

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION WRECKS MAMMOTH ELEVATOR AT PORT COLBORNE

Ten Dead, Sixteen Hurt, in Upheaval Wiping Out Big Government Grain Building With Two Million Dollar Loss.

Port Colborne, Aug. 10.—At ten o'clock on Saturday afternoon a terrific explosion at the Government elevator here killed ten men, five of whom were members of the crew of the barge Quebec, loading grain at the elevator. The elevator, which was built in 1911, was completely wrecked, and a large quantity of grain was blown off. The elevator was valued at over two million dollars. Fire followed the explosion, and the flames are described by survivors as more like the flash of electricity than an ordinary fire. The immense building of concrete and steel, which was 150 feet high, and the higher section, which is partly intact, is like a rubbish heap, with dangling girders and gaping ends.

The whole countryside was aroused by the tremors of the explosion and the air was filled with flying debris. One slab of concrete, 30 feet square, was found 150 feet away. The dead are: Joseph Latour, mate of the barge Quebec, married, Cote St. Paul, Que.; Charles Aston, elevator weighmaster, Port Colborne, married; William Cook, assistant weighmaster, Port Colborne, married; J. P. Hanham, chief spouter, Port Colborne, married; E. W. Mychener, assistant spouter, Port Colborne, married; Alfred Leslie, laborer, Port Colborne, married; Albert Beck, assistant shipper, Port Colborne, married; Albert Dunlap, marine townman, Port Colborne, single, returned soldier; Clarence Hart, stevedore, Port Colborne, single.

Besides the terrible death toll, the explosion is serious in that it will paralyze the removal of the Western grain to the seaboard and the world's market. The monetary loss is well over \$2,000,000. The elevator will be replaced by a new one, and the Government elevator here will be replaced by a new one.

ORDER OF MERIT FOR LLOYD GEORGE

His Majesty the King Acknowledges Services of Prime Minister.

A despatch from London says: King George has conferred upon Premier David Lloyd George the Order of Merit as a sign of his appreciation of Mr. Lloyd George's war services. In a letter to the Premier, dated Buckingham Palace, Aug. 9, announcing the award, the King says: "My Dear Prime Minister, Honors and rewards to officers of the army, navy and air force having been submitted to Parliament, I feel that my people will share with me regret that it is not possible to express the persistent recognition of the persistent services rendered by the Prime Minister, both in carrying the war to a victorious end, and in securing an honorable peace. To rectify somewhat this omission, and personally to mark my high appreciation of these services, I give me great pleasure to confer upon you the Order of Merit. Believe me, your very sincerely, 'GEORGE R.I.'"

BRITISH MOTOR CREW SINKS 'REID' CRUISER

Libau, Lettland, Aug. 10.—It is now revealed that a British motorboat crew of four men only torpedoed the Bolshevik cruiser Glog, of 6,770 tons, in the Gulf of Finland.

The New Leader of the Liberal Party

William Lyon Mackenzie King, into whose hands has been entrusted the mantle of leadership laid aside by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is a direct descendant upon the maternal side of William Lyon Mackenzie, a fact that has been a potent influence in winning him recognition and preferment in the Liberal party. He was Canada's first Minister of Labor, but back of his appointment were years of definite preparation for just such a post. He began his training in the University of Toronto, where he won the Blake Scholarship in Arts and Law in 1893. Later, he took a course in political economy at Chicago in 1896-7, and at Harvard

LEADING MARKETS

Breadstuffs.
Toronto, Aug. 12.—Man. wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.24; No. 2 Northern, \$2.21; No. 3 Northern, \$2.17; No. 4 wheat, \$2.11, in store Port William.
Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 87%; No. 3 CW, 84%; extra No. 1 feed, 85%; No. 1 feed, 83%; No. 2 feed, 80%; in store Port William.
Man. barley—No. 3 CW, \$1.38; No. 4 CW, \$1.33; rejected, \$1.27; feed, \$1.27.

PRINCE LANDS AT NEWFOUNDLAND

Interested in Obtaining Photographs of Scenery in Famous Crown Colony.
St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 11.—The Prince of Wales landed from the battleship Renown at Toppail, a fishing village on Conception Bay, for his first visit to Newfoundland soil today. After remaining for a few hours he returned to the ship. He will come to this city to-morrow.
The Prince, and members of his suite spent much of the time ashore strolling about the country and obtaining photographs of the scenery. Several hundred signmen, marines and cadets from the Renown and its escorting squadron were given shore leave.

Admiral Halsey and Colonel Grigg of the Prince's staff came to St. John's by motor from Toppail, a distance of twelve miles, to discuss with the Governor the details of the program prepared for the reception of the Royal visitor here to-morrow. Streets, public buildings and residences have been brightly decorated for the celebration.

