

EXPLOSION NEAR DESERONTO BURNS FOUR BUILDINGS OF NATIONAL EXPLOSIVE PLANT

The Blaze Was Very Fierce--Small Magazine Exploded--At the Time of the Accident the Workers Were at Another Part of the Plant and No One Was Injured--The Town Escaped Damage.

Deseronto, Aug. 25.—At three o'clock on Monday afternoon an explosion occurred in the mixing room of the National Explosive Company's plant one and one half miles west of Deseronto, resulting in the loss by fire of four buildings and other damage. Fortunately at the time of the explosion the men usually engaged in the room were away at some other part of the plant and no one was injured.

The explosion set the mixing room on fire and caused some slight damage to several of the plant's buildings in the vicinity. The blaze was extremely fierce and ignited two store-rooms some distance away, which contained raw material for the manufacture of explosives. A small magazine, which contained a small quantity of manufactured ex-

plosives, took fire and exploded very mildly. The fire alarm siren in Deseronto was immediately sounded and the Deseronto fire brigade turned out and proceeded to the limits of the town, where they stood by. Firemen began to be carried across the town from the fire, there being a westerly wind at the time, but no buildings in the town caught fire. Nothing could be done at the plant itself to extinguish the flames and the four buildings mentioned above (mixing room, two store rooms and the small magazine) were destroyed with their contents. The magazines containing the manufactured explosive are situated at the west side of the company's premises, and were not in any danger, owing to the wind from the west.

Twenty Montreal Dwellings Burned

Sixty-one Families Forced Out—Loss Over Half Million Dollars.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—It was estimated this morning that more than half a million dollars damage was caused by the fire which during the night forced sixty-one families to hastily retreat from their homes and destroyed at least a score of dwellings and apartment houses in the east end of the city. Firemen are searching the burned block ruins for bodies, although it is believed there was no loss of life.

When the fire was at its height a woman hurried from her home with her arms full of household effects including a parrot which was shrieking "Fire, Fire."

TO URGE STRAP FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

Bar Association Will Also Favor Spanking for Men—Produces Humiliation.

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Judge Coatsworth, chairman of the committee on the administration of criminal justice, stated that three of the most important recommendations to be brought before the Canadian Bar Association, which meets here tomorrow, would be that in each province there be established by law a probation bureau charged with the prevention of the growth of crime in children, clothed with full powers and authority to carry on such work in homes, schools and churches, that means of reformation, such as probation, parole, extra mural permit and ticket-of-leave should by law be put in force in each province of the Dominion, and that for motor car thieves and young or first offenders the law be amended to permit of the imposition of a short term of imprisonment and also corporal punishment with a strap. "The cat-o-nine tails and the lash as instruments of cruelty are out of fashion," he said. "Unfortunately, however, the impression has gone abroad that all corporal punishment falls within the scope of the cruel and inhumane. Those who are best qualified to know have concluded that a modified form of corporal punishment with a strap, usually called a spanking, produces in the offender a sense of humiliation and disgrace without any physical injury. A man doesn't feel heroic when he is being spanked."

Capt. F. Hale and Pte. L. C. Norris were burned to death at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., when an aeroplane crashed Sunday.

British parliamentary party en route to Newfoundland inspected Bescot plant at North Sydney as guests of corporation.

CONSIDERING MOTOR BUS COMPETITION.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, arrived in Toronto today. He stated that the railway is giving serious consideration to the problem of motor bus competition.

Europe Headed for War If United States Does Not Help, Says Berger

Marseilles, France, Aug. 25.—The question of disarmament will play a large role in the international Socialist and Labor conference now in session here. Victor Berger says Europe is headed for a new war. "Unless the United States does something to stop it," he told the United Press, "there will be another war. The preparation for war has been one of the main industries for decades."

ALLEGED REDS ARE ESCORTED FROM TOWN

Over 100 Industrial Workers of the World Removed From Fargo.

Fargo, N.D., Aug. 25.—Citizens called into service by the sheriff escorted out of town last night more than 100 alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World. The men were taken out in two groups. Clubs were wielded and there was some stone-throwing.

THE PRICE OF BEER

Will Likely Receive Attention of the Government. Toronto, Aug. 25.—The Toronto Star today quotes Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general, as expressing the opinion that it would have been greatly to the advantage of the province "to say nothing of the hotel-keepers and brewers, if they had been able to sell a five-cent glass of beer and a ten or fifteen cent bottle," when asked for his opinion as to complaints about the price of 4.4 per cent beer.

The newspaper says that it is not unlikely that the question of price will receive the Government's attention now that Premier Ferguson has returned. They Reconsidered. Halifax, Aug. 25.—St. Luke's congregation, of Salt Springs, Pictou County, one of the largest rural congregations in Nova Scotia, which had voted non-concurring, have reconsidered the question and by a vote of one hundred to nothing under the provisions of the provincial Act, decided to enter the United Church of Canada.

