

RANEY WRITES THE PREMIER

Wants To Know About Action on the Liquor Question

AND MAKES A DEMAND

That Premier Ferguson State What Has Convinced Government Plebiscite Is Needed.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—Demanding that the Premier, Howard Ferguson, tell the public what has transpired in the last three months, since the conclusion of the Ontario Legislature session, to convince the government that the province desired to go to the expense of taking a plebiscite on the Ontario Temperance Act, and declaring that to the legislature should have been left the decision as to whether another popular vote should be taken on the liquor question, W. E. Raney, former attorney-general of Ontario and member of the present legislature, has today expressed his opinion on the matter, in an open letter to Premier Ferguson.

TO TAKE JARVIS EVIDENCE.

Permission Has Been Given to Get the London Testimony.

Osgoode Hall granted an application by Aemilius Jarvis, Sr., Aemilius Jarvis, Jr., and Harry Peppall, for a commission to take evidence in London, Eng., in connection with the three conspiracy charges arising from the case of succession duty free bonds for the Province of Ontario. It was represented that the evidence of Sir John Ferguson, joint general manager of Lloyde Bank, and John Scrimgeour, broker, was necessary material for the defence in the trial which is expected to commence here this fall.

TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION.

Giving Effect to the Anglo-Irish Treaty Says Report.

London, Aug. 1.—Colonial secretary Thomas announced in the House of Commons to-day, that the government proposed immediately to introduce legislation giving effect to the Anglo-Irish treaty, and to press for passage of that legislation through parliament regardless of consequences to government. He said he had invited president Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State and Premier Craig, of Ulster, to confer with him in London on the subject.

Kingston Made District Headquarters For the Bell Telephone Company

The arrival here from Windsor of A. J. Evans, to succeed W. A. G. Spriggs, as manager of the Bell Telephone here is accompanied by the announcement that Kingston has been made district headquarters for the area extending from Trenton to Morrisburg. Formerly Belleville was the headquarters for Kingston, and Brockville formed another headquarters. The change means the amalgamation of these with Kingston as the central point. The company recognizes that from a telephone point of view, Kingston is growing.

The change brings here two other officials, G. A. McIntyre, who left here a year ago for Belleville, and who is district plant superintendent, and A. R. Worden, of Ottawa, district traffic superintendent. The taking over of the second floor of the former Montreal Bank, corner of

PROF. SKELTON MAY GET ANOTHER TRIP OVERSEAS

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Contrary to reports, it is now considered probable that Premier Mackenzie King, will postpone his scheduled speaking tour in the fall and go to London for the conference called by Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to consider the status of the Dominions in regard to conferences held with other nations. Mr. King, it is believed, would be accompanied by the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, and Prof. Oscar Skelton, the newly appointed chief of the Foreign Affairs Department in the Government.

Expect to Settle All the Problems

Adopted French Proposal For Modifications of Dawes Plan.

London, Aug. 1.—Experts of the inter-allied reparations conference indicated early this afternoon that they expected to settle all outstanding problems of conference up to them for solution before afternoon was over.

Experts who did not leave Downing street until 2.15 o'clock this morning, returned to their task at 11 o'clock and during a two-hour session adopted the French proposal for modification of Dawes plan.

"We'll finish up this afternoon," said Owen D. Young, of Dawes committee. If experts conclude their work this afternoon their reports will be submitted to plenary session of conference tomorrow. Americans believe the invitation to Germany will be dispatched tonight. Problem of transfers allotted to transfer commission under Dawes plan is still causing trouble. If experts are unable to overcome difficulty on this point this afternoon, issue will be referred to chief delegates.

Another Resignation. Sydney, N.S., Aug. 1.—The latest addition to the list of resignations from the official list of the British Empire Steel Corporation, following the ten to twenty-five per cent. cut in wages, includes that of William G. Wilson, superintendent of mills and assistant to general plant superintendent Bischoff.

