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Bush Fires Devastate Country for Hundred Miles—Many Lives Lost and Six Towns Wiped Out.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Eaglehart, Ont., July 31.—Bush fires have wiped out the New Ontario towns of Nushka, where fifty-seven are dead; Cochrane, where eighteen are dead and thirty-four injured; Matheson, where thirty-four are dead; Ironquois Falls, where fifteen are dead and many injured, and Ramore, where fifteen are dead. Porcupine Junction has been completely wiped out with the exception of the railroad station.

For a hundred miles, the country has been devastated and hundreds of settlers had to seek refuge from the flames in the lakes and rivers. A relief train has been despatched for Cochrane with doctors, nurses, provisions and a hundred and thirty caskets.

LOS ANGELES TOURIST DROWNED AT KETCHIKAN

A Los Angeles tourist named Macdonald, who was making the Alaskan trip on the Princess Sophia, lost his life under sad circumstances while the Sophia was at Ketchikan on the way south. With some other passengers he was seeing the sights and, crossing a stream on a plank, fell into the water and was carried over the rocks and drowned. It is believed that in falling he struck his head on a rock as, when the body was recovered, his face was covered with blood. The body will be taken south on one of the American boats.

COAL OPERATORS HOLD CONFERENCE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Calgary, July 31.—The representatives of the coal operators association is holding a conference with the operators. They refuse to discuss the miners' demand of a ten per cent. war bonus so long as the men at the collieries in Lethbridge and elsewhere remain on strike.

SAFETY FIRST—USE NEW WELLINGTON COAL, PHONE 116.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

FAMOUS PLAYERS PROGRAMME

Jesse L. Lasky presents Fannie Ward in the sensational photoplay

"THE CHEAT"

Five acts—by Hector Turnbull.

ECLAIR GAZETTE

Screening the latest in news and fashions.

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMME

Next Wednesday and Thursday—

"GREAT MUTUAL MASTERPIECE"

Next Friday and Saturday—Great Famous Players Programme, Denman Thompson's **"THE OLD HOME-STEAD"**—Five Acts.

EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION PLAYS HAVOC

Property Worth Twenty-five Millions Wrecked—French Appeal to neutral Countries—Sir Sam Arrives.

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, July 31.—A property loss which is estimated at twenty-five million dollars has been caused by the explosion of ammunition stored at Black Tom Island, waiting to be shipped to the Entente Allies. The loss of life is at present unknown.

French Appeal.

Paris, July 31.—Premier Aristide Briand has asked the French Ambassador to Washington and French representatives in all foreign countries to investigate German treatment of the civilian population of Lille, Roubaix and Turcoin.

Sir Sam Arrives.

London, July 31.—Sir Sam Hughes has arrived here to complete the reorganization of the Canadian forces in England and at the front.

J. DAY BELL KILLED ON WESTERN FRONT

Word reached town last night that J. Day Bell, who went from here with one of the later battalions, has been killed during tunneling operations on the western front. Mr. Bell was an enthusiastic cricketer and footballer, and was one of the promoters of football in Prince Rupert, while he was also a member of the Prince Rupert Cricket Club from its inception.

WAR ANNIVERSARY

The procession committee for the demonstration commemorating the Second Anniversary of the war, held a well-attended meeting at the mayor's office today, when plans were fully gone into. These assure a very large turnout. All organized bodies, trades unions, lodges, clubs, and associations, civic and government employees, will be represented, and the citizens in general are expected to be on hand at the City Hall promptly at 7:30 in the evening, and join in the march to the Westholme Theatre, where the meeting will be held.

It is urged that the different organizations will attend as distinct units in the procession, if at all possible.

All the citizens are particularly requested to be on hand at the time stated, so that there will be no delay in starting the procession.

Admission to the theatre will be free, but a voluntary collection will be taken up to defray the cost of the theatre, and all money received over will be handed to the Red Cross Society. Doors at the theatre will not be opened until after the procession, which will march directly into the building.



NEW YORK SOCIETY LADIES HELP SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.—Picture taken at the 71st Army, New York, when an organization similar to the Canadian Patriotic Association was formed. Left to right: Mrs. E. Olmstead, Mrs. J. F. O'Ryan, Mrs. C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. O. Bridgeman, Mrs. F. E. Humphries and Mrs. F. M. Waterbury.

SAM'S WAR BABIES START HOLLERING

Ottawa, July 29.—The appointment of F. B. McCurdy, M. P., as Under-Secretary of Militia, is taken here to mean that Sir Sam is to be "eased out." The time has come for disappearing. All Sam's war babies have been left on his doorstep at once. It is expected that Sam's visit to England will give the public time to forget and that Under Secretary McCurdy, who is as mild a mannered man as Sam is brusque, and as silent as Sam is loquacious, will not aggravate remembrance.

Mr. McCurdy has evidently been chosen because he openeth not his mouth. Sam opened his mouth too much and every time he opened his mouth he put his foot in it. And Sam has no small foot at that.

Under Secretary McCurdy has a gentle and equable disposition. Sam is a high explosive, and even more dangerous to his friends than to his enemies.

The three war babies that are causing Sam the most trouble are the Bertram Shell Committee, Camp Borden and the Ross rifle. Camp Borden is the first of the war babies to make a holler.

