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SIR HAMAR GREENWOOD WAS QUESTIONED IN PARLIAMENT IN REGARD TO THE FIRES IN CORK

NOT SET BY FORCES OF THE GOVERNMENT

No Truth in Report That Civilians Were Dragged from Firemen Given Every Assistance by the Police and the Military Forces.

London, Dec. 13-Sir Hamar Green wood, chief secretary for Ireland, in answering questions in the house of commons today with regard to the Cork conflagration, said it was not known by whom the fires were start ed, but he protested strongly against suggesting, without any evidence, that the fires had been started by forces of the crown.

There was no evidence to that ef-There was no evidence to that ef-fect declared Sir Hamar, and it was spectors, deputy sub-district regis-obvious to anybody, he said, that fires trars, medical school inspector, also obvious to anybody, he said, that fires of this kind were the only possible arguments to be used against the government's policy in Ireland.

Sir Hamar declared there was not the slightest evidence to confirm the reports that three civilians in Cork had been dragged from their houses and shot or that the hose of the fire brigade had been cut and the firemen fired upon. Every available policeman and the military turned out to assist the firemen, he said.

There was some evidence, said the chief secretary, that the fires had been started with incendiary bombs.

There were no incendiary bombs in the possession of the military, he asserted, but the Sinn Feiners had such

He believed, he said, that the fires had nothing to do with the ambush of the military lorry

DANCED REEL ON 100TH BIRTHDAY

An unusual event took pace at Ohio Antigonish County, last Sunday at the home of Angus J. MacInnis, when his step-mother, Mrs. Kate MacInnis ceelbrated her one hundredth birth day. The old lady was formerly a Miss MacPherson, and was married to the late John MacInnis (Angus Andrew) about fifty years ago. Her husband, whose second wife she was, died about 1896.

ket, have treated this youthful centenarian lightly. Her face is almost unfurrowed, her figure erect and her hair a glossy brown. Her faculties are absolutely unimpaired, and in all respects she is as sprighty as many a woman forty years her junior. Knit ting forms her chief recreation.

The celebration of the anniversary was a quiet one, only close friends of the family being present. To show her heart was light, despite her years the old lady tripped a lively reel with a prominent citizen of Antigonish who was among the guests.

TETTLE MILLS

Boston, Dec. 13—All of the textile mills of Maine and practically all in Rhode Island, will put into effect on December 20, a 22½ per cent. wage reduction announced today in Lawrence, Lowell and New Bedford and in many smaller New England mill centres. The reduction will eventually apply to about 300,000 operatives. The posting of notices of the reduction at the largest cotton mills in Lawrence today was duplicated in a targe number of Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island cities.

The Amoskeag mills of Manchester

The Amoskeag mills of Manchester N. H., the largest cotton plant in the world, and other mills in New Hampshire have not yet made any announcement as to a reduction. At Fall River one of the principal textile centres, manufacturers, and union labor. tres, manufacturers and union labor leaders are conducting negotiations

William W. Wood, president of the American Woollen Company, which operates fifty-seven mills in New Eng-land and New York State, said today he had no statement to make at present on the matter of wages.

Hon. P. J. Veniot of Bathurst is at the Quenn

ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH DEPT.

Their Homes and Shot-The Dr. Melvin Leaving Tonight for Richibucto-Unorganized Heretofore-Officials Will be Appointed.

IN KENT CO.

Dr. G. C. Melvin, Chief Health Officer of the province, will leave tonight for Richibucto, Kent County, where he will attend the meeting on Thursday of the Sub-District Board of Health recently appointed for that county. The meeting will be for the purpose of organization as heretofore Kent of organization as heretofore Kent County has not been organized under

the Health Act.
Dr. Desmond of Newcastle District
Merdical Health Officer will accompany Dr. Melvin, Kent County being
in his district.

