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## FIRE IS FOUR MILES FROM GAGETOWN

### Europe Is Face To Face With a Serious Crisis

#### British Cabinet Called for Emergency Meeting To Discuss Affairs—Italy Not Yet Decided to be Represented at League Sessions.

Italy, through her envoy to the shattered tri-power conferences in Paris, served notice Monday night that she expects "nothing from Geneva" in the way of averting her determined move on Ethiopia.

Baron Pompeo Aloisi, leaving Paris after Premier Mussolini's "No" to Anglo-French suggestions for partial Italian control of Ethiopia had wrecked the tri-power parley, declared: "I see no basis for further discussion. Italy does not want to leave Geneva, but, if we are led to the door, we will have to leave."

At the same time French officials were predicting storm clouds for Europe and a return to "jungle law" as a result of the failure of the conference. One high official said privately that the crisis is comparable to "that of 1914."

LONDON—Great Britain's statesmen were hurriedly assembling for consideration of her course of action at the League of Nations meeting on Sept. 4.

ROME—Fascist Italy paid homage at the biers of Minister of Works Luigi Razza and his six companions who perished during a flight to East Africa.

ADDIS ABABA—Thousands of bare footed recruits drilled in capital streets as high officials reiterated: "If war must come we will be prepared. Throughout the centuries Ethiopia has never been conquered. She shall not be vanquished now."

#### Pessimism General

PARIS August 19—Europe was faced tonight with what is perhaps the gravest political crisis since the outbreak of the Great War, but Premier Laval has not given up hope of averting an Italo-Ethiopian conflict. He is bending every effort toward finding a peaceful solution despite almost overwhelming odds.

While Premier Laval prepared to begin conversations with Italy and Britain through usual diplomatic channels—procedure generally admitted to have little chance of preventing war in East Africa—elaborate attention was paid to the belated meeting of the Uaual arbitration commission.

While pessimism is general, consistent optimists still believe that when the League Council meets on September 4 to discuss the Italo-Ethiopian question it may find a suitable answer to questions which threaten world peace. If it fails, it is agreed, the League may be sealing its own fate.

#### SPEAKS FOR ITALY

PARIS, France, August 20—Baron Pompeo Aloisi of Italy, taking leave of the scene of the hapless three-power peace parley yesterday, confirmed the expressed feeling of French high officials that an African war is both inevitable and imminent by saying:

"I have no hopes for Geneva. I see no basis for further discussion. Italy does not want to leave Geneva, but, if we are led to the door, we will have to leave."

French leaders placed little hope in subsequent efforts of the League of Nations. Aloisi did not lull their fears that Mussolini would not be daunted in his march to colonial power when he added: "Diplomatic channels have little chance to settle our affairs with Ethiopia."

As for the League covenant's guarantee of independence and integrity,

### Heat and Fire

The heat has been abnormal during the past few days. Nothing surpassing it has ever been experienced in this section of New Brunswick. On top of this the forest fire menace in New Brunswick has assumed larger proportions in this vicinity. At two o'clock today the Geary fire, the most serious of over sixty outbreaks in the province, was within a few miles of Gagetown. Men are being conscripted and the R. C. M. P. are doing excellent work in fighting the fire.

It should not be necessary to conscript citizens to fight fires in this province. Conditions call for the voluntary aid of all good citizens. Citizens should not only do everything to prevent fire, they should also be willing to do their utmost to prevent its spread. It is burning up our most valuable public asset and is endangering hundreds of homes and perhaps many lives.

The heat wave also calls for private and general public action. People in stores, offices and workshops should relax during this heat wave and both employers and employees should arrange if possible for shorter hours and less work. In New York during a recent heat wave business houses closed during part of the day when the heat was most intense. Some of our local merchants are talking about doing the same thing here.

People should not go into the river near the bathing beaches at the present time. The low state of the water, together with the intense heat, make conditions dangerous.

Everyone should use reasonable precautions at the present time both in regard to the heat and to the forest fires.

The Mounted Police as well as those who have volunteered their services are to be commended for their valuable work.

for its member nations, he remarked: "The League engaged itself to do a lot of things it has not done." mightH.PofsdJaecufn

He also said Italy has not even decided whether to send representatives to the League sessions starting Sept. 4.

These comments had a depressing effect on the French who were already alarmed at the collapse of the efforts of Britain's Anthony Eden and their own Premier Laval to find a road to peace for these reasons:

First, the possible loss of Italian friendship; second, the threat to the existence of the League of Nations.

Third, the blow to French hopes of a united front by the former allies against Germany;

Fourth, the undermining of that respect for treaties upon which the whole system of international morality depends.

ROME, Aug. 19—Grief and exultation were joined tonight in Fascist Italy.

The kingdom paid homage to the memories of the first prominent victims of its East African venture and acclaimed those who will carry on their work.

The funeral of Luigi Razza, minister of public works and the six companions who died with him in an Ethiopian plane crash on a flight to East Africa Aug. 7, served only to accentuate Premier Mussolini's Sunday charge to his Blackshirt divisions: "This is Italy's solemn hour."