As centralization capps go, Camp Borden is equal in size to the rest of Sam's pet schemes. It is high ground, sandy, dusty and a lot of other things which the soldiers have found out. The chief objection to it is the dust—but the dust is part of Sam's vain glory. The soldiers had to eat the dust because Sam wanted to boast over in England that he took a wilderness and made it into a camp in two months. If Sam had left the soldiers where they were another month, the concrete road for heavy traffic, which will relieve the camp area of dust, would have been finished, the ashes and dust where the brush was burned on the manoeuvring ground would have settled down, the headquarters staff would have completed their organization, the camp ovens would have been provided with bakers, the commissariat would have had things in shape and Camp Borden would have been livable.

But that did not suit Sam's

book. He was due in England and he wanted to tell them all about it at the Savoy and the Ritz, swell his reputation as a hustler, which he couldn't do if there were no soldiers in Camp Borden. So all raw as it was, Camp Borden was filled with soldiers to sweat in the sun and eat dirt to make Sam's holiday. The soldiers signified their disapproval, some by rioting and others by taking French leave. At this writing there are more than one thousand illegally absent and workers on the moving picture theatres say that not a day passes that they don't get offers of thirty dollars and more for their working clothes from soldiers who want to get rid of the khaki and Camp Borden at the same time.

Not only was there rioting, but the Minister of Militia himself suffered the indignity of being booed by certain of the mutinous battalions and when he was leaving at the station he was surrounded by a crowd of kickers who frightened him with their baleful eyes. Brave though he is, Sir Sam retired to a prepared position on the observation platform of his private car from which he addressed a jolly speech to his "boys." This speech was received with mingled sentiments—cheers, (ironical) and hisses unmistakable. After Sam got away the kickers took it out on the ice cream, and other dainties awaiting cartage on the station platform. That little speech of Sam's gauged by its weight in ice cream, cost \$1,800, that being the damage assessed on the battalions which took part in the demonstration. All the incidents related here were witnessed by this writer.

A fortnight from now Camp Borden will be the same camp, but it will be with a new lot of soldiers. Sam's hurry to give himself and his friends a rare show has given the camp a black eye in the meantime and has done a lot to stop recruiting. The government is solving the problem Sam's impetuosity got them into by sending the present occupants of Camp Borden overseas in large drafts, ten units at a time. Under Secretary McCurdy's policy is in

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RUSSIANS HAVE RENEWED DRIVE SOUTH OF KOVEL

Seventy Thousand Prisoners are Taken in Eight Days—Terrible Plight of Armenian Refugees.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, July 31.—General Letchick has renewed operations south of the Dniester which were brought to a halt a fortnight ago by freshets. New blows are being struck south of Kovel in the drive on Lemberg, which, coupled with the taking of Brody, opens the way for the main attack upon Lemberg.

Between Kovel and Lemberg, the Austro-Germans are fleeing in disorder. Seventy thousand prisoners have been taken in the last eight days.

Armenian Massacres.

Athens, July 31.—The Turkish government is holding up supplies of food intended for the Armenians. The condition of the Armenian refugees is pitiable and the number of civilians massacred up to date is eight hundred thousand.

SPECIAL SERVICES BY SALVATION ARMY

There will be special services in the Salvation Army Hall on Tuesday evening, August 1st, at 8 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Colonel Turner, Chief Secretary for Salvation Army affairs for western Canada, accompanied by Adjutant Larson, who is a Scandinavian. A hearty invitation is extended to all Scandinavians in the city to be present at the services. Colonel Turner and Adj. Larson will arrive on the train tomorrow night.

The last scene of "Scandal," at the Westholme tonight, is the most remarkable ever seen in Rupert.

Mrs. George McColl and Master Jack McColl left for Hazelton this morning.

T. D. PATTULLO RETURNS FROM PRINCE GEORGE

T. D. Pattullo, Liberal candidate for Prince Rupert district, returned from Prince George last evening from which point H. C. Brewster and M. A. Macdonald continued their tour south to Ashcroft by automobile. Mr. Pattullo states that throughout the interior there is the same dissatisfaction with Bowser and Bowserism that there is here. The people are anxiously looking for a change and, everywhere, the Liberal leaders were given an enthusiastic reception. Both Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald made hosts of friends and there is no doubt that Mr. Brewster is looked upon as the leader who is to lift this province to a higher political level and to a new start on the road to prosperity.

ED. HAWKINS WILL GO TO SURF INLET

Ed. Hawkins, who has been on the C. P. R. office staff for some time, has accepted a position with the Surf Inlet Power Company and will go south on the next trip of the Full Moon. H. Davies, who has been with the C. P. R. in Victoria for four and a half years, has arrived from the south to fill the vacancy.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

Now that the halibut fishermen's strike is over, the big Seattle schooners are beginning to show up here with fares and there is likely to be a big increase in the Halibut receipts in the near future. The Sitka and the Thelma both large vessels which have not been here since the strike opened, brought in catches yesterday. There was also a number of smaller schooners in and all were satisfied with the price, which touched eight cents.

FOR SALE

Carload mining machinery, including 17 machine drills, column bars, drill steel, steam-fittings, etc. Apply Daily News. tf.

A. R. Mallory is in town from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

The Smalleys in **"SCANDAL"**

A great moral play and a drama you will never forget, in five acts. The last act is one of the most sensational ever seen in Rupert.

Keystone Comedy

"When Rubein Fooled the Bandits"

Thamhauser Comedy

"THE AMATEUR DETECTIVES"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Graft" on Wednesday.

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LONDON CAFE

THE PLACE TO EAT

STRICTLY UNION HOUSE

THIRD AVENUE

BOXES FOR LADIES