Organization will include the ap selection of dates and place of

DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR YORK WILL BE APPOINTED

The appointment of a deputy sheriff by J. B. Hawthorne of York County, recently appointed Chief Inspector under the Intoxicating Liquor Action. 1915, will be made shortly. The name of Police Sergt. Nathaniel Jones of the Fredericton Police Force is mentioned in connection with the appoint ment. Prior to the appointment of Mr. Hawthorne as sheriff there had been a deputy sheriff in charge of the jail here for many years. The present sheriff however intends to remain his own jailer using his deputy for other

duties of Chief Inspector der the Prohibition Act call Mr. Haw-thorne to various parts of the prov-ince and the appointment of a deputy would free him of a number of minor

While A. A. Sterling of this city was sheriff, the present sheriff was his deputy and jailer from, 1883 until 1907.

WAS NAMED

Cross Atlantic Newspaper Service. Berlin, Dec. 14-"Herzleid" (Heartache) was the strange name bestow ed at her baptism on the baby daughter of ex-Prince Oscar, son of the former Kaiser. It was chosen to express LLOYD GEORGE the grief of the Hohenzollerns at their downfall and was borrowed from the mother of Parsifal in Wagner's fa mous religious opera.

TO HAVE REAL HOLIDAY

London, Dec. 14-Newspaper workers in London are to have a real Christmas holiday if the movement now gaining ground in Fleet street proves successful. It is planned to suspend publication on Christmas, the CUT WAGES Sunday following, and Monday which is Boxing Day, allowing three days

FREDERICTON MAN IN LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 14-The Civil Service Commission announces the following recent appointments: Air Certificate Examiner, Air Board, Ottawa, Lloy S. Breadner, Ottawa; Forest Ranger Interior Department, Cypress Hill Forest Reserve, Leo E. Fisher, Canled Sask.; Forest Supervisor, Interior De partment of returns on forest reserve Clarence E. Maimann, Fredericton

Curlers' Meeting.
The Fredericton Curling Club met
Monday night in regular session. Five ew members were admitted to mem ership. In the Managing Committee eries it was decided that there should be twenty-two skips, eleven on a side and that each group of eleven should play an elimination series the final winners playing off. Organization and choice of skips will take place Wed-

NEAR HOUSE OF COMMONS BY SUPPOSED SINN FEINER DAIRY TEST

Government Leader was Warned by the Minister of Health to Look Out for Himself---Was Preparing to Rush Stranger, When Latter Pulled Out a Book and Asked Autograph.

(By Frank Tewson, staff correspondent Cross-Atlantic Service.)

ONDON, Dec. 14. In these days of Sinn Fein scares, British ministers have to be circumspect as to strangers who may loiter in their vicinity. The leader of the House of Commons was walking from Westminster back to Downing Street the other evening when Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, came up to him and said, "Do you know, Bonar Law, that you are being

They looked back, and sure enough a very Sinn Feinish ooking individual, in a slouch hat, was coming slowly behind them. They let him pass, obviously scrutinizing him carefully yet not wishing to attract notice.

Bonar Law and Dr. Addison went on talking about some business, when the latter said suddenly: "Look out, he's got his hand in his pocket!"

Mr. Bonar Law wheeled round quickly and saw the stranger a few yards off struggling to drag something heavy out of his coat pocket. Feeling certain that the object was a pistol, he determined on taking no chances and started to rush his assailant. Just as the Unionist leader reached him the man got his hand free. In it was—an autograph book!

'Would you kindly, please, Mr. Bonar Law-" He did.

SALESWOMEN IN LONDON ARE DEMANDING INCREASED PAY

(Special to Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Sales persons in English shops, called shop assistants, are making a determined effort to obtain better pay, but an improved minimum scale of wages submitted to the West End firms has been rejected. The matter has been referred to the decision of the Minister of Labor.

P. C. Hoffman, organizer for the Shop Assistants' Union, "The minimum rates which the Court of Arbitration awarded to the Army and Navy Stores employes and which came into operation from October 1, 1919, have not been advanced since that date; nor have the minimum rates for salesmen and saleswomen drawn up at the time of the Army and Navy Stores dispute, which came into operation on December 15 last year, although the cost of living has gone up by about forty per cent. in the interval.