A Suicide Pact Has Been Revealed In the Case of a Couple At Peterboro

Peterboro, Aug. 1.—That Coroner Dr. Young was correct in his decision not to hold an inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Joseph Sharpe and Samuel Taylor is justified by the ample evidence of suicide on the part of both.

Before jumping into the water on Sunday night they had put on their heavy coats. These they pinned together at the top and bottom with horse blanket safety pins, about three inches long. They used the pins to fasten their coats together and prevent them from being separated in the water.

After pinning themselves fast, they evidently embraced each other and jumped into the canal and sank in about ten feet of water. The pins were used both at the bottom and the top, on both sides of their coats, about four inches from the bottom and just below the arms.

One of Taylor's personal friends, who had known him from boyhood, says that Taylor probably supplied the pins in order that there should be no misunderstanding and that everyone would have the satisfaction of knowing that he carried out his end of the bargain.

The suicide pact may have been the result of remorse on the part of both. Joseph Sharpe is said to have begun an action for divorce in Michigan against his estranged wife and in this application Samuel Taylor is said to be named as the alienator of his wife's affections.

Mr. Taylor's wrist watch stopped at 1.34, indicating in the opinion of experts, that the water was entered between one o'clock and that time. The victims wore their overcoats.

WOMAN STARRING AT APPROACHING TRAIN

Engineer and Fireman Speak of Accident Near Newcastle.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—"Soak her, soak her hard!" is what my missie said to me, and that is all I know about it," said Engineer Skelcher when interviewed regarding the fatal level crossing accident on Wednesday near Newcastle, when an automobile containing seven persons was struck by a Canadian National freight train and four of the occupants, all of Toronto, killed almost instantly and the other three so seriously injured that they had to be rushed to a hospital at Port Hope.

"I didn't know what was wrong at the time, but I saw the gravel go up in front and I knew we had hit something, though with the jar of the brakes being pulled on as hard as they would go, I didn't feel the impact."

Fireman Leadsman, who was in the cab with Engineer Skelcher, in describing the accident said that he could not see the driver of the automobile because he was on the far side of the car, but that the woman who was sitting beside the driver (Mrs. Cambridge) was sitting staring at the train.

His Worship expressed regret that he was unable to assist the woman and pointed out to her that there was no Canadian law which could reach to England in such a case. In the other Dominions, he added, the machinery to compel a husband to provide for his wife under such circumstances was applied through the ordinary legal channels.

Magistrate Lankester remarked that he could not understand why Canada should be outside the operation of this law.

HAD A CLOSE CALL.

President of the Soviet Government in Danger During Storm.

Moscow, Aug. 1.—President Kaimin, of the Soviet government, had a narrow escape from death by lightning, today, when the house in the village in which he had taken refuge during a thunderstorm, while on his way from his country residence in Moscow, was demolished by a bolt. The driver of his carriage was instantly killed and an accompanying photographer was injured.

Sir William Mulock Injured. Toronto, Aug. 1.—Sir William Mulock, chief justice of Ontario, met with a painful accident. While alighting from his automobile at his summer home at Aurora he tripped and fell and injured his shoulder.

Sir William was brought to the Wellesley hospital. Dr. Bruce succeeded in reducing the dislocation, and Sir William is resting well, and is expected to make a quick recovery.

Elections Coming. Toronto, Aug. 1.—Writs for the federal by-election in West Hastings and Yale are looked for next week. The polling dates will probably be at the end of September.

Remember that we are but dust—If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand fit? But there is forgiveness with Thee. In His word do I hope."

Over the closed grey coffin that held the mortal remains of the late Mrs. Joseph Sharpe, the voice of the minister, Rev. R. Pogue, rose and fell yesterday in the brief service that preceded her interment in the Little Lake Cemetery.

A half score of cars formed the cortege to the cemetery. It was a small group of men, with no women mourners, that watched the descent of the grey coffin into the six feet of earth that form man's last and only heritage. Turning away from the grave, emotion racked her young son, Jack, and tears streamed down the face of her brother.

