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A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO SAVE SCOTT

To Be Waged Next Week By Interests in Ontario.

MYSTERIOUS TELEGRAM

Not Yet Explained—If Brother Does Not Turn Up Scott Goes to Gallows.

Chicago, July 18.—Powerful Canadian interests were severely censured in a statement issued by George E. Gorman, chief assistant states attorney here, in connection with the seven-day reprieve secured by Russell Scott, just six hours before he was to be hanged.

"I have definite information that powerful Ontario interests have raised \$10,000 to save Scott's life, and that they will wage a vigorous campaign during the next week," he said. "I have asked Detroit police to investigate the telegram sent and find out just who sent it. If he is not Robert Scott, I shall lodge charges against him in federal court. I am asking particularly that they find whether the message came from Canada or not."

In the week allowed them, Scott's attorneys and relatives plan to wage a fierce campaign. The older Scott, father of the condemned man, has advised prosecution witnesses are troubled by qualms of conscience, and will recant on their testimony. All efforts to find Robert will be made, too.

Further action to save Russell Scott from hanging will depend entirely upon the appearance of his brother, Robert Scott, in Chicago, it was announced by attaches in Governor Small's office to-day. Officials of the state are still uncertain whether someone played a ghastly joke by sending the mysterious telegram from Detroit which saved Russell from hanging.

Should Robert Scott appear in Chicago and give himself up, the sentence against Russell will be suspended pending the outcome of Robert's trial. If Robert does not appear in Chicago to surrender himself no further efforts will be made by the state to save Russell from the gallows.

GREAT WHEAT CROP IF THERE IS NO RUST

J. J. Morrison Returns From the West With Very Optimistic Reports.

Toronto, July 18.—If the wheat escapes rust, J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., believes that Western Canada is due for one of the greatest crops in its history. From a conference in Winnipeg, at which he was in touch with agrarian leaders from every province, Mr. Morrison returned to the city yesterday and brought back very optimistic reports on the crop outlook. One great danger, he said, was rust and conditions unfortunately were favorable for its development.

The Family Market Basket

Fresh vegetables and fruit, spring chickens and young ducks were among the offerings on the Kingston market on Saturday morning. Shelled peas sold for 25 cents a quart, beans for 10 cents, beets, carrots and young onions and all other greens were plentiful. Home-grown tomatoes made their appearance, selling at 25 cents a pound. New potatoes were 60c a peck. Wild raspberries sold for 25 cents a quart, garden red raspberries brought 20 cents and blackberries and the purple Columbia berries sold for 20 cents a box. White currants were 10 cents a box. Spring chickens were anything from \$1.40 to \$1.75 a pair. Young ducks brought \$1 and a good-sized turkey was offered for \$3. Butter sold at 40 cents and eggs were 33 and 40 cents a dozen. The market was gay with flowers. Sweet peas and the gay "bottle-of-colors" and other old-fashioned blossoms were on many carts and were bought freely by the market.

Looking For Rooms. The committee in charge of the old boys' celebration has an advertisement in to-day's Whig, asking for the names of citizens who have rooms to rent for the visitors coming to the old boys' celebration.

The condition of Cardinal Beign of Quebec was not so satisfactory Saturday morning.

Field Marshal Haig Opens Jasper Lodge Golf Course

Jasper Park, Alta., July 18.—Field Marshal Earl Haig yesterday afternoon officially opened the new 18-hole golf course at Jasper Lodge by driving a perfect shot far down the fairway from the first tee. Lady Haig then performed the ceremony on behalf of the ladies. Her drive was one of the longest ever made on the course, a magnificent shot which landed only a few feet short of that made by the field marshal.

TY COBB SUSPENDED.

Following an Argument Over Strike Called on a Catcher. Detroit, July 18.—Tyrus "Ty" Cobb, manager and centre fielder of the Detroit Tigers, was indefinitely suspended Friday by President Ben Johnson of the American League.

The suspension came as the result of an argument with Umpire Rowland in the tenth inning of Friday's game with Washington. Cobb protested a strike on Woodall and was ordered from the field after a short argument, the quarrel being renewed after the game. Cobb will direct the destinies of the team from the stands until his suspension is lifted.

Death Wins In Race With Train

Which Was Bearing Lady to Bedside of Dying Mother in Toronto.