"Women shop assistants and porters in the grocery and provision trade (England and Wales) are offered by the Trade HEARTACHE provision trade (England and Wales) are offered by the Frade Board, minimum wages ranging from \$3.75 to \$11.75 in the case of assistants and \$3.50 to \$10.50 for porters, for a week of from forty-four to forty-eight hours. These wages, always small, are quite inadequate to meet the high prices today.

NOT COMING TO AMERICA

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Servcie.)

London, Dec. 14.—In view of the that Lloyd George would visit Canada and the United States next fall unless The film approximating 1,500 feet was the Premier would make the trip, but over the Maritime Provinces. he now learns that the press of business ahead appears to be so great that there is practically no hope of his son and in some of the scenes, the ceived scores of invitations from Canada and the United States."

A HUNTER MET DEATH

Riverton, Wyo., Dec. 14.—R. Cohen has been exonerated by a coroner's ents of that day, all of whom have jury here for killing his brother-in- since entered their chosen professions aw, Sam R. O'Neill, whom he mistook many of whom have since made en for an elk while the two were hunting viable names for themselves. near Dubois. O'Neill and Cohen were peating a thicket some distance apart when Cohen thought he heard an elk for the Christmas vacation period, at crashing through the underbrush. He ter which the film will be released for fired, the bullet entering O'Neil's head showing in practically all of the mo and killing him instantly.

STUDENT IN

Sackville, Dec. 14-A motion picture film of great interest throughout the Maritime Provinces has just been persistent denials of the exclusive completed at Mount Allison University story cabled by Cross-Atlantic News- showing much of the inside life of the paper Service on Dec. 2nd, announcing college students and in which the students themselves are the actors. unforeseen developments interfered, taken by the Eastern Canada Film Cross-Atlantic begs to state that when Company and will be ready for re the story was cabled it was hoped that lease at an early date, to be shown all

The scenes are all laid about the campus and buildings of Mount Allibeing able to do so, although he re- entire student body of about 800 boys and girls is shown at work and play Since practically all of this large body of students comes from the four quarters of the Maritime Provinces, the folks 'at home' 'will be given some thing of a treat in seeing their sons and daughters, many of them in closeups, in their daily life at college

> Woven into the story are scenes of a decade ago, in which appear stud-

The premier showing of the pictur will be made before the student bod just before they leave for their home tion picture theatres of the Provinces

RAILWAY BROTHERHOOD MEN WILL BACK UP THE STRIKERS IN THE STEEL PLANT AT SYDNEY

AT AMHERST

Will be Carried on Under the Direction of Harvey Mitchell, of York County, N. B.

Amherst N. S., Dec. 14-The Three Day Milk Test which is carried or yearly in connection with the Maritime Winter Fair was commenced at noon yesterday with an entry list of nearly sixty cows. The Dairy Test is under the direct supervision of Harvey Mitchell of the Federal Dairy Department, who has working with him, the Dairy Staffs of the three Maritime Provincial Departments.

The cows entered in this contest are milked three times daily and nside of two hours after each milking complete analysis of each cow's pro duction is posted, so that the owner can tell the exact percentage, composition of the milk produced by the cow during these three periods of the lay. The laboratory which was installed last year has been improved for this Fair and is now a model of ef ficiency.

The entries to the Dairy Contest this year are not quite so numerous as in other late years, the chief reas on being that the increased freight rates have tended to discourage exhibits from the more distant parts of the Maritimes. The sixty cows that are entered, are of excellent stock, however, and the standard established by them this year, is expected to equal that of other years. The increased freight rates have also tended to mil itate against other stock entries, but despite this, he total will be well up the average and the poultry exhibits will easily exceed all previous red

GOVERNOR OF B. C. IS DEAD

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14—British Coumbia generally and Victoria in particular, has suffered a severe loss in the death of his honor the Lieutenant-Governor Edward Gawler Prior who succumbed last night at 7 o'clock after an illness of five weeks' dura

He was taken ill with a recurrence of an old internal trouble while at-tending the exhibition of tennis given in the drill hall by the America champions, and his condition conse quently became so aggravated as to necessitate his entering the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

A week ago he suffered a relapse and on Saturday morning underwent a major operation from which he failed to rally, his condition having been ritical for thirty-six hours preceding

then young and married Miss Suzette Vork, daughter of the late John Vork, of Victoria, B. C. He became hardware merchant and mine deve oper. He was a member of parliament or Victoria from 1888 to 1901 and be came comptroller of inland revenue He was premier of British Columbia from 1902 to 1903. He had commanded the Canadian Bisley team and was A. D. C. to Lords Stanley and Aber deen. He was active in the militia.