German Parties Collide. Gelsenkirchen, Germany, Aug. 25.—Collisions between communists and members of the Werworf Nationalist organization today resulted in the wounding of seven Nationalists. Thirty communists were arrested.

Sir John Lavery, eminent British artist who married the widow of E. L. Trudeau, of New York, has persuaded Lady Oxford—better known as Margot Asquith—to sit for a portrait by him.

Scottish Cairn Memorial to late Andrew Bonar Law, former Prime Minister, will be unveiled on Sept. 17th at Rexton, Kent county, N.B., by his youngest son.

Negotiations looking to Chinese co-operation in defence of foreign concessions at Hankow collapsed when native officials demanded indemnity. H. Craven and E. A. Lalonde, drivers of autos which killed three in collision near Tilbury, will be charged with criminal negligence. Albert Romes, new Consul-General for Belgium, has arrived to reside in Ottawa. Nineteen criminals and suspects have been shot to death by Detroit policemen since January 1st.

Fire in Mountain Sanatorium at Hamilton Imperilled Lives of Scores of Inmates

Hamilton, Aug. 25.—A fire, which for an hour imperilled the lives of scores of patients at the Mountain sanatorium near here, broke out at seven o'clock this morning. The blaze was controlled two hours later after damage amounting to \$10,000 had been done.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. Fifty members of the hospital staff were at breakfast in the original farm house of the MacKlem farm in the Orchard house section of the tubercular colony when a

patient in a nearby building observed flames in an upper story of the building and gave the alarm. The firemen succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to nearby buildings where a large number of most serious cases were located. The patients preserved remarkable coolness in the face of danger, although the spread of the blaze would have spelled death to many of the bed cases. They were not removed from the building, but the patients on the verandah were taken inside.

A SCHOONER BURNS IN THE ST. LAWRENCE

Gasoline, Hay and General Cargo Go Up in Smoke Near Quebec.

Quebec, Aug. 25.—Two thousand gallons of gasoline and a couple hundred tons of hay, as well as a general cargo went up in smoke last night when the Schooner Germain L, bound from north shore ports caught fire in midstream and was burned to the water's edge. The crew of four were taken off by city firemen just before the gasoline exploded.

French Repulse Rebels Marching on Damascus

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 25.—Advices from Syria through French sources state that 15,000 Djebel Druse rebels, marching on Damascus, have been repulsed by the French with heavy losses. The French troops were supported by aviation and cavalry units.

PREMIER TO SPEAK AT RICHMOND HILL

On September 5, and is Expected to Make Election Pronouncement.

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—Premier King is expected to hit the yell when he addresses his constituents of North York at Richmond Hill on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Indications are that the speech will be a political pronouncement of prime importance, that he will then announce the Government's intentions in regard to the dissolution of parliament. The probabilities still favor a general election, in the fall. Premier King will be accompanied to Richmond Hill by Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, and Hon. Charles Murphy.

Another Gasoline Drop.

New York, Aug. 25.—The fourth reduction in gasoline prices this month was announced by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey today, when it lowered quotations 1/4 cent a gallon throughout the entire territory.

Deputy Governor-General. Ottawa, Aug. 25.—In the absence of Right Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Anglin, who is in Winnipeg, Hon. Mr. Justice Mignault of the Supreme Court has been appointed deputy governor-general.

Premier of South Africa indicates government will extend franchise to colored men, as distinguished from natives.

Two Japanese aeroplanes bound from London for Tokio were grounded at Moscow by ten Soviet aviators. In a message to American business men, President Hindenburg, of Germany, promises to work for peace.

C.N.R. Revenue Shows Increase

Of \$2,452,006 Over Same Seven-Month Period of Last Year.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Official figures issued here today on the arrival of Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C.N.R., show that the Canadian National Lines have made a notable advance in net revenue in the seven months ending July 31st, even in the face of decreased receipts. The gross receipts were 6.63 per cent below those of the corresponding period of last year, but the operating expenses were reduced 6.65 per cent, leaving a net operating revenue of \$5,667,287 for seven months. This is an increase of \$2,452,006 over the net operating revenue for the corresponding period of last year.

TO ADD DEFENDANTS

To Action Regarding St. John's Church, Pittsburgh.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—The session of St. John's Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, will move before Mr. Justice Logie on Thursday to add John D. Jackson, A. C. MacLean and J. D. MacLean as defendants in the action which is to determine whether the Continuing Presbyterian Church is to take control of the church property, whether it is to remain an independent congregation or whether it is to enter the United Church of Canada.

