

TWO BOYS RIDING BICYCLES ARE STRUCK BY MOTOR CARS AND VERY SERIOUSLY HURT

Earl Austin, Redan Street, Received a Severe Fractured Skull-- Became Confused on Street--Arnold Smith, Elginburg, Had His Ankle Shattered And May Lose Use of the Muscles of the Left Leg.

Two very serious accidents occurred on Tuesday evening when Earl Austin of Kingston and Arnold Smith of Elginburg were struck by motor cars. Young Smith is in the General Hospital suffering from serious injuries to his left leg, which may leave after effects and the other boy, Earl Austin, is in the Hotel Dieu suffering from a severe fracture of the skull.

Arnold Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Elginburg, was very seriously injured on Tuesday evening when he was struck by a motor car. Mr. Smith, who is a well known young man in Elginburg, was riding his bicycle along the road and was struck by a car with the result that the muscles in his left leg from the knee to the ankle were severely shattered and he is now in the General Hospital under the care of Dr. Huyck.

At noon Wednesday it was stated that the young man was resting comfortably but it was stated that it was doubtful if he would again have

the use of the muscles of his left leg. The injuries he received were exceedingly painful and he was put under an anæsthetic when brought to the hospital, while his injuries were receiving attention.

Skull Fractured

Earl Austin, a young lad who resides on Redan street, was very seriously injured on Tuesday evening when he was struck by a motor car while riding along the street on his bicycle. It is believed that the young lad became confused when in front of a car and was struck and thrown to the road. The lad was thrown forcibly and when he did not rise was picked up and rushed to the Hotel Dieu. Dr. G. W. Mylks was summoned and after an examination found that young Austin was suffering from a severe fracture of the skull.

Although the young lad was resting fairly good Wednesday, his condition is regarded as very serious and it is quite impossible to say what his chances for recovery are.

DESTRUCTIVE PART OF STRIKE PASSED

All Now Depends Upon the Efforts of Hon. James Murdock.

Sydney, C.B., June 17.—Chief interest in the Cape Breton industrial situation centred today on the presence here of Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, and the possibilities of his efforts as conciliator between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its employees.

With a night of comparative quiet passed and the United Mine Workers' organization backing up the normal civil police by a large number of their members sworn in as special constables, together with the presence of troops in the mining district, it was generally felt here today that the destructive part of the strike had been passed, except for damage to mines from flooding.

Floating Bar-Room Seized. Brockville, June 17.—A large two decked house boat lavishly fitted and said to have been in use as a floating bar-room near Larue Island in the heart of the Thousand Islands, is under seizure in the local harbor as the result of a raid conducted by officers of the provincial police led by Inspector S. M. Hacock of this place.

After Missing Explorers. Advent Bay, Spitzbergen, June 17.—Two aviators of the Norwegian government's searching expedition for the Amundsen-Ellsworth North Pole explorers, hopped off today in their seaplanes for King's Bay, thirty miles distant.

Six Months Hoist For the Home Bank Bill Moved in the Senate; Debate Is Adjourned

Ottawa, June 17.—Six months hoist for the bill to aid the Home Bank depositors was moved in the senate yesterday by Senator G. G. Foster, seconded by Senator R. S. White. After some discussion the debate was adjourned until tomorrow.

Senator R. B. Black of Sackville thought the bill should not pass. He could not, he said, find a single argument why the country should pay

\$5,450,000 to Home Bank depositors. There had not been a bank organized since Confederation that had not at some time wittingly or unwittingly violated the act. It was no justification for looting the treasury. If we were going to vote money on compassionate grounds, anyone who lost money on account of the war should be recompensed. He believed that the Senate would be interpreting public sentiment if they rejected the bill.

Arrangements Completed For Church Union Service in Grant Hall Next Sunday Morning

At a meeting of the representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches of the city, which entered the United Church of Canada, held in Chalmers church on Tuesday evening, final arrangements were completed for the service which is to take place in Grant Hall on Sunday morning next. Arrangements have been completed for seating eighteen hundred persons. It has also been decided that in case the hall is not large enough to accommodate the large number who wish to attend, an overflow meeting will be held in the arts building.

