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The Weather

Moderate south and south west winds fair today. Thunder showers tonight and on Wednesday.

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AN ALLEGED COMBINE IN NEW ENGLAND SAID TO BE BUYING UP THE POTATO CROP IN THE FIELD

FIVE DOLLARS PER BARREL BEING PAID

Officials of the Agricultural Department of Massachusetts Claim to Know Nothing of It—All the Large Growers in Aroostook County Said to Have Been Approached.

Rumors to the effect that a certain large concern in New England has gone out into the country districts of every New England State and has agents engaged in buying up the potato crop as it stands in the fields, paying \$5 a bushel on the estimated crop have come to the attention of various officials connected with the Massachusetts State Department of Agriculture.

"We have heard the story from several sources," declared one official today to the Globe, "but our efforts thus far have failed to locate the concern. We are on the lookout for contracts of this nature and have found none to date. It is even reported in this office that the agents of this company are active in Massachusetts."

One farmer, well acquainted with the situation in Maine, declared this morning that with the exception of Aroostook county, Maine, the largest potato-growing farm terrain in the country every one of the largest potato growers has been approached and most of them have accepted the offer of the company. The Aroostook farmers are reported as refusing to sell because they believe that potatoes will bring next fall a higher price than the agents are offering them.

Reports, which are lacking in verification, declare that millions of dollars are behind the move, and that some of the speculators who have reaped fortunes during the past several months, as the result of the manipulation of the food market, are banded together in this latest move. The Committee on Necessities of Life is also on the trail of this latest move and promises that if the information which it has received in the matter is borne out by the investigation which is being conducted at present, there will be public exposure of the combine.

"We have received information from a farmer that this is being on and the matter is at present under investigation, Gen. Sherburne is intensely interested in this matter and if the rumors, for they amount to no more than that, at the present stage of proceedings, materialize as facts, the committee will act quickly so far as this State is concerned."

AN ORDINARY MOTOR RIDE

New York, Aug. 10.—The story told by Charles B. Chisholm of Newark, who is suing William C. Parker of Morristown for \$100,000 for alleged alienation of his wife's affections, to the effect that he at one time had come to an agreement with Mr. Parker, and that an elopement which had his consent was partly carried out was denied yesterday by Mr. Parker. He declared that the "elopement" Mr. Chisholm referred to was with an "ordinary motor ride."

Mr. Parker said he had known Mrs. Chisholm for many years and had met her frequently but insisted that there was nothing in the least reprehensible about their relationship. He characterized all the allegations in Mr. Chisholm's suit as "preposterous."

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE REPORTS THE RESULT OF THE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Premier Lloyd George presided over a full cabinet council on his return to the city last night from the Lympne conference and reported to his colleagues the result of the confere with Premier Millerand of France, and discussed is bearings in connection with the statement which is to be made to parliament by him tomorrow. The Independent Liberals held a meeting in the House of Commons tonight and passed a resolution protesting against any intervention against Russia by way of a blockade, me, money or munitions. The Independent Liberals in the House of Commons number about thirty.

ALLIED INTERVENTION IS DELAYED PENDING THE RESULT OF CONFERENCE

Bolshevik and Polish Representatives are Now Conferring at Minsk—Premier Millerand Firm in Urging the Adoption of the French Policy—British Labor Opposed to a War With Russia—Labor Leaders Issue a Statement.

HYTHE, Aug. 10.—The Hythe conference, hurriedly called Sunday to consider means for saving Poland from the Bolshevik menace, ended yesterday with an agreement between Premier Lloyd George and Premier Millerand on aid to be given the new Polish state. After the premiers decided to reimpose the blockade on Russia and to furnish munitions and technical advice to Poland, Lloyd George succeeded in getting M. Millerand to consent to withhold application of aid until after the preliminary results of the conference at Minsk between Bolshevik and Polish representatives are known.

M. Millerand, who had been firm in urging the French policy, which included the blockade and strong defensive measures, was obliged to yield somewhat to the milder policy of Lloyd George, who was determined that no Allied troops should be used in Poland.

Establishment of a defensive line in Poland, which was considered by the conference, if carried out, would, according to opinion expressed here, be regarded by the British and the French as more than a plan to defend Poland; it would be in effect a "coron sanitaire" to keep the Bolsheviks from western Europe. But from what happened at the closing moments of the conference, it is considered that much will depend upon the Bolshevik attitude in Minsk.

