

TRYING TO CLEAR MISTS

So That Conference May Be Held to Settle Irish Problem.

London, July 15.—Prime Minister Lloyd George and Eamon de Valera, Irish republican leader, resumed this morning the conversation they began yesterday, in which they made an effort to clear away difficulties attending the holding of a conference which might bring about a settlement of the Irish problem.

At the close of yesterday's conversation, which lasted almost three hours, Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera gave evidence that some progress had been made, and that today's discussion would be resumed under favorable circumstances.

The communique, issued almost at once, stated that a free exchange of views took place between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera, and their relative positions were defined.

Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, has been summoned to London to confer with the prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, on the Irish situation.

The meeting between Eamon de Valera and Premier Lloyd George today, to discuss the preliminaries of the hoped-for peace settlement, lasted about an hour and a half. At its conclusion, it was announced that the conversation would be resumed later, probably Monday.

Save Children From Blindness

Fifty per cent. of all blindness—that most dreadful of all afflictions—is preventable!

A nationwide organization formed by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind is now operating in Canada a worthy endeavor to eliminate all preventable blindness.

In Toronto, for instance, a special class has been formed of children with poor vision and defective eyesight. These little people use specially printed books. Their class room is arranged to give their eyes complete rest. Their sight is being conserved; they will retain vision throughout life.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind provides glasses and treatment for those low-sighted men, women and children who are unable to pay. The expenses in this branch of the work are heavy, and we turn to you for assistance.

Send a cheque in today, to The Whig Fund for Blind Canadians.

MOVE TO FORM NEW CANADIAN PROVINCE

Port Arthur, July 15.—The Port Arthur News-Chronicle states that a meeting is to be held in this city shortly to organize a committee which shall work to the end of organizing a new province in northern Ontario.

SHOCKED BY PLANS TO DESTROY HORSES

No Other Alternative Within Reach of British Government.

London, July 15.—Horse lovers, throughout the country have been shocked by Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill's announcement in the House of Commons that 20,000 army horses in Mesopotamia are to be killed, because it is too expensive to bring them home. It was explained that they are mainly heavy draft horses for which there is no local use, and that they had to be fed on imported fodder. The nearest possible markets are India or Egypt, but the difficulties and cost of transportation there are said to be prohibitive.

SMITH'S FALLS BOY JOINS THE CIRCUS

But His Dad Gets Wise and He Is on His Way Home Now.

Toronto, July 15.—Albert Foley, Smith's Falls, fourteen years of age, is not going to be a wild animal tamer. Only a few days ago Albert had visions of himself decked in gorgeous costume, entering the cage filled with roaring lions and quieting from his master's trainer's eye.

When the circus hit Smith's Falls Albert applied for a job and got one—not as a trainer to be sure, but in the cooking tent with wages \$4 a week. However, when the circus reached Toronto Albert's father had wired to the local police and they took the boy from the cook tent. So he is on his way back to Smith's Falls today.

Greeks Occupy Town Without Opposition

Constantinople, July 15.—Greek troops have occupied the town of Afion-Karasis, an important station on the southern branch of the Bagdad railway, it is announced here. The town was given up by the Turks without fighting. It is said:

A PRELIMINARY MEETING KNOCKED

Washington Does Not Want One With Regard to Disarmament.

London, July 15.—Continued discussion of the proposed disarmament conference by the newspapers here testified to sustained interest in the subject. The question of a preliminary conference to be held in London was given prominence by a number of newspapers here to-day, which printed despatches from Washington indicating that such a preliminary meeting would not be favored in the United States. It was argued in some quarters that the idea should, therefore, be abandoned. It was made clear, moreover, that the question had not advanced as yet beyond the stage of discussion, while the engagement of the Dominion premiers would make it difficult.

SERVANT SUPERANNATED.

Entire Staff Sent to See Donald McCrimmon Depart.

Brookville, July 15.—A very pleasing function took place at the Ontario Hospital, when Dr. W. K. Ross, medical superintendent, on behalf of the staff, presented Donald McCrimmon, who has been superannuated, with a gold-headed walking stick, and an address which voiced the esteem and affection in which Mr. McCrimmon has been held by the whole staff. Mr. McCrimmon was taken by surprise, but fittingly assured the donors that he warmly appreciated the gift and the kind words expressed in the address.

WERE TRAPPED BY GAS.

Three Men Perished, Including Two Brave Rescuers.

STILL FIGHT IN BELFAST

Armored Cars Patrol Streets—A Conference Held At City Hall.

Belfast, July 15.—The military resumed control of North Queen street area in Belfast this morning, and armored cars patrolled the streets. At the city hall a conference was held, attended by officers of police and military and leading townspeople to discuss the situation here in view of the disorders that had occurred during the week. Arduous trouble developed early last evening in York street and North Queen street district, several civilians being wounded in the fighting, in which the police and military were forced to intervene.

PLEASED AT ENTRY OF UNITED STATES

Ex-Premier Asquith Speaks of U.S. at the International Council.

London, July 15.—Former Premier H. Asquith, speaking of the premier of the overseas dominions, said that the Imperial conference would always be associated in history with what he himself regarded as an event of the world that had happened during the last two years, the conference proposed by President Harding on the question of the Pacific and the limitation of armaments.