Although the crash occurred on what ostensibly was a non-military mission to Eritrea, the Italian colony bordering on Ethiopia, the tragedy was viewed here as one of the monuments of Italy's "sacred responsibility to civilization."

#### FIRE OUT OF CONTROL

The forest fire at Coal Creek near Chipman was out of control at noon, with six square miles of timberland burned and a large crew of men fighting the blaze with pumps and equipments. The fire was started through coal stripping operations using a steam shovel.

### R. J. Gill, M. P. P., Tries a Rescue From Drowning

NEWCASTLE, N. B., August 20 — The week-end's death toll by drowning in the Maritime Provinces was increased yesterday when Miss Margaret Goggin, 21, daughter of William Goggin, Barnaby River, lost her life in the Barnaby River near her home. It was believed she was seized by cramps. Heroic attempts to rescue were made by R. J. Gill, M. L. A.-elect, Barnaby River, who was among those who rushed to the scene when the alarm was given. Mr. Gill plunged in fully clothed but his rescue endeavors were fruitless. He did, however, succeed in bringing the body to the surface, from about seven feet of water.

Miss Goggin, a recent graduate of Hotel Dieu Hospital training school for nurses, Chatham, was in swimming at noon with a party of other young women and was seen suddenly to be in difficulties. Her companions could not reach her but they rushed to the Gill lumber mill, nearby, and gave the alarm. Men from the mill hurried to the river bank and Mr. Gill dived in immediately.

Dr. R. H. Morrissey, Newcastle, was summoned and he worked for two hours in resuscitation. It was said last night that an inquest was unlikely. Funeral arrangements had not been completed.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., August 20 — The body of Emile Richard, 18, lay at his home at Chatham Head, awaiting funeral services today at St. Patrick's Church South Nelson, an employee of the Fraser Companies, Ltd., mill was in swimming in the Miramichi River near his home with a group of other young people, when he went beyond his depth and was seized by cramps. He could not be reached in time and sank beneath the surface. The body was recovered within a short time. An inquest will be held. Dr. E. H. Freeman, Chatham, coroner, stating that death was accidental.

Richard was a son of Frank Richard, Chatham Head, and the late Mrs. Richard. Surviving are two brothers, Edward and Edmund, and five sisters, Agnes Lena May Minnie and Eva, all at home.

### NEW INFORMATION IN LABATT CASE

Causes Adjournment For Week as 3 Accused Appear in Court

LONDON, Ont., August 20—Featured by a surprise announcement by Crown Attorney Norman F. Newton that he had received new information "just a few minutes before court opened", the John S. Labatt kidnapping case against week yesterday.

Michael McCardell, Jack Bannon and Gerald Nicholson, held in connection with the case, appeared in county court and were remanded for a week at the request of Mr. Newton. The Crown attorney did not divulge the nature of the new information.

At the opening of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Newton, paid tribute to Nelson B. Cline, 37-year-old special United States investigator, who was shot to death Saturday in a gun duel with a robber suspect at College Corners, Ohio.

"Officer Cline played a great part in the Labatt and the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada are indebted to him", said the Crown attorney.

McCardell, a native Canadian, pleaded guilty two weeks ago to a charge of abducting the wealthy London brewer.

### Art of "Nimble Thumb" Gives This Youth Fine Vacation

The art of "the nimble thumb," commonly known as hitch-hiking, served Ernest VanDine son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. VanDine of this city, for two weeks, enabled him to see much of the New England states, including historic Boston, and gave him plenty of good experience in the ways of the road.

Mr. VanDine, who is a University of New Brunswick undergraduate returned last night after two weeks on the road during which time he saw a lot of country and had a wealth of strenuous fun. He brought back with him his knapsack and ten cents of the \$9 he started out with.

Being an enthusiast of dramatics our traveler would naturally visit the Lakewood Theatre in Maine, where in summer Broadway is virtually transferred to Maine. There he met Miss Mary Rogers, daughter of the late Will Rogers, who fell from the skies and was killed last week. Mr. VanDine was fortunate to be able to discuss the theatre with the daughter of the late lamented humorist. At that time Miss Rogers was all unaware of her famous father's impending fate.

"Ernie" covered about 1,200 miles in his interesting "hike." He visited relatives in Portland, Maine, in Boston he visited a thousand and one spots of historic interest. He tells of Boston's Chinatown, its art colony folk with its parade of eccentrics, of huge gatherings of radicals on Boston Commons. The local youth was careful to ask of conditions from those with whom he came in contact. He found that most everybody conceded them bad. Roosevelt's popularity is waning. There is unemployment galore. Nevertheless, our traveller was treated with courtesy and obligement by almost everyone he met. The local "hitch-hiker" was struck by the large number of Maritimers he met up with. Almost all of those he met were from one of the three Maritime provinces.

Mr. VanDine wouldn't trade his experience for the gold which might take him to the Bermudas or any famous seaside resort along the Atlantic seaboard.

Rev. E. P. Wallace celebrated high mass of requiem this morning at South Nelson.

