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The Weather
 Fresh to strong southwest winds, mostly cloudy today and on Sunday, showers in some localities tonight.

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TREATY WITH PERSIA DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PROTECTORATE

Important Speech by Earl Curzon at a Dinner to the Persian Foreign Minister—No Ground for Suspicion, He Says—An Era of Chaos and Confusion in Asia Forecasted—Will be Some Time Before Stability is Restored.

London, Sept. 20.—Great Britain's treaty with Persia does not constitute a protectorate of the latter country in any way, the only object of the agreement being to ensure Persia an opportunity to work out her destiny as an independent country, said Earl Curzon, government leader in the House of Lords, and President of the Council, in speaking at a dinner given here last night in honor of the foreign minister of Persia. The speaker admitted there had been misunderstandings of the treaty, but said there was no ground for suspicion, as would be proved by the working out of the agreement. "An era of chaos and confusion in Asia" was the forecast of Earl Curzon, who declared it would be some time before stability is restored in regions formerly dominated by Russia and Turkey.

THE INDEPENDENCE OF PERSIA IS A BRITISH AS WELL AS PERSIAN INTEREST, SAYS CURZON

"When we speak of the independence of Persia," Earl Curzon said, "meaning the political and national independence of the country, I contend now, as I have always contended, that the independence of Persia is a British as well as a Persian interest. Indeed, our main interest in Persia is its independence. We do not want Persia to be a mere buffer against our enemies. We want her to be a bulwark for the peace of the world, and I can assure your guest he need have no fears upon that point. We shall respect the independence of his country."

"We did not ask at the peace conference for a mandate in respect to Persia. Had it been offered we should not have accepted it. I do not believe for a moment that Persia would have asked for it. We prefer to trade with Persia as a partner on equal terms with a country enjoying her own sovereignty and capable of dealing with us on terms of partnership."

SUSPICIONS REST ON A MISCONCEPTION WHICH IT WILL NOT BE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE

"I do not conceal from myself that, fully as we understand the agreement concluded between us, suspicions have been aroused as to its real character. These suspicions rest, in the main, upon a misconception which should not be difficult to remove. I see it is stated in some quarters that this agreement is a veiled protectorate by Great Britain over Persia. I take it that a protectorate means some assumption of exclusive responsibility and some curtailment or restriction in the protected country's liberties. I find no evidence of such a condition of affairs in this agreement. I would not have been a party to any attempt to set up a British protectorate over Persia. I should have been opposed to it and regarded it as inimical to British interests."

REDUCTION IN WINTER WHEAT

Washington, Sept. 20.—A reduction in the acreage to be sown to winter wheat this fall of approximately 15 per cent from last year's acreage was recommended to the farmers of the country today by the Department of Agriculture. This reduction, which would mean a total of about 42,000,000 acres this year, was recommended on the basis of prospective conditions of world supply and demand as judged by specialists of the Department who were sent abroad to report on the wheat crop status of the European countries.

Another Busy Night Passed
 Four drunks were hauled in last evening by the Police and one Prohibition case appeared this morning. The prohibition drunk was rounded up by Policeman Murray at the C. N. R. Station where he was making merry. It is reported that the inspectors made a raid on a number of cars parked near the judges' stand at the races yesterday but made no seizures.

Not Confined to Weaker Sex
 That the "original safe deposit vault" is not used exclusively by members of the weaker sex was exemplified at the race track yesterday afternoon when a man who was backing the "ponies" extensively was observed to pause in the enclosure in front of the grandstand, roll up one trouser-leg and abstract a fair sized "wad" from one of his socks.

BALFOUR TO BECOME AN EARL

London, Sept. 20.—According to the Daily Mirror, Arthur J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is soon to be created an Earl in recognition of his services to the Empire during the war. The Mirror adds that the raising of Mr. Balfour to an Earldom is likely to come simultaneously with his retirement from the Foreign Office, which is expected to take place during the autumn. The paper also says that when Viscount Grey relinquishes his post of Ambassador to the United States a few months hence, Mr. Balfour may be invited to succeed him.

Returned From Pacific Coast
 Mrs. A. R. Voye and daughter Lila and Miss Eva Brewer have returned from their trip to the Pacific Coast.

Band Concert Tomorrow
 The Fredericton Brass Band will play a concert at Wilmot Park tomorrow afternoon starting at four o'clock. No program has as yet been announced.

Motored From Sussex
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Creed of Sussex accompanied by their sons Herbert and George Creed and their daughter, Miss Constance Creed arrived here by auto yesterday to attend the exhibition. Their son George will remain here to attend the U.N.B. The remainder of the party returned home this morning.