The Renew reported a pleasant and uneventful trip across the Atlantic. Many icebergs were seen in the neighborhood of the Grand Banks, but the weather was so good that there was no danger. The Prince and his suite found much interest in examining several small bays in Conception Bay.

EMBARGO ON LEATHER GOODS

First of Several Similar Steps to Reduce Cost of Living in Canada.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—The embargo on the export of hides and leather to the United States, passed at the urgent insistence of Dr. R. J. McFall, Cost of Living Commissioner, is not likely to be withdrawn, despite much trade pressure. It is stated to be only the first of several similar suggestions made for the reduction of the present cost of common commodities by conserving Canadian products for home use. The situation is a little complex by the fact that in normal times there is both export and import of hides and leather, but Dr. McFall thinks that in view of the statement that boots may be retailing at \$20, some drastic step is necessary to prevent manipulation of our markets by foreign dealers who have no interest in the Canadian workingman. The embargo is one of a series designed to reduce prices and to prevent further soaring.

BRITISH LABOR SITUATION UNCHANGED

London, Aug. 11.—There is virtually no change in the labor situation. The strikes of bakers and Yorkshire miners are still unsettled, but the railway position in London is resuming its normal condition. The situation at Liverpool is greatly improved, but the transport strike continues and there is a great scarcity of bread.

COMING TO CANADA

A despatch from London says: British wives of Canadian soldiers now going out to settle in the Dominion now number thirty thousand. The movement initiated by the Khaki College to give special training to these for Canadian life, has been remarkably successful.

BRITISH POLICE STRIKE A FAILURE EFFECT ON INDUSTRIAL SITUATION

Government Decides on Policy of Non-Interference—Damage Done at Liverpool Has Sobering Effect on Public.

A despatch from London says: The comparative failure of the police strike is exercising a salutary influence on the general labor situation. There is now evidence that the strike was promoted in connection with the revolutionary element among the trade unions to create the widespread disorder and anarchy at which the extremists are aiming. If police control were generally withdrawn they looked upon in Liverpool has shown the public what they may expect if revolutionary forces should get headway, and this has had a sobering effect. The stoppage of work on the South London tube, which is only partial, has been repudiated by the other London tube employees, and the railwaymen's executive committee refused to sanction either that or the engine drivers' strike on the South-western Railway. The working class has been the chief sufferers by these strikes, and the Government has declared finally that no police striker will be taken back under any circumstances.

HYDRO-AIRPLANE FELL INTO SEA

Making Test Trip Before Starting to South Africa—Operator Drowned.

London, Aug. 11.—The flying boat, Felixstowe E.5, which was due to start Tuesday for Capetown, South Africa, on an 8,000-mile flight, crashed today off Felixstowe during a test flight. The wireless operator on board, Lieut. MacLeod, was killed. The six passengers were rescued by the life-saving crew.

REPATRIATION DELAYED BY STRIKES

Canadian Troops Held Up by Dock Workers' Strike at Liverpool.

A despatch from London says: As a result of further chapters in the old story of the Liverpool dock workers' strike, military sailings are again delayed and the repatriation of Canada's soldiers is once more in a state of flux. The Canadian Consulate in Liverpool, the Moroccan Consulate and Uruguay were looked to sail on Friday, and the Cassinira on Saturday. What the situation will be after that depends entirely on the whim of the dock workers.

BRITAIN LEADS IN BUILDING OF SHIPS

A despatch from London says: Great Britain maintains the lead in the world's shipping, although the margin of superiority has been vastly reduced by the United States ship-building output and the losses due to the war.

BOLSHEVIK SUBMARINE SUNK BY BRITISH IN THE BALTIC

A despatch from London says: A Bolshevik submarine has been sunk in the Baltic Sea by the British torpedo-boat destroyers Valorous and Vancouver, according to an official statement issued by the Admiralty.

BRITAIN ON RATIONS AGAIN NEXT MONTH

A despatch from London says: The food situation is giving a good deal of anxiety, and the announcement that ration books are to be re-issued next month has caused much public comment.

SCENIC RAILWAY AT MONTREAL DESTROYED BY FIRE WITH LOSS OF LIFE

Number of Victims May Reach Twenty—Wooden Structure at Dominion Park Takes Fire While Horrified Spectators Powerless to Help.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—Charred beyond the possibility of recognition, the bodies of three men, three women and a boy were recovered to-night from the ruins of the Scenic Railway, which was destroyed by fire at Dominion Park. It is thought that several more bodies will be recovered to-morrow, when the wreck is searched. The exact cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought it may have been started by a cigarette or a match. The flames spread quickly and were fanned by a westerly wind, which blew toward the river front, and it is to this that is due the salvation of the entire park. When the flames arrived the Mystic Hill was enveloped in flames. They heard shouts for help and moans of agony, but it was impossible to aid the victims. They broke down the walls, and in this way got a few persons out. When the Scenic Railway fell with a crash into the roaring furnace, it is stated that there was a load of people on it at the time. The death-list of the Dominion Park fire may be increased to possibly twenty.