The British Labor View.

London, Aug. 9.—War between the Allied powers and Soviet Russia over Poland would be "an intolerable crime against humanity," and British labor has warned the British government that organized labor will be used to defeat such a war. This decision was reached today at a meeting of the most prominent of the leaders of British labor, who later issued the following statement:

"This conference feels certain that war is being engineered between the Allied powers and Soviet Russia on the issue of Poland, and declares that such a war would be an intolerable crime against humanity. It therefore warns the government that the whole industrial power of the organized workers will be used to defeat this war."

It was resolved by the conference "to take such steps as may be necessary to carry the above decision into effect."

The statement advised all labor organizations to be prepared to send their leaders to London "to instruct their members to lay down their tools."

A "committee of action" appointed by the meeting will see Lloyd George at noon tomorrow. The conference, which represented the whole field of labor, is regarded as having presented an ultimatum to the government threatening direct action.

HARVESTERS WERE THIRSTY

Quebec, Aug. 9.—Last Saturday a special I. C. R. train pulled in at Chaudiere Curve with 600 harvesters on board. This train had stopped, the travellers got off to drink, as it was very hot and there was no water on the train. They begged for water at the different private houses and everything was going all right when a revolver shot was heard from the Frechette store. This was the signal for sackings the place and it appears that \$2,000 worth of goods was stolen. A few minutes later the train pulled out again, much to the relief of the inhabitants.

EVANGELIST DIES ON TRAIN

New York, Aug. 10.—Rev. Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost, aged 79, successively a "printer's devil," Civil War captain, pastor of an Indiana small town congregation, famous evangelist and occupant of some of the most important pulpits in the Presbyterian church, dropped dead early Sunday morning on a New Haven train bound for New York. For a time prior to his death, Dr. Pentecost lived in retirement in Darien, Conn., from which place he was travelling.

With him was his grandson, Judson Phillips. Dr. Pentecost arose to walk to the rear coach, lost his balance and fell back dead in his seat.

THE MARITIME LEFT RAILS

Moncton, Aug. 9.—A broken tire on one of the trucks of the locomotive caused the Maritime Express from Montreal to leave the rails near Tidehead, four miles west of Campbellton, about 4 o'clock this morning, blocking the main line until 6 o'clock this evening. The engine and five cars, the baggage, mail, express and two second class coaches were derailed, but no one was hurt. A part from the roadbed was torn up for some distance and blocked traffic for several hours. Little or no damage was done. The derailed cars on the Maritime remained upright. The delayed train reached Moncton about 5 o'clock in the evening, but the line was not reported clear until 6 o'clock. The eastbound Ocean Limited was delayed two hours, a temporary track being built around the damaged roadbed to let the train through.

WIRELESS BY TELEPHONE

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London, Aug. 10.—Wireless communication between ordinary telephones used in airplane flying is now possible as a result of Marconi experiments at the Croydon airdrome. Messages have been transmitted over 300 miles and the calling of passengers flying across the English Channel has been accomplished. Combined land line and wireless connection is also possible between English, American and Canadian telephone users.

A. W. Covey of St. John is at the Barker House.

THE DOMINION REVENUE FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR SHOWS A BIG INCREASE

SOUGHT REDUCTION IN PUBLIC DEBT

JOURNALISTS PAY VISIT TO QUEEN CITY

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 9.—Fair weather has temporarily deserted the touring party of press men, who reached here at 6.30 o'clock this evening over the highway from Hamilton. This morning the trains were left at Grimsby, and the visitors motored through pouring rain to the country house of W. J. Southam near Hamilton. There a large party from Hamilton set down to lunch with the delegates. Late in the afternoon the party continued still by motor and through intermittent showers, their journey to Toronto. The first item of their entertainment in the Queen City was an informal dinner at the King Edward Hotel, tendered by the corporation of the city to the delegates and the ladies accompanying them.

The programme for Tuesday and Wednesday includes a drive about the city tomorrow morning, an inspection of the University at noon, followed by a luncheon at Harthouse, tendered by the University governors. At 3 o'clock at Convocation Hall, the University of Toronto, will confer degrees upon representative delegates, and later in the afternoon there will be informal entertainments at the Toronto Golf Club and the Women's Press Club. On Wednesday morning the Toronto Harbor Commission will show the delegates the new harbor works, afterwards luncheon at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

HEAVY FINE WAS IMPOSED

St. John, Aug. 10.—Laurent De Leglise, who was charged with having drugs unlawfully in his possession, was fined \$1,500 in the police court yesterday afternoon. The defendant did not appear as he had been allowed out on a deposit for this amount, so the fine was struck for the full amount of the deposit.