Toronto, July 18.—The Grim Reaper won in a race with a special train which Mrs. E. Y. Eaton of Toronto chartered to Quebec yesterday to bear her to the bedside of her dying mother, Mrs. Sarah Eckardt. Mrs. Eaton's train waited with quick up, according to despatches, for the arrival of the ocean steamer which brought her from overseas. The train arrived in this city too late, however, for the mother, who was of quite advanced age, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son, H. P. Eckardt. The death of Mrs. Eckardt, who was a widow, removes the maternal head of one of the city's oldest and best known families.

EQUITABLE TAXATION FOR THE HIGHWAYS

And Dub. Problem to Be Discussed at Canadian Good Roads Convention.

Quebec, July 18.—Good progress has been made by the programme committee of the Canadian Good Roads convention in the selection of subjects to be dealt with at the annual convention, which will take place at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City, on September 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The matters to be discussed cover various phases of highway work, from engineering problems to ratepayers' burdens, and men well versed in such subjects have promised to give their knowledge to the municipal delegates who will assemble in September from all over the Dominion for the convention.

One of the most important papers to be discussed at the convention will be that of "Equitable Taxation for Highways," which will be presented by S. L. Squire, Deputy Minister of Highways for Ontario, who has been a close student of matters affecting improved highways and their cost for many years. The discussion on this subject will be opened by H. S. Carpenter, Deputy Minister of Highways for Saskatchewan. Some information on the economic value of the traffic census in its relation to types of road and maintenance costs. The discussion will be led by R. M. Smith, location engineer of the Ontario Highways Commission. The problem of dust elimination on gravel roads is one of particular interest to Canadian municipalities, where the major portion of the highways are not of the permanent type, and delegates will hear from E. C. Tiney, of the State Highways Department of Michigan, how this difficulty is being solved across the border.

John D. Hickerson, Texas, has been appointed United States consul in Ottawa.

Rum Runners Operating at Port Colborne Will Be Fired Upon If They Do Not Stop

Toronto, July 18.—The Globe this morning says that rum runners operating out of Port Colborne to the United States will be fired upon by the coast guard vessels if, when called upon to stop, they attempt to escape in American waters, according to a warning given here last night by Harry Smith, collector of customs for Buffalo, N.Y.

PREMIER KING GIVEN PRAISE FOR EFFORTS

Of His Government In Dealing With Smugglers.

DEALERS APPRECIATE

The Vote of Money to Enable Preventive Service to Cope With Illegal Traffic.

Ottawa, July 18.—Appreciation of the action of the government in securing legislation increasing the penalties for smuggling goods into Canada and in voting money to enable the preventive service to cope with the smuggling traffic, is contained in a letter from O. B. Gundy, president, Toronto board of trade, to Premier King.

Mr. Gundy, in his letter, refers to the work of the Commercial Protective Association and the co-operation given to the association by government officials. "We have been in close touch with the association's work," states the letter, "and it has been a great pleasure for this board to learn that the government has co-operated to the fullest extent, with the result that adequate machinery to deal with the smuggling menace will, we understand, shortly be in operation. We are informed the fact that the new penalties are already in force has had a deterrent effect upon the traffic.

A FRUIT COMBINE IN EAST IS ALLEGED

Lewis Duncan, Toronto, Is Appointed to Conduct an Investigation.

Ottawa, July 18.—The existence of a combine "with reference to the sale of fruits and vegetables through wholesale commission houses in Ontario and Eastern Canada," has been reported to the Department of Labor, and an investigation under the Combines Investigation Act will take place. Lewis Duncan, of Toronto, who recently made a report under the Combines Investigation Act, declaring the existence of a large fruit combine in British Columbia and the prairie provinces, which was operating detrimentally to the interests of the Canadian public, has been appointed to conduct the investigation into the alleged eastern combine. Prosecutions based on the last Duncan report are being now launched in the west under the direction of the federal government.

Under the act, before an investigation can take place into an alleged combine, a complaint must be filed by six residents of Canada who are British subjects. The complaint in this latest case comes from fruit and vegetable growers in the east.

SMALL ALBERTA TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Three Hundred Inhabitants Are Homeless—Flames Fanned by a Gale.