STEAM GENERATOR WITHOUT FUEL

LUXOSTAT IS INVENTION OF CANADIAN SCIENTIST

Sun's Energy is Utilized by Luxostat to Produce Power for Industrial Purposes.
Coal and oil have raised the nations, and have added comfort and enjoyment to the life of the world. In the near future, however, the world will not be dependent on coal and the miner for industrial power. Steam will be produced by the Luxostat, which is a new invention of a Canadian scientist. The Luxostat is a device which produces steam without the use of fuel. It is a simple device, and is easy to operate. It is a great invention, and will revolutionize the industrial world.

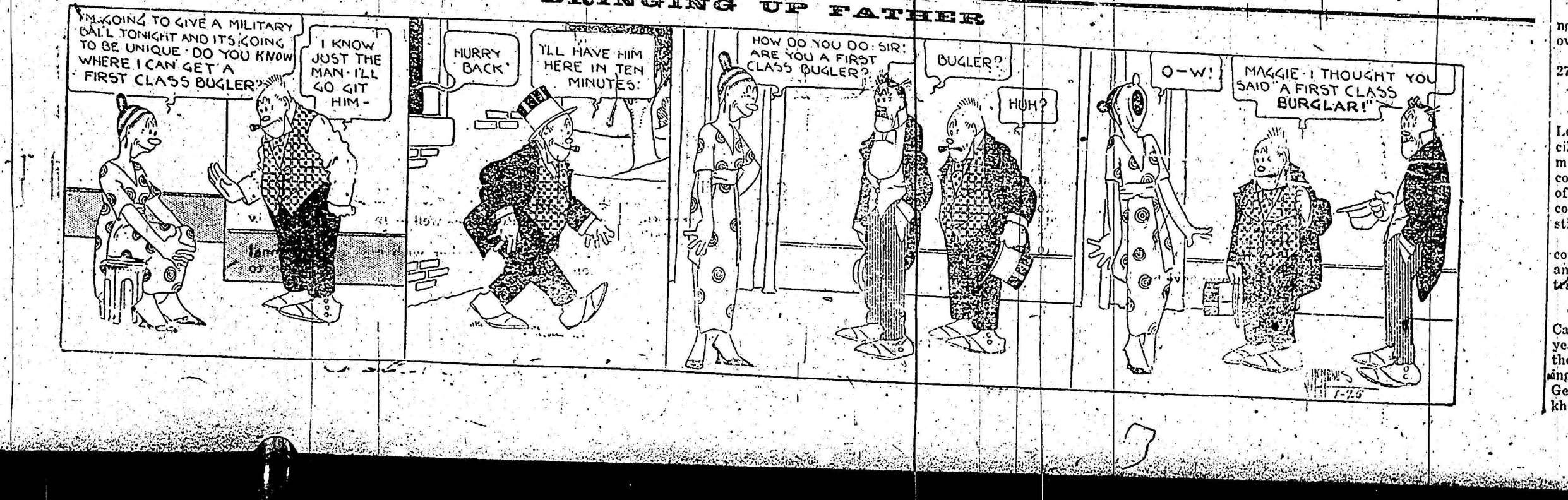
AUSTRIA REVERTS TO PEACE TALKS

Prepared to Sign Peace Treaty

A despatch from Vienna says: Austria has agreed to sign a peace treaty with the Allies. The treaty will be signed in the near future. Austria is prepared to accept the terms of the peace treaty, and is ready to sign it. This is a great step toward peace, and will bring an end to the war.

BRITISH EMPIRE IS PROUD

A despatch from London says: The British Empire is proud of its achievements during the war. It has shown its strength and its power, and has emerged from the war as a stronger and more united nation. The British Empire is a great and glorious empire, and will continue to be so for many years to come.



275,000 OUT IN CLASH

A despatch from London says: The clash between the British and the Germans is still continuing. The British are determined to win the war, and the Germans are determined to lose it. The clash will continue for many more years.

A Good Mathematician

Nowitt: "They say that with a strong imagination I'm a head for figures!"
Burrat: "Don't you know when your wife gets her mind on w. k. upon her eye she can't see a thing?"

Wash the floors in water before heating.