The committee has been able to secure the services of Dr. John Miller, principal of Robertson College, Edmonton, Alt., who will be the chief speaker. Dr. Miller is one of the outstanding unionists of western Canada. It is expected that there will be a choir of one hundred and fifty voices. It had been expected that Captain Alfred Light, bandmaster of the R.C.H.A. and leader of the Kingston Choral Society, would be in charge of the singing, but he was ordered to proceed to Sydney, N.S., with the R.C.H.A. troops, and Prof. Gummer of Queen's University will take his place. The choir has been holding practices this week.

AUSTRALIANS WANT THEIR OWN GOVERNORS

Melbourne, June 17.—It has been definitely decided by the premiers of four of the Australian states or provinces, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia, to approach the British Government with a request that in future the governors of Australian states shall be Australians.

GARY BACK TO CHURCH

He Responded To the Appeal of Bishop Leete. Chicago, June 17.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, who built and endowed the Gary Memorial Methodist church in Wheaton, Ill., is back as a member of that church, after a lapse of twenty-one years. It is understood that the persuasive arguments of Bishop Leete induced Mr. Gary to return and his membership was restored June 7th.

Wheaton was Mr. Gary's former home and he built the church, at a cost of \$100,000 in 1920, as a memorial to his father and mother. In addition he endowed it with \$47,000 from which the church received an annuity of \$2,000.



ITALY'S IDOL Here's one man Mussolini, Italy's two-faced premier, is afraid to arrest. He is Gen. Peppino Garibaldi, descendant of the famous liberator, and though he is a severe critic of Mussolini, all Italy would rise if he were jailed.

GREAT CHINESE STRIKE MAY SOON BE ENDED

Foreign Legations and Chinese Officials Have Reached Basis of Discussion.

Shanghai, June 17.—Representatives of the foreign legations, sent from Peking, and Chinese officials who have been carrying on negotiations with a view to a settlement of the situation here, have reached a basis of discussion, an authoritative statement announced. There are prospects of an early adjustment of the difficulty and calling off of the strike.

Agitation Against Foreigners

Peking, June 17.—Another note emphasizing the gravity of the situation caused by the recent disturbances in China and calling upon the Chinese Government to take measures was sent to the foreign office today by the Italian ambassador, Signor Cerruti, representing also other members of the foreign diplomatic corps. The note said that at Chin-Kiang the situation had become so intense that foreigners had been obliged to send their families to Shanghai.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

Presbyterian Body to Meet in Montreal Next June. Toronto, June 17.—The General Assembly of the continuing Presbyterian Church of Canada adjourned yesterday afternoon to meet in Knox Crescent Church at Montreal on the first Wednesday in June, 1926.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant was elected secretary of the Mission Board amid a scene of great enthusiasm. The question of protecting the rights of the Presbyterian Church in the money belonging to the church and Manse Building fund was referred to a committee of the assembly. It was alleged that an attempt was being made to dissipate the trust by erecting a large number of manse to be turned over to the United Church.

The committee on church services was instructed to take steps to protect the rights of the church in the copyright and profits from the sale of the book of praise. The appointment of Daniel A. Campbell, principal of the Sarnia Collegiate and Technical School, to the post of director of technical education for the Province of Ontario, is announced.

LARGE MARINE LOSSES OVER WATER STEAL

Chicago Drainage Canal Affects Lake and River Levels.

LESS FREIGHT CARRIED By Large Vessels As They Cannot Risk Loading to Their Full Capacity.

The water level in the St. Lawrence river is lower this year than it has been for some years past. The levels on Lakes Huron, Erie and Ontario govern the levels in the St. Lawrence. The low water is causing loss in carrying capacity of vessels. Safety first is the rule on the waters, and as a result, the tonnage carried on the Great Lakes is expected to be much less than last year. The last report showed that the Vessel Association called for nine inches less draft in loading than at the beginning of the season, and the loss created in lessened carriage, will total over \$12,000,000 for this year.

The vessel owners on the lakes attribute the lessened water levels to the Chicago steal. Every cubic foot of lake water appropriated in the Chicago drainage canal is lost to the lakes; it never returns, going out into the Atlantic via the Mississippi river.

The Vessel Association of America is greatly alarmed over present conditions and is safeguarding the loading vessels to save insurance, which, to the extent of 25 per cent, it carries on vessels in the association's membership.

The losses by the Chicago appropriation merits the determined consideration of all governments and a halt is imperatively required if water transportation, on any profit-making basis, is to be maintained.

STEADY CONDITIONS ARE LOOKED FOR

Following the Present Times of Economy and Hard Work in Canada.