PRIEST IS PRIVILEGED.

Has Right to Make Attack From Pulpit, Says Court.

Paris, July 15.—A priest's right to attack from the pulpit anything he considers injurious to the moral welfare of his parishioners has been upheld in the Quimper Appeals Court, reversing the judgment of a lower tribunal by which a Father Soubeigou was condemned to pay 200 francs damages for libeling a couple named Le Mir. The latter own a cafe dancing near Father Soubeigou's church, and he contended, seriously interrupted divine service, with unseemly music. Moreover, there was a good deal of drinking on their premises, so that the father finally warned his parishioners he would decline to confess to those who frequented the dance hall or merry parties of the kind.

EXTRADITION OF FRANK DAVIS.

Witnesses Examined at Parliament Buildings Behind Closed Doors.

Toronto, July 15.—The offices of Joseph Rogers, superintendent of the Ontario police force, were filled with witnesses yesterday afternoon in connection with the extradition proceedings being held to get Frank Davis, who is wanted as a suspect in the Goldberg murder case, and is at present serving a sentence in Austin penitentiary.

Protest Filed Against Cut.

Watertown, N.Y., July 15.—Residents of Cape Vincent testified before Public Service Commissioner Vaneman at a hearing upon the proposed cut in the rate of the Cape Vincent branch of the railroad.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BLIND

A Friend \$10.00
Capt. Donnelly 10.00
Plumbers' Union 5.00
Mrs. J. M. Machar 5.00
M. R. G. 5.00
Mrs. S. S. Corbett 2.00
A Friend 1.00
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Mrs. A. Harold 1.00
Prof. R. K. Hicks 1.00
C. B. C.50
A Friend35
Sundry amounts 4.52
\$48.38

THE QUEBEC FARMERS ARE DISCOURAGED

Drought Leads Some to Sell Milk Cows For as Little as \$10 a Head.

Quebec, July 15.—That the agricultural situation, owing to the extended period of drought, has become most alarming, was stated here by the Hon. J. E. Caron, minister of agriculture. Mr. Caron said: "The situation is very grave. It is the gravest that we have faced for upwards of twenty-five years. The hay crop will be fifty per cent. less than it was last year. As to cereals, they will give no straw and there will be a minimum quantity of grain. "But what is most alarming," continued Mr. Caron, "is that the farmers are becoming discouraged, and this is what must be prevented. There are ups and downs in agriculture as in commerce, and we must hope rather than be discouraged."

WILL ACCEPT CUTS EFFECTIVE IN U.S.

Men in Locomotive and Car Departments Reach Agreement With Railway.

Montreal, July 15.—A tentative agreement has been reached by the Railway Association of Canada and the committee representing railway employees in the locomotive and car departments, providing for the application of the same reductions in the rates of pay for such employees in Canada as were recently made effective in the United States.

QUEBEC TRAGEDY IS DRAMATIZED

Played in New England States—Mrs. Gagnon in Portsmouth Prison.

Quebec, July 15.—The Gagnon tragedy, which recalls one of the most sensational trials ever held in the district of Quebec, has now been set into a play, which is being played in the New England states by a stock company. This is said to be the first time that a tragedy of the kind has been set in play while the principals are still alive.

MUSICIANS REFUSE WAGE CUT.

Brantford, July 15.—The Musicians' Union here has refused to accept a cut in wages during the summer slump in theatre business. The movie operators are reported to have taken the same stand. Both agreements expire in September.

STEFANSON ORGANIZING A COLONIZING EXPEDITION TO SAIL IN AUGUST.

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THE WORST NOW OVER

Resumption of Work in British Coal Pits—Wage Cuts Accepted.

London, July 15.—The most threatening clouds in the industrial time being there is nothing to prevent progress towards an industrial revival. The last big difficulty was disposed of by a majority of the engineers' ballot which by a majority of 68,000 accepted the employers' proposed wage cuts. These provide for a reduction of three shillings on the week time rates and seven and a half per cent. on the piece-work rates, to become effective this week, and further cuts of the same kind to take place on August 15th. A conference will be held in September by the masters and men, at which it will be decided whether or not the previous bonuses of twelve and a half per cent. on time work and seven and a half per cent. on piece work shall be taken off.

PEACHES AND GRAPES WILL YIELD LARGELY

The Finest Grapes in the World to Be Picked at Niagara.

Hamilton, July 15.—Grapes that are expected to even excel the ultra-fine product of vineyards of southern Italy will be picked in the Niagara district about the last week of August, stated Thomas J. Mahoney, general manager of the Niagara Peninsula Growers, Ltd.

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ARE REAPING CROPS IN THE MOONLIGHT

Heat in Midwest Makes Day-time Work Impossible—Scorching Corn.

Chicago, July 15.—The Midwest Mississippi Valley States are in the grip of a heat wave that no, only is taking lives and daily establishing new temperature records, but that threatens to seriously blight the crops. Reports from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and Minnesota showed temperatures ranging around the 100 mark and in a number of instances the mercury has passed that point.

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My wife makes me carry bundles on the street.—Dan J.
What Does Your Wife Do?