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Two Sides of Booth School Question

LONDON HOPES IRISH FACTIONS MAY BE BROUGHT TOGETHER

Present Situation in Ireland Causes All Grave Concern

LONDON, June 1.—Hope of a meeting between representatives of the Ulster government and the government of Southern Ireland was expressed here today after the conference between Sir James Craig and Lord Londonderry, of the Ulster cabinet, and Premier Lloyd George. While Premier Craig expressed himself as not prepared to meet the Southern Irish delegates in London now, the hope is expressed in official circles that he will yet reach a better decision.

Today's cabinet meeting called to consider the Irish situation was attended by the Earl of Cavan, chief of staff of the British army, and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, secretary for war. One of the chief points of discussion, it is understood, was the military situation on the Ulster border. Premier Lloyd George regards the situation so seriously that he has postponed his holiday trip to Greece indefinitely.

Churchill's Statement
The statement of Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Colonial secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday on the Irish situation and the serious emphasis he laid upon the extreme gravity of affairs together with the suggestion of a possibility of Britain's reoccupying Irish territory made a deep impression. It was featured in London morning papers as opening an ugly affair that would lead to incalculable trouble.

Wiltshire in Bad Position Off New Zealand and Rescue Prospects Small.
AUCKLAND, June 1.—The twelve thousand ton British steamship Wiltshire with a crew of nearly 100 on board, has gone ashore on the New Zealand coast and is in a perilous condition with small prospects of rescue because of the tempestuous sea running. The vessel struck near Barrier reef last night, filled with water and broke in two this morning. Relief parties on a nearby cliff could see the crew but were unable to get out to the vessel on account of the terrific breakers. Attempts made by some of those aboard to swim ashore failed.

MRS. OGILVIE DIED THIS MORNING IN GENERAL HOSPITAL

The death occurred in the General Hospital this morning at 8 o'clock of Mrs. Jessie Ogilvie, aged 37, wife of Robert Ogilvie, local manager of the Canadian Railway News. Deceased was a native of Scotland but before coming to Prince Rupert was in Regina. A brother resides in Vancouver. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

SWEDEN REFUSES TO RATIFY TREATY WITH RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

STOCKHOLM, June 1.—The Swedish Parliament has refused to ratify the treaty with Soviet Russia which the Swedish minister recently signed.

MARY PICKFORD'S DIVORCE STANDS

Decree Is Upheld in Nevada State Supreme Court.

CARSON CITY, June 1.—Mary Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore has been upheld in the State Supreme Court.

The fifteen-knot private yacht Suela, owned by Captain Griffiths, of Seattle, which called here at the week-end bound for Anyox, will be returning south before July 1 to enable the captain to take part in yacht races at the home port. Captain Griffiths is commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club.

MORATORIUM IS GIVEN GERMANY
PARIS, June 1.—The reparations commission has approved the German reply to the Allied ultimatum and has granted Germany a complete moratorium for this year.

FEW STRAWBERRIES TERRACE THIS YEAR

Fruit is a Failure Owing to Hard Frost Preceding Snow in Winter

There will be very few strawberries for Prince Rupert people this year according to Terrace farmers who are in the city today. This is the first failure in fourteen years and was caused by the severe frosts preceding the snow in the winter. As a result the strawberry plants were destroyed, there being not more than ten per cent left.

POLITICAL TRICKERY OF OPPOSITION SAY PROGRESSIVE MEMBERS

OTTAWA, June 1.—Progressive and Conservative members carried the debate on the budget following party lines yesterday. Most of the Progressives expressed dissatisfaction with the budget but called the opposition amendment "political trickery."

COASTING ON WAGON RUN OVER BY AUTO

NANAIMO, June 1.—Thomas Christian, aged 14, only son of a widow, met his death from an automobile here. He was coasting on a small wagon in Wallace Street when he was run over.

MONTAGUE ALLEN CASE REMANDED

Adjournment Is Made Until June 15 on Suggestion of Defence Counsel.

MONTREAL, June 1.—The preliminary hearing of the charge against Sir Montague Allen, president of the defunct Merchants Bank, of having signed negligently a false and deceptive return concerning the bank's condition in October of last year, was opened this morning. Adjournment was made until June 15 on suggestion of the defence.

CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF HALIBUT IN MAY MADE HIGH RECORD

During the month of May just passed a record quantity of halibut was shipped over the Canadian National Railway through this port consigned for the Eastern market. The previous record was 95 carloads, last month's was 109, an increase of 14 carloads.

Tonight's train is reported on time.

LLOYD GEORGE AND GERMANY

Praises Attitude of That Country Toward Reparations Commission

FRANCE AND BRITAIN

Isolated Action by Any One of Allies Would Be Disastrous to Entente

LONDON, June 1.—Premier Lloyd George defended the reparations commission and the Versailles treaty in the House of Commons yesterday. He praised the German attitude toward the reparations commission and said that so long as Germany was not defiant she could count on Great Britain for sympathy and understanding in her difficulties.

The premier said there was no cause for disagreement between France and Britain and should Germany refuse to fulfil the conditions imposed by the commission Britain's place would be beside the Versailles signatories.

Lloyd George went on to say that Britain still believed in a policy of moderation and fulfillment. Isolated action by any one of the allies would be disastrous to the entente.

Architect Potter Makes Reply to Cox and Says Building is Quite Safe

"Let me assure you that the building is perfectly safe and that the derogatory comment and machination made is the work of people having their own interests to serve but, as I have informed you before, the building requires to be waterproofed and the damaged parapet walls rebuilt," is the signed statement made by Architect J. W. Potter in his report to the School Board following the sending out of questionnaires to him and Col. S. P. McMorde, contractor.

"The sum and substance of the whole trouble is that the building never had a chance to dry out. Naturally, this, followed by incessant rain and then a short period of frost, damaged the parapets and the veneer of the face bricks. The damage that has occurred is directly caused by the brick absorbing moisture and remaining soaking wet for a long period of time. In fact, the only opportunity the brick wall will have to dry out will be during the summer months. The action of frost and wet has caused much damage to the brickwork. A small piece of furring tile that was removed from the head of a window was loosened by frost and another was loosened by careless workmen erecting the manual school equipment."

"After a careful perusal of all the report of Mr. Cox I am surprised at the stressing on small trifling defects while the real trouble and remedy has been largely overlooked."

Does Not Agree.
"I do not agree with many items in the report as to construction, stability and quality of materials. The building was erected on a cost plus percentage basis and your contractor had no reason to purchase other than the very best materials. The materials purchased were the best of their kind and the workmanship was of the best local and available workmen were capable of doing."

Dealing with the building under different heads, Mr. Potter reports as follows:
Brick—The brick used were of the best red pressed brick it was possible to obtain.
Artificial Stone—It is stated

that the artificial stone is of porous nature but this stone is composed of cement and sand faced with a waterproofing compound. There can be no doubt about the density and non-porosity of the work.

Sand—The statement is made that the sand used is of an inferior quality. The same sand was used throughout the entire work and wherever used was properly mixed with the proper materials and there is no question of its quality. I have used this sand on other tile and stucco work with the best results and would ask the board to test it and get the opinion of a competent person as to its quality.

Rubble Walls.
Rubble Masonry Walls—The construction of the rubble masonry walls and the use to which (Continued on Page Three)

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LUMBER SHIPMENT GOING TO WINNIPEG FROM GEORGETOWN

GEORGETOWN, June 1.—Tug McCulloch will leave here tonight for Prince Rupert with four car loads of lumber for shipment over the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to Winnipeg. This is the first shipment east since January 2.

ANTI-DUMPING OBJECTED TO

Growers Fear People May Get Cheap Fruit From United States

OTTAWA, June 1.—Thomas Bulman, representing the fruit growers of the Okanagan, interviewed Hon. W. S. Filding, minister of finance, yesterday, and protested against the removal of the anti-dumping clause from the regulations stating that such action was certain to flood British Columbia with cheap United States fruit.

Anderson Got THREE YEARS

Attempted Robber of Vancouver Hotel Was Sentenced Yesterday Afternoon.

VANCOUVER, June 1.—J. W. Anderson, who held up and attempted to rob a Vancouver Hotel cashier recently, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary yesterday. Anderson is in ill-health and has lost sixty pounds in weight during the past month which he has spent in jail.