There were few words from their companions. "She was a beautiful girl. I remember well her fine head of hair," was the only comment of one of the older men. "And she was the picture of health always."

The funeral of the late Samuel Taylor took place Thursday afternoon. Interment was in the Little Lake Cemetery.

The services were in charge of Rev. W. H. Young, who spoke in feeling terms of the outstanding qualities of the dead man, his fidelity to business, his indefatigable efforts to discharge the responsibilities of his commercial life, his co-operation in everything that went to the upbuilding of the community's life, and the support of every good and worthy project, and his interest in the fraternal order of which he was a loyal and devoted member.

"There are many of us here who remember with gratitude his kindness and willingness to help. We pray that we may remember in him every good thing. If he had failings and weaknesses, what one among us has not? We hope to remember in him always every good and glad thing that was in his life."

THE BRIDE AGED 60; AND THE GROOM IS 23

Detroit, Aug. 1.—Mary May, 60, and aged sixty-nine, was married here yesterday to Richard Cochran, aged twenty-three. She became acquainted with Cochran some time ago, when she employed him to manage one of her hotels in California.

Canada Is In Need Of Law For Hubbies

London, Aug. 1.—Canada has no machinery which can be set in motion to enforce a husband living in that Dominion to provide for the maintenance of his wife if she is living in England, and in this respect Canada is unlike the other Dominions, so Magistrate Lankester stated at a southwestern police court yesterday.

The magistrate's remark was made in connection with an application from a woman for an order to compel her husband, who is now in Canada to maintain her.

His Worship expressed regret that he was unable to assist the woman and pointed out to her that there was no Canadian law which could reach to England in such a case. In the other Dominions, he added, the machinery to compel a husband to provide for his wife under such circumstances was applied through the ordinary legal channels.

Riowna Wins First Of George Cup Races

Watertown, Aug. 1.—The Riowna of the Toronto Canoe Club captured the first of a series of the international class R. yacht races for the George Cup at Chaumont Bay yesterday afternoon.

The Latona II, Oswego, was second; the Lillian E. Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, was third; Huskie II, of Watertown, was fourth; and Cherry, of Kingston, Ont., fifth. The time of the winner was 3 hours and 10 minutes over the 14-mile course.

Pope Pius has donated 50,000 lire toward the reconstruction of the historic fifteenth century cathedral at Pola.

Newsy Bits From To-day's Classified Ads.

Keep posted! Read the classified ads regularly. Agents! Several opportunities for you. Read the classified section.

LAWYERS IN LIVELY TILT

Lengthy Argument in the Murder Case On At Chicago.

STAGING GREAT FIGHT

Leopold And Loeb Joined In Laughter Over Amusing Incident During Trial.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Mitigation, not of crime, but of punishment; mercy of judgment, founded not upon the cold letter of the law, but upon considerations of humanity—these were the points emphasized yesterday by the defence in the proceedings which are to determine the penalty that Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, are to pay for the kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks, Clarence S. Darrow, 67-year-old veteran of court battles, fighting for the principles he has advocated in and out of court for many years, put squarely before Judge John R. Caverly the issue whether considerations of this character are to be written into the jurisprudence of Illinois.

"The state's attorney's office seems to feel the universe will crumble unless these boys hang," he said. He argued in response to a lengthy contention by Robert E. Crowe, state attorney, backed by the legal lore of Thomas Marshall, indictment expert.

Through a day and a half of court proceedings, the prosecutor had maintained that evidence of alienists, offered by the defence, as to the degree of mental responsibility of the youthful murderers was incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial after a plea of guilty had been entered.

"We seek no mitigation of the crime, but only mitigation of the punishment because of a diseased condition of the mind, constant in character, but not amounting to legal insanity" was the keynote of the defence.

A showing of mental disease constitutes a showing of insanity the existence of which must be determined by a jury. It can be brought in here only if the defendants withdraw pleas of guilty and rely upon insanity as a defense to the crime itself, responded the state.