Calgary, Alta., July 18.—Fanned by the fury of a north-west gale, fire on Friday night practically wiped out the whole town of Bowden, between Olds and Innisfield, on the Canadian Pacific Railway line, running from Calgary to Edmonton. The fire, which has rendered most of the 300 inhabitants of the town homeless, started in a blacksmith shop about 3 p.m., and spread to an adjoining livery barn and other structures.

British Research Council hopes for vaccination against cancer as result of late discoveries.

LOOKING AROUND

Evidently the youngsters on College street have been reading the "Out Our Way" cartoons in the Whig about that little bunch of kids playing circus, judging by the performance they gave on Wednesday last. The Old Home Week committee might engage this College street troupe for performances the first week of August.

This morning the writer met a Pittsburg resident loaded down with pails. When he asked what the pails were for, the Pittsburger informed him that the rain of Thursday had fast ripened the raspberries and he wanted to do a good picking before the folks came to church Sunday or he might not reap the berry harvest he had anticipated. His place of residence is near a church.

A rural item the other day told about the presentation of an organ to a mother. One thought the day of the little parlor organ had gone by, but we love to read that there are still some old-fashioned folks alive who like to sit round and sing the old psalms and hymns to organ accompaniment. Probably in many a country home the organ is still an ornament in the parlor, instead of the gramophone and piano. We are not all modernists.

The diet of the Toronto jail is again under debate as it is giving a kind of itch to some prisoners. There is no such trouble in Kingston's jail, where the inmates are no doubt better cared for. In prisons it is perhaps impossible to meet the individual tastes of the prisoners, but it ought to be done to the extent of not requiring them to eat foods that make them suffer. It is well known that some people cannot eat an oatmeal diet or even strawberries without breaking out in a miserable rash. It should be the duty of the jail physicians to help in this matter.

The police think they are doing all they can in making automobile drivers observe the laws. There may be lots of speeding and cars without lights, but they can see only a limited number on their beats. Probably if the city had a special speed cop he would pay his salary in the additional fines that he would collect from violators.

We have heard so much about the new beer that is being given to the public by the Ontario Government, that it is restful to have a change of topic and hear that the city's water is a little off color as to taste. The Queen's bacteriologist, who examines the water daily, says the supply is quite safe, but admits that the taste may be a little out of the ordinary in hot weather. Some people are adepts at tasting, while others drink the same water and find nothing out of the ordinary.

The deluge of Thursday gave additional assurance of good crops. When rain comes during the first fortnight of July there is little chance of growth being retarded by later droughts.

They say that the prisoners in the Portsmouth penitentiary are now singing "Comin' Through the Rye" after viewing the fine rye field on the prison farm.

The registration at Queen's summer school is now nearing \$20 and next session it will without doubt go over \$50, and perhaps near \$60. Other summer schools may have opened during the past year, but the one at Queen's will not be affected by them, because Kingston is the best location in the province for such an institution. The city is cool during the hot months, and much more is offered outside students in the way of pleasant water trips than in other places. The Queen's summer school is destined to become one of the largest of its kind on the continent, for the increase of students has been steady since its inauguration sixteen years ago.

Fire At School. The firemen were called to St. Mary's school on Friday evening about six o'clock where fire had started under the steps leading to the upper class rooms. There was no damage done, the blaze being snuffed in time by the brigade.

Premier Taschereau has accepted the invitation of the Ontario Government for a Quebec delegation to pay another Bonne Entente visit to Toronto next September. The Cape Town Argus reports the discovery of valuable deposits of phosphates over a considerable area within twenty-five miles of Cape Town.

NEW EFFORT AT SETTLING N.S. STRIKE

Premier Rhodes and Minister Going to Cape Breton.

CONFERENCE ARRANGED

A Joint Meeting of Miners and Company Officials is Expected on Tuesday.

Halifax, July 18.—The first steps to be taken by the new Conservative Government in Nova Scotia toward reaching a settlement of the dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its coal miners, which has kept twelve thousand men on strike since last March, when they walked out following a wage disagreement, were effected yesterday, according to a statement issued from the provincial building Friday afternoon, announcing that Premier E. N. Rhodes and Col. Harrington, the Minister of Public Works and Mines would arrive in Cape Breton Monday morning and open conferences with the heads of the steel company and the United Mine Workers of America, District 26.