BOSTON IS SWELTERING

Boston, Aug. 10.—The hottest day of 1920 to date was yesterday, the maximum record for the day, 93 degrees, at 3 p.m., having been three degrees higher than the highest previous record this summer, 90 degrees, reached on June 2 and 11, and on July 13. The mean for the day was 9 degrees higher than normal for August 8.

The most intense heat of the day was accompanied by a thunderstorm, which in some communities north of Boston, brought about a shower of big hailstones which did considerable damage to growing crops.

WANTED TO BE UNHERALDED

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Cork Ireland, Aug. 10.—A letter from Archbishop Mannix, dated Los Angeles published here, expresses the wish that he arrive unheralded, "and in peace," and reach Charleville, the home of his mother.

Miss Gladys Ferguson left today for Melvern Square, N. S. to visit relatives for a few weeks.

MARSHAL FOCH UNABLE TO FIND A HOME FOR HIMSELF IN PARIS

PARIS, Aug. 10.—Marshal Foch, having saved the homes of millions of his compatriots, now is unable to find a home for himself in Paris, although his friends have besieged renting agencies unceasingly. The Marshal wants a home in Paris, but owners of houses which are suitable show an unwillingness to have a tenant who is as popular as he and who may be called away at any moment by the outbreak of a new war. According to the weekly newspaper "Aux Ecoules," Lord Northcliffe has offered to start a subscription fund in his newspapers to buy a suitable Paris mansion for the Allied chief, Lord Northcliffe himself heading the list with 100,000 francs, but Marshal Foch was reported to have indignantly rejected the offer.

Good Showing Made in the Expenditure on Capital Account

—The Item of War Expenditure Has Practically Disappeared—Big Increase in Customs Receipts.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—An apparent decrease of no less than \$65,622,114 in the debt of the Dominion which at the end of July stood at \$2,300,119,030, is shown in the financial statement for the month of July, issued today by the Department of Finance. The figures are, however, more apparent than real, this exceptionally good showing being due in a large measure to transference from the consolidated funds to "investments" of forty million dollars covering loans to soldier settlers by the Land Settlement Board.

Deduction of the \$4,000,000 still leaves the debt smaller than it was at the end of June by \$25,000,000, but this gain is in a measure due to a change in the government's interest-paying period which was largely responsible for a drop in expenditures for July to \$22,789,304 as compared with \$40,084,840 during July, 1919. Expenditures for the four months' period to July 31 were \$104,909,936 on consolidated fund as against \$76,515,862 in 1919. Expenditures on the capital account side of the ledger make a splendid showing and this is almost entirely due to the item of "war expenditure" which has contributed more than anything else to the growth of the public debt. The figures demonstrating this statement shows a total war expenditure for the first four months of the fiscal year 1919 as \$117,276,824 as against only \$2,073,074 for the same period this year.

The revenue side of the financial statement indicates such buoyancy that there is reason to hope that the time is not far distant when some of the revenue may be available for purposes of debt reduction. For the four months collections by the customs and other revenue producing departments totalled \$145,049,588, as compared with \$99,521,970 for the similar period in 1919. For July alone the collections were \$45,220,491, whereas in July, 1919 they amounted to \$26,554,066. A jump in customs collections from \$49,154,603 to \$69,773,477 contributed the largest percentage of the increase, while the war tax revenues were higher than those collected in 1919 by several millions.

INCREASE IN WHEAT CROP

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—Canada's wheat fields will yield from 226,000,000 to 250,000,000 bushels. This estimate was made today by W. A. Black, vice-president and managing director of the Ogilvie Milling Company and is based upon crop reports received from its agents. Compared with last year's yield this is an increase of 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels.

YOUNG BOY WAS DROWNED

Chatham, Aug. 10.—The nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McFarlane was drowned here at noon today. The little fellow had taken his father's dinner to a boat at the Canada dock. He remained to fish and in some manner fell over the wharf. His young brother ran for aid, but when this came it was too late to save the little chap. The body was recovered two hours later.

S. J. O'Donnell of Montreal is at the Barker House.