Throughout the four hour session of the court the question was debated by the attorneys. Occasionally three or four of them would be on their feet talking at the same time, but for the most part Mr. Marshall held the floor for the state and Mr. Darrow and Walter Bachrach for the defence.

One case, which Crowe, now state's attorney, heard when he was a judge, and Clarence S. Darrow, attorney for the defence, was cited today in the Franks trial when the state tried to maintain that evidence of depravity was not admissible in mitigation of punishment for Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb.

The citation brought a heated exchange between Messrs. Crowe and Darrow today, the former maintaining he had not heard such evidence in mitigation of punishment.

"Oh, yes, you did," asserted Mr. Darrow. "But the defendant was hanged," said Mr. Crowe.

"Yes, but you sentenced him," retorted Mr. Darrow.

The court room rang with laughter, Leopold and Loeb joining. The demonstration faded quickly under the frown of Judge Caverly.

When court opened the defence's alienist, Dr. White, climbed into the witness chair and the attorneys grouped themselves in front of the bench to resume the argument.

Judge Caverly told the prosecution that all the cases cited yesterday were cases in which a plea of not guilty had been entered and the cases tried by juries, and that therefore they were not applicable in the present instance. The court cited a Pennsylvania decision which it held ran along lines similar to the Franks case so far, and it indicated that alienist testimony in mitigation of punishment had been heard by that court.

Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the defence, wanted a time limit put upon the arguments as to admissibility of alienist testimony, saying that cases the state thought might parallel the present case could be read "until doomsday" without progress.

A Steamer Withdrawn.

Ogdensburg, Aug. 1.—It is reported that the steamer Brockton has been withdrawn from service for the balance of the season by the Rutland Transit line owing to lack of business. East bound freight has been light for some time due to the manufacturing slump in New England but grain movements continue brisk.

A Bandit Killed.

East Orange, N.J., Aug. 1.—One bandit was killed, one escaped and Eugene Stack, mail clerk, wounded when an attempt to rob the mail at Lackawanna railroad station was made.

JUST THINK OF THIS! SNOW STORM IN ITALY.

Rome, Aug. 1.—An unprecedented cold wave is sweeping throughout Italy this season, bringing summer snow to the provinces of Bergamo and Verona for the first time in the memory of the oldest residents, who declare that snow in July is something which even their grandfathers had never heard of. Hallstorms and heavy rains have damaged the crops in the provinces of Milan, Piacenza, Mantua, Novara and Brescia. In the Italian Tyrol it is so cold that the residents are obliged to wear furs. Near Verceil hail causing damages estimated at 6,000,000 lire. Everywhere throughout northern Italy rivers and lakes are overflowing.

Will Endeavor To Help Farmers

A Conference To Be Held At Toronto To Discuss the Problems.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—A round-table conference to promote means of "adjusting unfavorable conditions affecting the farming community" will be held at the Parliament Buildings commencing Wednesday, August 27th. The conference will be held under the auspices of the agricultural inquiry committee of the Ontario legislature, and will generally consider ways and means of reaching a better understanding of present difficulties. In a statement issued today the committee say the unfavorable conditions found in the farming community are reflected in the business of the manufacturer and merchant, and in wages of employees.

Hon. Dr. Jamieson, chairman of the committee, has had a number of suggestions as to composition of the conference. The following will be invited to send one or two representatives each: Bankers' Association, Board of Trade, Manufacturers' Association, Retail Merchants' Association, Railway and Express Companies, Trades and Labor Council, Builders and Supply Association, United Farmers of Ontario, Union Stock Yards, Abattoirs, Drivers, Commission houses, individual citizens who will speak for the consumer.

Prince Is Coming For a Real Holiday

Belleville, Aug. 1.—The Prince of Wales is coming to Canada for a complete holiday and will make no public appearances, his secretary, Lord Lascelles, writes to Col. W. N. Ponton, now in London, England. The Prince was asked if he would officiate this autumn at the unveiling of the United Empire Loyalist memorial here.