Hon. E. N. Rhodes, premier of Nova Scotia, issued the following statement Friday: "After conferences with Roy Wolvin, president, and J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, here, they having been in touch with Mr. McLeod, president of the United Mine Workers of America, District 26, Glace Bay, by telegraph, I have arranged to arrive in Sydney Monday forenoon, accompanied by Colonel Harrington, Minister of Public Works and Mines. As soon as possible after our arrival we expect to have conferences with Mr. McLeod and the executive officers of the United Mine Workers, and it is anticipated that joint conferences between representatives of the company and the United Mine Workers may be arranged to take place Tuesday morning. Mr. Wolvin and Mr. McLurg representing the company, and Mr. J. W. McLeod representing the U.M.W., together with the Premier and Minister of Public Works and Mines.

"Both parties to the dispute have signified their intention to cordially co-operate."

The provincial police, numbering upwards of one hundred men, were ordered withdrawn from Cape Breton, and disbanded, by order-in-council Friday afternoon. The police were ordered to the strike area following the outbreak of rioting amongst striking miners early in June, Major Currie, in command of the police, received instructions to return the men to Halifax immediately to be disbanded.

Maintenance Work. Glace Bay, N.S., July 18.—Maintenance work is progressing at all collieries in the Cape Breton coal mining areas and it is understood that in most of the pits coal could be hoisted with very short notice. Three small blazes were reported in the Glace Bay district during the past twenty-four hours, but all were extinguished before doing any damage. The company store at New Waterford was said to have been entered yesterday morning and some goods stolen.

Brant council will have to pay \$900 for nine thousand groundhog tails as a result of the campaign inaugurated this year. Maritime provinces engage rates expert to prepare argument for economic conference. U. S. Customs officers active in Canada because of border rum-running.

Woman Loses \$12,000 Jewellery in Jump From Blazing Motorboat Near Clayton, N.Y.

Clayton, N.Y., July 18.—Mrs. J. Parke Gillespie, New York, who is passing the summer at the Thousand Islands, lost jewellery valued at \$12,000 on Thursday when she leaped, with her husband and Howard Huntley, Syracuse, from a blazing motorboat after a 45-gallon tank of gasoline exploded as they were nearing the Clayton wharf. One of the worst storms ever experienced in this section was raging at the time.

Mr. Gillespie was just able to get one life preserver out of the boat-rack and throw it to his wife, when the flames swept the deck beneath him. The three leaped into the river. Men on the wharf threw a rope to Mrs. Gillespie and she was drawn to shore. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Huntley swam the short distance to the wharf. The boat, "The J. B. G." valued at \$5,000, was destroyed.

Denies Right of Any Nation To Annex the Polar Area

Berlin, July 18.—Discussing the rightful ownership of the North Pole, Dr. O. Loening, a well-known German jurist, denies the right to Canada or any other country to annex the polar area, in view of the impossibility of establishing anything like permanent settlements in those extreme northern latitudes. A claim would not be recognized by other countries, he said, as it would be absolutely contradictory to international law.

Fishing Improving As Season Advances

Waterbury, July 18.—Fishing of both commercial and game fish is improving rapidly in Lake Ontario. Reports upon the status of bass angling have been made by local nimrods, and while they aver that fish are biting better than early in the season, all agree that bass are small this summer.

Claude W. Cole, Cape Vincent, owner of the Main Duck islands and one of the largest commercial fishermen on the river, in the city to-day on business, stated that catches of lake trout, white fish and varieties handled by the commercial netters, is considerably improved. Mr. Cole's steamer, C. A. Cole, brought in four tons of fish to the Booth station at Cape Vincent on her last trip a few days ago.

Fumes of Acid Cause a Death

And Serious Illness of Five Other People—Toronto Fumigator Under Arrest.

Toronto, July 18.—Benjamin Winiper, aged thirty-five years, is dead and Mrs. Catherine Frost, Leslie Frost, aged nineteen, Mrs. Martha Altonch, Mrs. Wilda Reid and Miss Evelyn Reid are seriously ill from inhaling acid fumes used in fumigating an adjoining house at 82 McGill street.