Toronto, June 17.—"Let us realize that today we are perhaps building more permanently for success than during the hectic days of prosperity; that economy and hard work are cardinal virtues and if ever present will result in steady conditions." In the foregoing words did F. E. Simonton, of Calgary, Alta., national president of the Canadian Credit Men's Association, sum up the present conditions in Canada in presenting the fifteenth annual report to the annual meeting of that organization here today.

Dealing with competition of United States in Canadian markets and the lure of the United States to young Canadians, Mr. Simonton remarked: "Certainly it seems that we are paying the penalty of being located so near such a powerful neighbor. Are we to progress slowly until her land is overflowing? Will the Fordney tariff continue to shut out our products while she floods our markets? Are we to continue to tolerate tariffs to the motherland while our woolen, shoe and other industries suffer?"

Committed for Trial. Toronto, June 17.—Jeannette McMinn, Isabel Prouse and Bessie Carroll, three girls charged with the murder of Mrs. Margaret Mick, night matron of Toronto municipal jail for women, were today committed for trial.

Lady Darwin, daughter-in-law of Charles Darwin, describes the Scopes trial as proof that men are beginning to act like monkeys. Ray sugar output of Hawaiian plantations this year is estimated at 695,000 tons, a record.

Bacteria And Poison Gas Are Outlawed

Great Britain, United States and Germany Sign the Protocol at Geneva.

Geneva, June 17.—British and United States delegates today signed a protocol outlawing poison gas and bacteriological warfare at the closing session of the international conference for the limitation of traffic in arms and munitions. Germany signed the protocol against the use of poison gas and bacteria at war and also approved another document paving the way for her subsequent adherence to the general arms limitation convention.

News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Icy blasts from north delay search for missing Amundsen party. Powers decline to negotiate with present "unstable government" in China.

Toronto Council received request for \$50,000 for the Banting Research Foundation. M. Caillaux, French finance minister, demands an additional taxation of three billion francs.

Harold Powell, aged twenty-three, of Scarborough, was killed by a motor car on the Kingston road. Deaths in the Lackawanna train wreck yesterday now total thirty-eight, and many more are seriously injured.

The county roads question is likely to be predominant at Oxford county council summer meeting now being held.

PIDGEON IS MODERATOR

Unanimously Chosen by United Church of Canada



REV. DR. G. C. PIDGEON Toronto, June 17.—Rev. George Campbell Pidgeon of Toronto, ex-moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was last night unanimously elected as first moderator of the General Council of the United Church of Canada. Dr. Pidgeon was elected moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly when it convened here two weeks ago and as head of that body led the concuring Presbyterians into the union with the Methodists and Congregationalists.

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CLAIMS CABLED LIES KILLED PETERSEN

W. T. R. Preston Says Shipping Man Was Unaccustomed to Such Outrages.

Ottawa, June 17.—W. T. R. Preston, whose report to the Dominion Government charged that the North Atlantic Conference was a steamship conference operating in restraint of Canadian trade, told newspapermen here yesterday that the death of Sir William Petersen, British shipping magnate, last Friday, was caused by "damnable lying" cablegrams sent to the directors of his company by "agents of the shipping combine."

"They killed him," Mr. Preston repeated. "They cabled lies to his directors that Sir William proposed going ahead with a contract for two years without any guarantee from the Canadian Government. This was absolutely false. The contract was going through for a trial period of two years to see what result would be obtained. But there was never any question of Sir William going through with the scheme without any assistance from the Government."

"And that killed him. It was the last straw. He worried about it terribly, as he was unaccustomed to such outrages back home in England, where a man in public life is given at least some fair treatment."

"On the very afternoon of his death, as we sat chatting in his rooms, he told me of the arrangements he was completing to secure other vessels that would transport cattle to England from Canada at \$15 a head."

"Sir William's death is a national disaster." Mr. Preston expressed the belief that Sir William's associates would go through with the tentative contract, which was in its near-final stages when the sudden death of the shipping magnate suspended further consideration.

FLOOD RUINED CROPS.

More Than 300 Acres of Land in Manitoba Inundated. Winnipeg, June 17.—Seventy-five per cent of the crops in the White and Birch River districts were completely ruined by the floods of last week, according to a report submitted by C. S. Prodan to the provincial government. Mr. Prodan had charge of relief operation in the inundated area.