Regarding the invitation, Lord Lascelles said: "While His Royal Highness appreciates it, he regrets that he is not able to accept it. His visit this autumn to Canada will, he hopes, be a complete holiday for him, as was his visit last year. He therefore has decided to accept no public engagements at all during his short stay and feels sure you will understand that he cannot make an exception to this decision in any one instance."

Tremor at Maltby, thought due to an explosion, was caused by a slight earthquake. There were no casualties. Sir Eugene Fleet will be the Liberal candidate for the federal riding in Rimouski. The British aviators are safe at Kamohatka.

Trouble Brewing In Balkan States; Bulgarian Situation Regarded Seriously

Vienna, Aug. 1.—According to latest reports reaching Vienna by private channels, the menace of the trouble in the Balkans is getting daily more serious. While the Greek general staff openly state that every preparation is made, and that the Greek army is ready to march into Bulgaria, Jugo-Slavia and Rumania are censoring all disquieting reports and refuse to admit that trouble is brewing.

Reliable reports indicate that similar preparations are, however, being made in Jugo-Slavia and that Rumania may join hands with Greece and her ally, Jugo-Slavia.

HAIL STORM IN ALBERTA

Many Fields Were Wiped Out in the Barons District.

LATEST WHEAT REPORT

President of Western Canada Flour Mills Predicts 300,000,000 Bushels.

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 1.—Accompanied by heavy rain in many sections of the south, a hail storm swept through the Barons district and the northeast corner of the Canadian Pacific Railway Coal Dale Irrigation project on Wednesday evening, doing about 25 per cent. average damage.

Many fields were wiped out. At Barons 76 inch of rain fell in 30 minutes. Most of the southwestern part of Alberta got showers, which will help the grain. Summer fallow wheat throughout southwestern Alberta is generally good and will yield better than average crop.

Winnipeg Report.

Winnipeg, Aug. 1.—Western Canada's grain crop will be an economical one to harvest, and with present excellent outlook as to prices, it should be a most profitable one to those fortunate enough to be in the favored districts, said Grant Hall, senior vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who has just returned to Winnipeg following an inspection trip through the western provinces.

With favorable weather conditions, he believes that a yield of 270,000,000 bushels of wheat "might be reasonably expected."

A western wheat crop of about 300,000,000 bushels was predicted today by Andrew Kelly, president of the Western Canada Flour Mills, Limited, on his return from a tour of the prairie provinces.

\$8,000,000 FROM FUND.

Money From Carnegie For the Institute at Pittsburg.

New York, Aug. 1.—The Carnegie Corporation of New York, custodian of the bulk of the fortune left by the late Andrew Carnegie, today paid to Samuel Harden Church, president of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburg, an \$8,000,000 addition to the endowment for the educational work of the institute.

"This is the largest gift ever made at one time for Pittsburg education," said Mr. Church, "and is one of the largest ever made in the history of the world. It makes the total amount given to the Carnegie institute by Mr. Carnegie and the Carnegie corporation \$38,000,000.

"There is still a further gift of \$8,000,000 to be paid during the next twenty years on condition that the trustees of the Carnegie institute raise \$4,000,000 from other sources."

The Carnegie Institute, in which 5,000 students are enrolled, embraces a school of fine arts, a museum and the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

REVENUE IS RECOVERING.

An Increase of \$2,458,624 in Month of July.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Customs and excise revenues which have declined since the beginning of the fiscal year, are now showing signs of recovery. For July they total \$23,164,540, an increase of \$2,458,624 over June, but a decrease of \$8,929,419 from July of last year. Customs revenue alone in July was \$10,482,452 against \$9,582,304 in June.

Total customs and excise collections for the four months of the fiscal year ending last night total \$79,333,692, a decrease of approximately twenty million compared with the corresponding four months of last year.

The Labor conditions in Canada are worst at Toronto, says Hon. Mr. Murdock.