UNEMPLOYED

Ottawa, Dec. 14-Plans for unemployment relief during the next few nonths, the cost to be shared by muni ipal, provincial and federal govern-nexts, are understood to have been nexts, are understood to have rawn up at recent meetings of the abinet council. Under the proposal which is stated to ha resulted from recent conferences between the government and returned soldiers' leaders and others, the relief work must be inaugurated by the municipal authors. prities and then the cost will be divided equally between the municipality province and the federal govern-

Successful Dance.

The dance at the Old Gaiety last vening held by the Damon Club was

GENERAL MANAGER OF C. N. R. NOTIFIED

Decisive Action Will be Taken by the Railwaymen Unless C. N. R. Authorities Take Immediate Steps to Arrange a Compromise With Steel and Coal Company.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 14-Notification hat the brotherhood men of the Canadian National eastern lines are prepared to take decisive action to back up their striking comrades in the steel yards at Sydney has been served on the C. N. R. management, it was announced at strike headquarters here

The action on the part of the bretherhoods is the most important move made by either side since the switch engineers ,firemen and trainmen employed in the yards of the Dominion Steel Corporation walked out three weeks ago today to obtain the standard rates of pay awarded the Canadian National Railway men in this district.

Chairmen of the railway brother nood committees on the eastern lines of the Canadian National Railways served official notice on the C. N. R. general manager that unless steps were taken by himself and his associates to obtain a compromise from the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Nova Scotia steel and Coal Company, the C. N. R. men would be forced to take decisive action "even though it may be necessary to vary materially from the past conservative and well known practices of these organizations to support the striking railwaymen in the Sydney and Sydney Mines yards."

CHARGE AGAINST

Montreal, Dec. 14.— Hon. Charles Murphy, addressing the Reform Club here Saturday on "How the elections of 1917 were lost," also touched on how he hoped the next election would be won. He claimed that the issue to come before the people was not that of protection and free trade and such an issue would not come before the people of Canada. What they would ide would be the whole record of the Borden and Meighen governments. Speaking of the 1917 elections, Mr. Murphy claimed that a communication had been received in connection with the overseas vote from a man purporting to represent Sir Robert Borden to an officer in France asking for 100 to Governor Prior was born in Dallagh ill, Yorkshire, in 1853, the son of lev. H. P. Prior, vicar of Boston, incolnshire. He came to Canada ther asked to get 200 votes for Northands Waterloo, 200 for Leeds, 200 for Strand Lawrence-St. George, 200 for North umberland and 200 for Pictou. sids of all

Mr. Murphy commended Hon. Arthur Meighen's "good sound Canadianism" as evidenced in his speeches and advised the Liberal party to adopt a sim-

To Meet in St. John

The Provincial Government will a meet in St. John this week beginning its session on Wednesday afternoon. Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture and Hon. P. J. Veniot, Min ister of Public Works, both of whom are here today, will leave in the morning. The appointment of a deputy minister of agriculture and a conference with representatives of the International Paper Company will be two important items of business. That company wishes to discuss matters per-

Proposition re Bands. Proposition re Bands.
In connection with the band situation in Fredericton today the Fredericton Brass Band has suggested that it amalgamate with the York Regt.
Band the combined bands to be known as the York Regt Band for military duties and on other oceans the Fredericton Brass Band the grand success there being many present who enjoyed the fifteen dances which were in the programme excellent music was furnished by Tennant's orchestra. The dancing was that the militia will episent to the ar-

taining to Grand Falls.