RESUME MAINTENANCE WORK IN SOME OF THE COLLIERIES UNDER MILITARY PROTECTION

The Trades And Labor Congress of Canada Is Opposed to General Strike--Hon. James Murdock, Federal Minister of Labor, Is Arranging Interviews With the Heads of the Disputing Parties at Sydney, N.S.

Sydney, N.S., June 17.—Maintenance work was being resumed today in several of the collieries of the British Empire Steel Corporation, which have been idle since the strike of the United Mine Workers of America, last March, and which have not been pumped or ventilated for nearly two weeks, owing to the activities of picketing strikers. Under the protection of armed members of various branches of the Canadian permanent army, the colliery fires were being stoked and arrangements made to operate one of the big power houses at Glace Bay to generate enough energy to operate the electrical pumps in the collieries in that area.

Yesterday passed without event so far as disorders were concerned, and the centre of interest in Cape Breton was Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor in the Canadian Government, who arrived in Sydney yesterday morning and immediately set about acquainting himself with the situation and arranging interviews with the heads of the disputing parties. No official statements had been given out this morning as to any conclusions reached by the minister of labor nor any forecasts of the probable action he would take.

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liery area experienced a drenching and prolonged downpour of rain.

No General Strike.

Ottawa, June 17.—General strikes are considered ineffective by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and are against the policy of the Congress, declared Tom Moore, president of the Congress, when shown a despatch from Sydney, stating that Victory local, United Mine Workers of Canada, were urging a general strike of affiliated trades.

More practical help would be given, Mr. Moore said, if the affiliated trades were to make a donation of some of the money that would otherwise be earned by remaining at work—say one day's pay—for the relief of those in the affected area.

The resolution has not yet been received, Mr. Moore said. It would come to him through the district executive of District No. 26, and would be placed before the executive of the Congress for their consideration and official action.

Sympathy Expressed.

Moncton, N.B., June 17.—At a meeting of Morning Star Lodge, Brotherhood Railway Trainmen, held here on Sunday, June 14, the following resolution was passed:

"That this lodge is heartily in sympathy with the miners of Nova Scotia in their present trouble, and that we also protest the action of bringing troops into the coal area for the purpose of crushing these miners. We feel that if the Government of Nova Scotia had in the first place taken the proper action it would not have been necessary to import troops."

ALBERTA CROP OUTLOOK.

Conditions Much Ahead of Last Year at This Time. Edmonton, June 17.—All early sown grains are making rapid growth under practically ideal conditions, according to information conveyed in the second monthly crop report for the season compiled by the Journal from information supplied by more than 100 correspondents throughout the central and northern part of the province.

Practically all districts covered in the report indicate that conditions are much ahead of the same time last year.

Early sown wheat is from four to 12 inches high in the majority of districts, is invariably reported to be of a healthy color and of an even stand, and gives every indication of stooling out well.

Oat seeding is practically completed, with the exception of some fields of green feed, and in many cases the oat crop is covering the ground.

Barley, which is almost all seeded, is also showing good growth.

Police Burn Drugs. New York, June 17.—Narcotics and other drugs declared to have been worth more than a million dollars at street vending prices, were burned in the boiler room at police headquarters. The stocks represented the annual seizures by the narcotic squad, and included opium layouts, pipes, morphine needles and other paraphernalia used by addicts.

Croner Fissette, Brantford, declares he is tired of receiving verdicts that do not indicate the cause of death, and announces he has sent to be examined the stomach of the Indian, Elias Lewis, who was found dead in that city.

Three German savants discover two new chemical elements.

House of Commons Decides to Give Railway Commission Free Hand Regarding Freight Rates

Ottawa, June 17.—The second reading of the bill which gives the Railway Commission a free hand in the control of railway rates was passed without a word of dissent by the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Under all the usual interpretations of Parliament, this implies that the principle of the measure has been adopted. Afterwards, in committee, opposition arose both from the point of view of the prairies and of British Columbia; but there were no indications of a long-drawn-out fight over the bill.

A motion to hold a conference between representatives of the Commons and the Senate to endeavor to reach an agreement on amendments made by the Senate to an act amending the Fruit Act, which had been passed by the House of Commons, was carried in the House this afternoon.

At Woodstock, the price of live hogs dropped fifty cents a cwt, \$12 even being the price paid the farmers.

Ald. Milo J. Smith will be acting mayor of Chatham during the absence in England of Mayor Sulman.