Columns and Beams.
First, in order to take care of the loads on the roof, floors and walls, he would recommend the putting in of steel columns and beams throughout the building. There was a lack of anchorage now which would be remedied for all time by this means. Without these columns and beams inside, the building might come down.

New walls at the outside ends of the rooms with fire escapes constituted another recommendation. By doing this, the stairways would act as fire-escapes and would also be protective to the old walls. A similar process should be adopted for the end of the assembly hall. The entire cost of this work would not be due to defective structure for the building had not been provided with fire escapes which would have been demanded, anyway, by the authorities.

All staircases in the building, which were now built of wood, should be remodelled and built of reinforced concrete throughout.

Canopy and Roof.
Regarding the exterior of the building, the canopy at the front required remodelling and he would recommend that it be removed entirely and a projecting covered porch with concrete sides be substituted. This would protect the entrance from the weather and would entirely eliminate defects and weaknesses of the walls above. The reinforced walls would also act as supports for the steel beams.

Removal of the entire spar roof over the assembly hall and the putting in of a flat roof instead was also recommended by Mr. Cox. The present roof there (Continued on Page 4)

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\$45,000 Will Cover Cost of Repairs to School, Cox Reports

With the putting in of steel pillars and beams throughout the building, installing fire escapes which will also serve as braces, building a solid concrete wall case around the present hollow tile, repairing the concrete foundation and executing other details, the cost of restoring the Booth Memorial School to a condition of stability, fitness and durability, by the most economical and safe plan possible, will be approximately \$45,000. This is the finding of A. A. Cox, the consulting architect of Vancouver, who submitted his report to this effect at a special meeting of the School Board yesterday afternoon following his return from Vancouver where his plans, specifications and estimates were perfected as far as possible after his examination of the building some three or four weeks ago. The meeting heard the report of Mr. Cox and after some discussion, decided to adjourn further consideration until tonight when another meeting will be held to which all interested architects and contractors are invited.

In commencing his report, which was given verbally, Mr. Cox stated that he had based his plans, specifications and cost estimate, which he was about to present, on the desirability of the building being put in shape permanently and satisfactorily with the greatest dispatch and at the lowest cost possible. A desirable plan would possibly be to take down all the exterior walls and rebuild them with better materials and better workmanship but this plan he would prefer to avoid as it would involve great cost and also risk to the interior of the building during the period of reconstruction. The plan he had to suggest was a simpler one and one more safe under such conditions as existed here.

Disappointed in Love Men Do Shooting
LONDON, Ont., June 1.—Heedless of his sweetheart's plea for herself, Gordon Dibsted shot and killed Christina Near, aged 25, whom he had asked to be his bride three days ago. He then turned the gun on himself inflicting a slight wound.

Toronto Case.
TORONTO, June 1.—Resenting the refusal of Annie Weingartner, aged 34, to become his bride, Sam Burger, aged 29, stepped up behind Miss Weingartner in the shoe store where she was working and shot her in the back of the head. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. The girl may recover.

Buckley Mill To Start Soon
So Says Manager of Concern Who Recently Arranged Finances.
F. L. Buckley of the Massett Timber Co., who returned recently from England to Vancouver after interesting English capital in the Buckley Mill and timber limits at Buckley Bay, Massett Inlet, has been telling people in Vancouver that he is intending to start up his mill very soon. The company has paid up its indebtedness and cleared its way for further operations and Mr. Buckley has gone south to confer in regard to the matter of starting work. His office in Vancouver reports that he will be away for a couple of weeks.

Calling for Tenders on Wooden Hulls at Victoria Unfinished
VICTORIA, June 1.—The department of marine is calling for tenders for the sale of two unfinished wooden hulls on the ways at the Choberg shipyards at Victoria.

Three schooners were commenced by the Victoria Shipowners, a company formed for the purpose and financed very largely by the government. One schooner, the Simon F. Tolmie, has been finished and is now at Vancouver after making her maiden voyage. There was not money enough to complete the other two and they now decorate the waterfront of Victoria harbor in a partially finished condition. The ribs are all in but the planking of the hulls is incomplete.