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS ARE VERY POPULAR

THREE COUPLES QUIETLY MARRIED WEDNESDAY

George M. Aiken and Miss Myrtle E. Logan of Devon Married by Canon Cowie.

That September weddings are proving popular is demonstrated by the number of couples who are getting married this month. The majority of them wish to escape the usual wedding preparations and are being quietly married.

Moore-McLellan
 At St. Paul's Presbyterian Manse on Wednesday September 17th, Edwin A. Moore of Edmundston and Gertrude M. McLellan of this city were quietly married by Rev. J. S. Sutherland. Both parties were unattended. The groom is a returned soldier having seen service overseas with the 104th Battalion. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McLellan of Boiestown.

Clarkson-Stuart
 Elmer H. Clarkson and Jennie A. Stuart of Stanley were united in marriage at St. Paul's Presbyterian Manse on Wednesday September 17th by Rev. J. S. Sutherland. Both parties are from Stanley. They were unattended.

Aiken-Logan
 On Wednesday evening September 17th George M. Aiken of this city and Myrtle E. Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Logan of South Devon were united in marriage by Rev. Canon Cowie at Christchurch Parish Church. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Case of Burton, Sunbury County. Mr. and Mrs. Aiken will spend their honeymoon in a short trip throughout the province and on their return will make their residence at the groom's home on Hanwell Road.

HIGHEST RENT IN THE WORLD

New York, Sept. 20.—The highest rent leases for residential apartments in the world have just been signed for seventeen suites in a new apartment house being built at Fifth avenue and 72nd street, this city. The gross annual rental for the seventeen suites is \$441,500. The building is only twelve stories high. The valuation of the land and building, however, exceeds \$3,000,000.

THE NEW BOARD OF COMMERCE COMES IN FOR SOME CRITICISM

Dr. Clark Describes the Economic Antics of One of the Members—Thinks Public Money is Being Wasted—One of the Members Called a Swashbuckler.

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—The new board of commerce appointed by the government to curb profiteering and take other steps for decreasing cost of living in Canada came in for some severe criticism at the hands of members on both sides in the house of commons today. Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer started the adverse comment when he rose to speak on a resolution providing for an amendment to the Board of Commerce Act to fix the salaries of the chairman at \$10,000 and of the other two members at \$8,000 each.

Judging by the "economic antics" of one of the members of the board said Dr. Clark, the money spent on it was being worse than wasted. This commissioner he said had actually gone the length of threatening to forbid exports a proposal which would suggest that he was on the verge of "economic insanity."

Donald Sutherland thought that an inquiry should be made into statements appearing in the newspapers and credited to Commissioner W. F. O'Connor. He declared that the prohibition of the export of hides on the recommendation of the Board of Commerce had resulted in tens of thousands of animals being shipped to the United States where hides commanded higher prices. E. W. Nesbitt asserted that one member of the board re-

Allied Warships Have Guns Trained on City of Fiume

MR. L. E. ACKER WEDS TODAY

Mr. L. E. Acker the popular theatrical manager and turfman of Halifax, who has been here this week attending the races left last evening for Boston where he will today be one of the principals in an interesting event. Mr. Acker got the idea into his head that the train for the Hub left here at eight o'clock instead of 4.40 and but for the thoughtfulness of Starter Frank Power there would have been no bridegroom at today's wedding. Mr. Power announced the time of departure of the train from the judges' stand and Mr. Acker taking the cue hastily pulled himself together and departed. As he was getting out Mr. Power extended felicitations through the medium of the megaphone. The crowd applauded, but only a few were in on the secret.

UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—Governor General's warrants covering unforeseen expenditures aggregating \$75,000, were issued during the parliamentary recess, according to a return tabled in parliament today by Hon. A. K. MacLean. Of this amount \$375,000 covered the cost of moving stock from and to dry areas in Western Canada; \$400,000 was required in connection with the reconstruction of the government elevator at Port Colborne, while \$20,000 was required to cover the cost of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada.

Changing His Pew
 St. Croix Courier: W. Fred Nicholson, who has been the efficient steward in the Queen hotel in recent years has resigned that position and is retiring from the hotel life after many years of successful catering to the travelling public. With his sons, Captain Frank and Gordon, recently returned from valiant service overseas, he has purchased the sporting goods business of the late J. F. Douglas on Water street and will hereafter devote his attention to that undertaking. Mr. Nicholson's many friends at home and abroad wish him and his an abundant measure of success in their new undertaking.

This is the News Received in Berlin by a Wireless Report—D'Annunzio's Forces May be Ordered to Evacuate City Within Twenty-four Hours—Government Adopts Measures to Prevent Reinforcement Reaching Italian Irregulars Now Holding the City.