Two Model Schools Remain in Ontario; One Is in Kingston

Of the seven model schools in Ontario in 1920 only two remain, those at Kingston and at Port Arthur. Only one student, a Quebec girl, presented herself at the Renfrew Model School this fall, and so it did not open. The lack of interest is undoubtedly due to the supply of teachers exceeding the demand. There are many Normal-trained teachers available, who must, under the school law, receive the preference, and few of last year's model graduates secured jobs.

BULL BRINGS \$60,000 AT BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Aug. 25.—What cattle men claim is a world record price for a bull was paid yesterday at the annual cattle show. The prize-winning short-horned bull named "Faithful" brought \$60,000.

THE LATEST CROP REPORT OF THE WEST

The Average Crop Will Be of Good Quality.

FAIR TO GOOD YIELD

Rust in Marquis Wheat Makes Farmers Consider Giving Up Growing This Strain.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—Varied crop conditions are shown in the weekly crop report issued to-day by the Canadian National Railways, covering points on their lines in Western Canada. Manitoba points, in a number of cases, report yield and grades reduced to some extent by red rust, but the average crop will be of good quality and fair to good yield. Frost in the night of August 19th caused slight damage in some part of Saskatchewan and the appearance of rust in Marquis wheat at some points had made farmers consider giving up the growing of this strain. Cutting is fairly general except where delayed by heavy rains of the past week. Very little saw fly or other insect damage is reported.

Through Northern Saskatchewan wet weather has held up harvesting, but is improving the condition of the later crop. Alberta reports cutting under way again towards end of the week after previous heavy rains, which have assisted later crops considerably. Crops are reported generally looking well in C. N. R. territory and the yield will be better than average.

Threshing Starts

Manitoba reports some damage last week east of Winnipeg. Threshing has started at many points, and while rust and hail have taken toll of the crop at some points, the average crop will be of good quality and fair yield. With good weather, threshing will become general by the end of the present week. Saskatchewan main line points report crops better than the average with slight rust damage in some spots. Estimates run 25 to 35 bushels per acre at many points. Wheat cutting is well under way and threshing started in the northern part of the province has had unfavorable weather for harvesting but cutting should be general by this date.

Oat crops will be light everywhere. Alberta expects heavy rains of last week to benefit the late crops. Cutting is under way again and crops do not appear to have suffered. The yield will be about the average or slightly better. Some districts will start threshing this week. No frost is reported to date.

Long Branch Man Dies As Result of Collision

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Jack Pickuk, of Long Branch, a suburb of this city, who sustained a fractured pelvis and internal injuries in an automobile accident on the Hamilton highway last night, died early today in St. Joseph's Hospital. Pickuk was riding in a light motor truck which was struck by a radial car.

A pot of grease ignited one of the concessions at Fort Dalhousie Park and threatened other buildings.

WELSH COAL STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED.

London, Aug. 25.—The strike of 20,000 anthracite miners, which has been in effect for the last two months in Wales, has been settled and work is being resumed today. The dispute arose over the alleged victimization of one man at an Ammanford colliery.

EXTREMISTS GAINING.

Intellectuals Losing Hold in British Labor Party.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Leadership of the Labor party in England is passing from such intellectuals as Ramsay MacDonald, Philip Snowden and Sydney Webb, into the hands of men with extremist tendencies, such as A. J. Cook of the Miners' Federation, A. A. Purcell, the Laborite M.P., and Chairman Smiles, of the Trades Union Congress, according to J. H. Macdonald, of the Canadian Communist party, who returned to Toronto to-day after visiting as a delegate the British Empire Labor Conference and lecturing in England and Scotland.

CASINO MAKES RECORD.

One Night's Play at Deauville Nets "House" \$70,000.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The Deauville casino received 1,496,000 francs, or about \$70,000, as the "house percentage" during Saturday night's play on its gaming tables. This, the Paris Midi says, is a record for a single night, not merely at Deauville, but for all casinos in France and at Monte Carlo.

FORBIDS THE USE OF "TRUTH SERUM"

Attorney-General Places Ban on Windsor Scheme "Of Chimerical Value."

Toronto, Aug. 25.—"I have wired to Windsor that if any such thing is contemplated, it is not to be carried out," declared Attorney-General Nickle, in regard to the report that "truth serum" was to be administered to Arthur Janisse, of Lasalle, held in connection with the murder of Clayton McMullen.

"My idea is that British jurisprudence demands that a man be tried pursuant to century-old principles that have stood the test, rather than by the introduction of new schemes of chimerical value," Hon. Mr. Nickle declared.