The victims lived on either side of the building, which had been fumigated. The tenants of the house fumigated had been warned to leave the premises. People in houses at either side, it is alleged, were not informed of the deadly poison being used in the place. James Hills, fumigator, is under arrest on a charge of criminal negligence.

HEAT WAVE IN WEST.

British Columbia and Western Alberta Sizzling. Winnipeg, July 18.—The second heat wave within ten days is rapidly spreading from the Rocky Mountains over the prairie provinces, according to reports from the Dominion Meteorological Bureau here.

British Columbia and western portions of Alberta were sizzling, with Grand Forks, B.C., heading the list of high temperatures, 101 degrees in the shade being recorded. McLeod and Drumheller, Alberta, were running a close race with respective readings of 99 and 98.

In Saskatchewan and Manitoba moderate conditions generally prevailed, with prospects of higher temperatures to-morrow. The west is still urgently in need of rain.

The United States customs officers at the Falls inspected a car labeled "cement and iron castings" and found \$10,000 worth of ale and \$20,000 worth of alcohol. Louise Taylor, colored, Hamilton, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering her husband. The father of the dead man is paying her expenses. According to reports received the fall wheat crop in Kent will be below the average. Spring grains will turn out well.

THE BRITISH MINERS WILL STAND FIRM

In the Effort to Achieve Objects of Threatened Strike.

MEDIATION PROCEEDS

But the Men Are in No Sacrificing Mood—The Statement of Churchill.

Scarborough, Eng., July 18.—It is in an unsettled situation that the miners find themselves at the annual conference of the Miners' Federation. When the conference opened it was realized that half of the executive members had to leave for London to attend a conference there with other unions of the proposed new Labor Alliance, and the attention of other leaders of the miners is being distracted by negotiations with W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, who is acting as mediator in behalf of the Government in an effort to prevent the threatened strike.

Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech Thursday night expressed the conviction that a solution of the difficulty between the miners and the mine owners over wages would be reached, and he said it would be a disaster if any agreement were not arrived at. A similar spirit of hopefulness marked today's conference of the miners here, but the miners' reluctance to make sacrifices in order to bring about a settlement of the dispute was very pronounced.

A Somerset delegate, J. Swift, said: "We may have to go through Gethsemane, but whatever the consequences may be, we are resolutely determined to achieve our objects."

Frank Hodges, Civil Lord of the Admiralty in the late Labor Government, speaking for the miners' international organization, said that while nobody dared promise there would be an international strike, none of the accumulated stocks of coal must be allowed to be moved from one country to another in the event of a stoppage of work at the mines in the United Kingdom.

LAURIER'S LIBRARY BOUGHT FOR CANADA

Sir Lester Harmsworth Presents It to the Dominion Government.

Ottawa, July 18.—Sir Lester Harmsworth has purchased Sir Wilfrid Laurier's library and presented it to the Canadian Government. This valuable collection was secured through the efforts of Dr. Douglas, Dominion archivist, and will be placed in the Northcliffe collection which now occupies a large room in the new archives building.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's library contains one of the finest collections of Canadian historical works that is to be found in the Dominion. The late Premier was a great student of Canadian history, and seized every opportunity to add to his library works dealing with the political development of the Dominion.

Sir Lester Harmsworth, who is a brother of the late Lord Northcliffe, was always greatly interested in Canadian affairs and spent immense sums in acquiring historical documents, both French and English, dealing with Canadian history from the earliest period. It was he who acquired the valuable Montcalm and Wolfe papers, which he presented to the Dominion Government at the request of Dr. Douglas, and are now known as the Northcliffe collection, in memory of his famous brother.

UNION OF METHODISTS.

Wesleyans Resolve to Join With Two Other Bodies.

London, July 18.—The Wesleyan Methodists yesterday passed a resolution in favor of union with the Primitive Methodists and the United Methodists, and now the way is cleared for the union of these three bodies, the Primitives and United Methodists having recently voted for union.

The Wesleyans made their decision in favor of union at a conference at Lincoln. The vote was 297, against 155.

Both of the other Methodist bodies voted overwhelmingly in favor of the union of British Methodism.

Chief Hydrographer. Ottawa, July 18.—Capt. Frederick Anderson has been appointed to the position of chief hydrographer to Canada, department of marine and fisheries, in succession to the late W. J. Stewart.

President Doumergue makes plan for efficient navy for France.