London, Sept. 20.—After a conference between Allied commanders at Abbazia, Allied warships have left the harbor of Fiume and have levelled their guns on the town, according to a German government wireless report quoting advices received in Berlin to Laibach and Vienna. The despatch states that it is assumed an ultimatum will be sent demanding that Captain D'Annunzio's forces evacuate the town within 24 hours. A despatch to the same effect has also been received from Paris.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ORDERS MAGNETOS REMOVED FROM AIRPLANES AT ALL CAMPS

Rome, Sept. 20.—Among measures adopted by the government to prevent reinforcements from reaching the Italian "irregular" troops in Fiume, is a military order removing the magnetos from airplanes at all aviation camps. D'Annunzio has already succeeded in gathering about him at Fiume airplanes forming part of his famous squadron. Premier Nitti and Foreign Minister Tittoni have disagreed over the Fiume incident. The latter disapproves of the Premier's attitude, according to the newspapers.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS APPROVE THE ACTION OF CAPT. D'ANNUNZIO

A despatch from Trieste says a fleet of airplanes has landed near Fiume and have been placed at the disposition of Captain D'Annunzio, having flown from one of the Italian aviation camps. A brigade of Lombardy troops which arrived at Fiume and volunteered to join the D'Annunzio forces, was sent back to its garrison, says a despatch to the Messagero. Captain D'Annunzio's action in taking over control of Fiume is approved in a manifesto issued by the National Association of Wounded Soldiers.

STEAMER LOST IN THE GULF HURRICANE

Key West, Fla., Sept. 19.—That the Spanish steamer Valberna, carrying three hundred passengers and a crew of 150 went down in the hurricane that swept Key West ten days ago appeared to have been made certain tonight by the statement of Ensign L. B. Roberts, commanding officer of the United States submarine chaser No. 203, who stated he plainly saw the name plate of that steamer on the vessel found today sunk in 40 feet of water near here. The statement of Ensign Roberts corroborated that of divers who, on order of the Cuban consul here, made an investigation of the sunken vessels. The wreck was seen by the sub-chaser and the coastguard vessel Tuscarara, near Rebecca Shoals lighthouse, 40 miles from Key West. It lay in water which covers a bed of quicksand. No bodies were seen. The Valberna has been missing since the storm which caught her as she neared Havana en route from Spanish ports to New Orleans. The passengers are thought to have been almost entirely Spaniards or Cubans, as virtually all of them were to have debarked at Havana.

MORE MEN FIT TO WED AT 40 THAN WOMEN

London, Sept. 20.—The large number of marriages of men of 40 to women of 23 or 24 has raised the question in London: "Would children of such a marriage be normally healthy so far as the father's age exercised any influence?" Answering the question, a doctor says that there is nothing from the physiological standpoint to prevent such marriages. "A notion has arisen among men that the children of a father of 40 are not likely to be strong," said he. "Provided the man is in good health there is no such consequences. Doctors do not look with favor on marriage for the first time of women older than 38. And it is certainly better that a man of 40 should marry a woman of 25 than one of his own age. As a rule, a man after passing his 34th or 35th year, is at least ten years younger physically than a woman of his own age, notwithstanding that women live longer and generally enjoy better health in old age than men."

Death of J. D. Chipman
 Many residents of Fredericton read with regret of the death in Toronto of John D. Chipman formerly of St. Stephen. The deceased for several years was officer commanding the 71st York Regiment with the rank of colonel. Upwards of twenty years ago when that unit used to camp on Queen's Square in this city he was a captain and took several courses at the Infantry School here. He was a son-in-law of the late Sir Leonard Tilley and a brother of the present Lady Tilley. For some years he was a member of the New Brunswick Legislature. He followed the occupation of broker and promoter. He removed to Toronto some years ago. The deceased was sixty three years old. His son served overseas with distinction.

BAD TEETH IN ENGLAND

London, Sept. 20.—An example of the prevalence of dental trouble in England is shown by the report of Dr. T. H. Jones, medical officer of health for Surrey, based on the examination of 13,861 school children by school dentists. Sixty-seven per cent of the children had cavities in their teeth or disease of the gums, and were recommended for treatment. Of the total number recommended only 38 per cent took advantage of the opportunity and had the defects remedied.

TROOPSHIP RAN ASHORE

London, Sept. 20.—An Evening News despatch from Kirkwall today reports a White Star liner ashore north of Ronaldsmay. It is believed that 2,000 troops from Northern Russia are on board. The liner ran ashore during a gale.

HORSES BECOMING CHEAPER

London, Sept. 20.—The value of horses in western England and South Wales has slumped more than 20 per cent. The maximum prices for heavy horses now is \$500. The increasing use of popular priced automobiles from America is believed to be largely responsible for the depreciation in the value of the horse.