ONTARIO HARVESTING PROGRESSING FAST

Threshing Is Satisfactory With Weather Ideal—Milk Flow Fairly Good.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Harvesting is progressing fast in Ontario, the weekly report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture to-day says. A full week of ideal weather practically all over the province has permitted farmers to work at high pressure in harvesting and threshing. In the southwestern and central areas the greater part of mid-summer harvest has been completed. Much of the grain crop is still in the fields in the chief alfalfa districts. The bulkier crops of the east require more labor and time, and haying has not been completed in this section. Grain harvesting is just commencing in northern Ontario.

Reports on threshing returns continue to be very satisfactory. Some Carleton county men, who have farmed in this section for over 40 years, consider this the best crop yet.

Although pastures suffered in western Ontario earlier in the year and while they are going back somewhat now in eastern counties, grass is plentiful for this season of the year and the milk flow is keeping up fairly well.

GLOBE MAKES RETORT.

Will Not Remain Silent When Principles Involved.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—In view of the recent resignation of John Lewis, acting editor, and other members of the staff of the Toronto Globe, and the published reasons for this action by Mr. Lewis, the following editorial note in the Globe yesterday is interesting: "When the principles of political Liberalism have been involved in a campaign or in parliamentary action, it has not been the custom of the Globe to remain silent; nor will it hereafter."

Honesty Better Than \$15,000.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Diamonds valued at \$15,000 were in a small case which a local diamond merchant left in a street car here yesterday. The diamonds were picked up by the car conductor, Albert Wadley, and when the merchant, discovering his loss, made enquiries, he was given the diamonds within an hour or so of losing them.

SIR SAM WAS A STUDENT OF WAR SCIENCE

His Brother Defends the Dead Minister of Militia.

OBJECTS TO SLANDER

Dr. James L. Hughes Contends Sir Sam Regarded as Outstanding Military Man.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—"I took him away from home when he was fourteen years old and educated him, and I am not going to allow anyone to slander my brother, who was the admiration of the whole British Empire," said Dr. James L. Hughes concerning the attacks made on the late Sir Sam Hughes by Sir Andrew MacPhail in his recent war history. "Sir Sam was asked by the British War Cabinet to be one of three men to direct the British and Canadian armies. Lord Haig was one of the others, and the name of the third man I forget. These men were to be a council of strategy to direct the movements of the armies but Sir Sam preferred to remain in Canada and guide the Canadian army."

Dr. Hughes thinks this proposal to form a board of strategy was in 1916 or 1917, after Lloyd George became Prime Minister. "I mention this to show how my brother was, and still is recognized in England as an outstanding military man," said Dr. Hughes. "In the early days of the war Sam called Kitchener twice to adopt trench warfare, for he believed it was absolutely necessary. Kitchener paid no attention to these cables. Sam told Borden what he had done and the Premier suggested a third cable should be sent. Sam said that he wasn't going to do it, but suggested that the Premier should cable the British Secretary of State for war, over his own signature. My brother was the only man in Canada who had really been a student of war as a science."

News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Australia takes steps to deport the leaders of the striking seamen. The first frost in the west reduces the expected wheat yield in Alberta. Six countries advocate complete prohibition of the manufacture of heroin. Three boys were killed by lightning while picking berries in Kent County, N.B., on Monday. Trials now proceeding indicate that new British seaplane can travel 300 miles per hour. One hundred and seventeen corn borers have been discovered in one cob from a farm in Kent county. A United States Congressional committee is gathering evidence at Stratford of the effect of 4.4 beer. Nearly 600 people, 200 in the garb of the order, were present at a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, held in Woodstock. Joseph Donnelly, Guelph, was attacked by Indians in a peach orchard and so badly beaten that his skull was fractured. In a written judgment Magistrate Fraser at the Falls has prohibited tourists camps in certain areas. The date for the unveiling of Woodstock's war memorial has been set for next Sunday. The Lieutenant-Governor will officiate. Pinned down by an overturned tractor George Hellory, farmer of Dereham, was so badly injured that amputation of his leg was necessitated.

A BOY IS CHARGED WITH SHOOTING BULL

Animal Died From Bullet Wounds and Loughboro Lad Is Arrested.

This is no hot weather story. On Monday, a youth was arrested for "shooting the bull." Said bull, two years old, was on the property of its owner, Walter Harker, who lives in Loughboro township, and it is alleged that Howard Vankoughnet, aged sixteen years, shot the bull with a Winchester rifle on Friday last. Provincial Constable MacLachlan arrested the youth on a warrant, and he will be brought before the county magistrate, on a charge of shooting the animal. It is alleged that the bull died as a result of a couple or more bolts fired from the rifle. One of the bolts was attracted from the body, and is now in possession of Constable MacLachlan and will be produced at the hearing of the case.



THE COUNTRY: "IT HAS HAD ITS DAY, GENTLEMEN. WE GOT TO GET SOMETHING CONCRETE."