who were trying to ambuscade cavalry near Dakka were surprised by Gurkhas, who had climbed a hill unperceived and the enemy fled, but the Gurkhas realized they were largely outnumbered and returned to the crest of the hill from where they rolled down boulders on the enemy.

Short range firing ensued and finally the Gurkhas re-attacked the Mohmands, who caught by flank fire, fled affording good targets. They lost twenty-five killed and a number were badly wounded.

Rain has fallen in Khyber for two days and the temperature has fallen considerably.

## Forest Fires Are Raging In Parts of Western Canada

### PURDY VS. PURDY BEGUN TODAY IN DIVORCE COURT

**FitzRandolph Case to be Resumed Next Tuesday—Mrs. Purdy on Stand This Morning.**

The New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes resumed this morning before His Honor Judge Crockett, the case of Matilda Jane Purdy vs. John Jones Purdy, was begun. This action is for separation "a mensa et thoro," and is defended. Mr. J. H. F. Teed appeared for the plaintiff wife and Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C. for the defendant husband.

Several witnesses on both sides will be heard in the case which is defended. Cruelty and neglect is urged on the part of the defendant and alimony with costs is asked.

The plaintiff was on the stand the entire session this morning and received a severe cross-examination from Mr. Mullin. She gave evidence of neglect and cruel treatment and also intimated that her husband had been on terms of undue intimacy with his sister-in-law.

The FitzRandolph case will be heard next Tuesday.

### Error Corrected

Rev. J. J. Graham of Hampton, Kings County has been registered to solemnize marriage. An error in a former gazette read Rev. J. J. Gordon of Hampton instead.

### Matinee Races Saturday.

At the request of the Celebration committee the Fredericton Park Association has decided to run matinee races at the trotting park on Saturday afternoon, July 19th, Peace Day. There will be no admission charged and the races will start at two o'clock so as to avoid conflicting with the ball game which will follow immediately. The entries are as follows: Class A, Roy Volo, Jesse H., Bob Mac, Garry A.; Class B, trot, The Manor, Bill Sharon, Harvest Hope, Native Worthy. In addition to these races The Exposer, owned by H. C. Jewett, of Fredericton, champion trotting stallion of Canada, will trot an exhibition mile.

### Flames Nearing the Residential District of Point Gray, a Suburb of Vancouver—Citizens Turn Out to Guard Their Homes and Assist the Fire Fighters—Heat Wave Caused Fires.

Vancouver, July 17.—A bush fire in the eastern section of West Point Gray, on the outskirts of Vancouver, sprang into new life early this morning under a heavy wind which carried the flames toward the residential district of Point Gray and at one o'clock it was reported twelve or fifteen houses were in danger, the nearest building half a block from the blaze.

Citizens turned out in large numbers to guard their homes and supplement the efforts of the Point Vancouver force. The fires at this point were believed extinguished yesterday after 500 acres of bush had been burned over.

### Three Men Trapped in Mine Tunnel.

Nelson, B. C., July 17.—Three men were trapped by forest fires in a tunnel at the second relief mine near Erie, in the Salmon River valley. The men are known to have provisions enough to last them for four days.

According to a telephone message received here from Erie, the men are believed to be safe for the time being, although there is danger that they may be suffocated.

Several fires have started in this district during the past few days as a result of a heat wave.

The forest fires on the Sarcoe Reserve have grown somewhat worse, but are being fought by a big force.

## GENERAL STRIKE IN PARIS LIKELY TO BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Paris, July 17.—Measures announced Wednesday by the Government are no likely to settle the problem of the high cost of living, according to a statement issued by the executive committee of the General Labor Federal commission. It was announced last night that another meeting would be held today to discuss final plans for the general strike proposed for Monday. Marcel Hutin, in the Echo De Paris declares, however, that the meeting of executive committee today was called to consider the indefinite postponement of the general strike.

He says that the National Railroaders Union has received seventeen protests against the strike from its provincial branches. Marcel Hutin declares that the public need be under no apprehension as to events Monday and maintains that among the organizations favoring a general strike barely twenty per cent of the members will go out.

## BIG LOCKOUT IN CHICAGO

Chicago, July 17.—Ten thousand employees of the McCormick Reaper works of the International Harvester Company are locked out today as a result of the closing of the plant for an indefinite period due to a strike which began last Tuesday. The men, although they have not presented their demands, are said to want \$1 an hour pay, a forty-four-hour week and a closed shop.

## NURSES WANT LARGER FEES

St. John, July 17.—At the annual convention of the New Brunswick Association of Registered Nurses today it was decided to erect a memorial to Nursing Sister Anna Stammers, of St. John, who was drowned in the sinking of the Llandoverly Castle.

A resolution was passed for an increase in fees for registered nurses from \$18 to \$21 a week minimum.

## BIG LOAN FOR SWITZERLAND

New York, July 17.—Negotiations for a loan of \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 to the Swiss Republic through the sale of bonds in this country have been virtually completed, it was reported here today.

### On the Way Home

Among the passengers on the Cedric which sailed from England on Sunday is Lieut. Col. J. H. MacDonald. He will land at Halifax some time this week. For over four years he has been in the Chaplain Service overseas and for the greater part of that time has been the Assistant Director of the Canadian Chaplain Service. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his excellent work.

## TODAY'S CARD AT KALAMAZOO

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 17.—The last \$3,000 purse of the local Grand Circuit meeting, the Columbia Hotel stake, was on today's program with a hotly contested race in prospect.

Among the large field entered Geers had three possible starters, Murphy five and Walter Cox, who has started in only one event here, entered four horses. Today's card also includes a 2.09 trot worth \$1,000, the repeating park sweepstakes for two-year-old trotters, and a 2.14 pace for Michigan half-milers.

## IRISHMEN AND PEACE DAY

Dublin, July 16.—All grades of officials of the city corporation have signed a memorial to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, asking him not to recognize July 19, Peace Day, as a holiday, on the ground that "a state of war exists between the British government and the Irish people, and the latter do not desire to participate in peace celebrations."

## GOVERNOR OF P. E. I. IS DEAD

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 16.—Augustine Colin MacDonald, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island died this afternoon after an illness of several months. He was eighty-nine years old.

## CREDITS FOR THE GERMANS

New York, July 17.—Officials of the Deutsch Bank, of Berlin have started negotiations with New York Banks for establishment of credits for the benefit of German interests here.