### Hundreds Fight Fire Geary Woods Today

Raging Flames Devastate Area and Spread Toward Gagetown — Volunteers, Conscripts, Settlers, Frantically Try to Quell Blaze — 60 Fires In Province.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

GAGETOWN, N. B. August 20—Crackling timber growth reverberated ominously within four miles of this place this afternoon as flames spreading all the way from the Geary woods area, threatened this village late this afternoon had called out hundreds of volunteer fire fighters, bent on saving their homes. About 200 men were fighting the flames this afternoon.

Blown by strong winds some sixty fires that have sprung up sporadically in the last few days over the softwood and hardwood timber lands of New Brunswick are at this hour threatening the labor of years.

The latest report from the New Brunswick Forest Service here is that residents of Upper Gagetown, Upper Caraqueet and Tracadie, are being lined up and equipped to set up a barrier between the onrushing fire and their homes and unofficial report is that twenty-five settlers have been burnt out in the Tracadie area.

Although there has been no official action yet it is thought that if the fire menaces this district any further that the highways will be temporarily closed and every facility utilized to combat the furious flames which are imperiling the homes of thousands in this province. A. W. Barbour, deputy minister of Public Works, informed The Daily Mail today that no action has yet been taken in this regard.

#### GEARY THREATENED

Like a giant funeral pall, smoke hangs over New Brunswick. The fires at Geary are beyond control and settlers in the path of the flames are evacuating their homes and locating in temporary shacks and impromptu homes away from the flames. There is a possibility that these unfortunate settlers will be put on temporary relief. Between four and five hundred men, some of them conscripted at the last minute by the Forest Service are fighting the roaring inferno. The staff of fighters consists principally of employees of the service and members of the families whose homes are endangered or altogether lost.

The congestion of traffic at Geary is great today, and tourists and others are finding it difficult to get through to St. John by the Broad Road. R.C.M.P. constables are stationed at the spot, directing the traffic and assisting in the work of fighting the flames. So many truckloads of men and supplies are being taken in that sightseers—the merely curious—are becoming a real nuisance and are being ushered into the forest fighting service.

#### Southwest Miramichi Fire

The Southwest Miramichi fire according to the latest reports is out of control. Supplies and fire fighting equipment are being sent in as quickly as possible to see if some relief can be afforded. This blaze is on a two-mile front and has burnt over a vast amount of excellent timber.

In the province today there are at least 1,500 men fighting the raging flames, many of them backed veritably into their own dooryards. Homes are threatened as well as wealthy expanses of timber growth in the worst situation to visit the province this year.

Dry terrific heat which has prevailed throughout the last four days maintained its inexorable grip on the province today and gave the fire fighters very little hope. Weather forecasts hold no hope for immediate rainfall.

One of the most serious fires was at Geary along the Broad Road in Sunbury county, which spread in all directions yesterday and which last night

was definitely out of control and heading in the general direction of Upper Gagetown.

#### SEND EQUIPMENT

A number of fires in the Tracadie area had practically merged into one large conflagration. One started near Tracadie mill at Shella, while another further south, at Codfish Brook, burned down the Tracadie River on both sides and spread through the district between the Tracadie and Tabusintac river.

Pumping equipment was rushed to the Little Southwest Miramichi yesterday and more was to be sent yesterday.

The fire which destroyed settlers' homes, eight or nine of them, was at Hodgins, in Gloucester and Restigouche counties. Starting Sunday afternoon, it travelled yesterday before a northwest wind which later shifted, on Crown land at the rear of grants reached the settlement. An unconfirmed report stated the C. N. R. siding had been burned at Hodgins.

The Belledune outbreak, Gloucester County, got out of control and it, too, was heading toward the settlement, in a thickly-settled area. Firefighting crews were being reorganized Sunday night in an effort to save the threatened settlers' homes.

#### KENT COUNTY

In Kent County a serious situation developed at the Trout Brook fire, which had been burning several days on the south branch of the Kouchibouguac River, in Acadieville Parish, not far from Centre Acadie. Another outbreak in Kent County was in a large barren at Sapin Court, west of Acadieville, heading toward Rogersville.

Still another serious fire was reported south of Coal Creek in Queens County, which was thought to have started from a steam shovel in a coal pit. It was hoped to control it by burning, but a southwest wind would drive it up Coal Creek into Crown land in the general direction of Chipman, six miles away. Crews of 250 men, together with two pumping outfits, were on the scene.

A fire at Tower 57, along the power line between Grand Falls and Dalhousie, got out of control Sunday and was reported to be jumping ahead of itself half a mile at a time. Another serious situation was at Ryan Brook also in Madawaska County, which was only partly under control.

#### VICTORIA COUNTY

The most critical outbreak in Victoria County was at Burgess Settlement, at the rear of Lot 5, Range 1, where the blaze got away and was near the settlement. Thirty-eight men were fighting it yesterday, and 50 or 75 more, with two pumps, were to go in today to relay water. One of the several smaller outbreaks in Victoria County, at Lot 22 Second Tier, Tobique River was caused by a man burning a bees' nest. The fire got away but after considerable trouble was put out and was being patrolled.

In Kings County at Southfield 10 miles from Sussex there was a fire on the border of heavy cuttings. More men were to be sent in today.

#### Near Saint John

In Saint John County also there (Continued on Page Four)