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Balfour Bomb Still Agitates Europe FRED STORK TELLS OF VISIT TO THE INTERIOR WITH MINISTER

Payment of Debts Agitates European Countries and is Subject of much Controversy

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Lloyd George told the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to accept the recommendation of the air ministry and provide one hundred airships for home defense at a cost of two million pounds. It would not prejudice further extension of the air force if the latter was found necessary for national security. Many new machines had been ordered forthwith of the all-metal type.

Recently the Parliamentary Air Committee sent a letter to the Prime Minister in which, after referring to what was accomplished by air fighters in the European war, it proceeded to draw an appalling picture of the next air war. The letter said in part:

"The bombs dropped on London during the last war averaged less than 100 pounds in weight. Bombs or torpedoes are now carried of 4,000 pounds weight, containing a mass of high explosives. The effect of a dozen bombs of this character dropped on London can readily be conceived. There is not merely a possibility but a great probability that in the event of war, this country would be raided and London and other towns destroyed by squadrons or even fleets of airplanes, travelling at 150 miles an hour at a height of 20,000 feet, silent as to their engines and certainly by night invisible."

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ATTEMPTS TODAY TO SWIM CHANNEL FROM FRANCE TO ENGLAND

CAPE GRIS, Aug. 4.—Pouilly, the French swimmer, began his attempt to swim the English channel this morning. As he entered the water at 8 o'clock a light wind was blowing, the water was comparatively calm and the sky overcast.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE IS GETTING WEAKER

Late Advice Say Famous London Journalist in State of Great Exhaustion

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Lord Northcliffe, the newspaper magnate who is seriously ill, has been getting weaker the last few days and heart trouble is increasing.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—(Noon.) Great anxiety is felt today over the condition of Viscount Northcliffe. There is some increase in the heart weakness previously noted and he is in a general state of exhaustion.

BRITAIN WILL SEND WOMAN TO ASSEMBLY LEAGUE OF NATIONS

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons that it had been decided to send a woman in an advisory capacity to the assembly of the League of Nations to represent Great Britain.

ELKS TEAM FROM ANYOX IS COMING

Word was received by the Elks' Flag Day committee this morning that the Anyox Elks' ball team and a party of supporters will be down here to play with the local Elks' team next Wednesday. They have chartered a boat and will arrive on Tuesday evening and play on Wednesday.

HILTON BELYEA IS IN THE FINAL FOR THE SENIOR SINGLES

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4.—Hilton Belyea, of St. John, New Brunswick amateur rowing club, won the first heat for the senior singles at the regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. He qualified for the final later in the day.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Alice, Captain Ormiston, northbound for Skagway and other Alaskan ports from Vancouver, was in port today from 12 noon until 2 this afternoon. The vessel had 221 passengers, most of whom were tourists. American tourists, who came earlier in the year are now giving place to Canadians.

BIG FLAG POLE BEING FELLED

Interesting Job Going on This Afternoon at Old Government Buildings

Anybody who happens to be in the vicinity of the old provincial government buildings this afternoon about 3 o'clock may witness an interesting piece of work done when the 109 foot flag-pole, which has stood on the grounds for some ten years or so, is taken down preparatory to being moved to its new location in front of the new buildings at Market Square.

The pole, which measures 19 inches in diameter at the foot and six inches at the top, will be cut off at the concrete base and will be eased down over Second Ave. with a gin pole. It will then be hauled by a team of horses to Market Square.

R. Bryson and a gang of men started the job this morning and hope to have the pole at its new location by this afternoon about 4 o'clock. It will be remounted in a new concrete base.

GOVERNOR GENERAL LEAVES DAWSON FOR MAYO AND KENO HILL

DAWSON, Aug. 4.—Baron Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada, has left for Mayo and the Keno Hill mining camps. He and his party will return to the coast next Wednesday. He was presented here with an address inscribed on a snow white caribou skin of full size. Several gold nuggets were also given.

COMMUNISTS FIGHT WITH THE FASCISTI

ROME, Aug. 4.—Two persons were killed and several hundred wounded in the fighting between Fascisti and Communists at Bari in connection with a general strike.

Mrs. I. O. Stringer, wife of Bishop Stringer, of the Yukon, and her two sons were among the passengers going north from Vancouver on the Princess Alice today. They are enroute to Dawson, Bishop Stringer having gone in some weeks ago.

Two Million Pounds for Air Defenses is Appropriated by British Parliament as Starter

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The attitude of the United States treasury towards the allied debt question that the Balfour note would not affect the allied policy toward the payment of war debts has attracted wide attention. This, together with the emphatic statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer that Britain had no intention of suggesting any alteration in the financial obligations to the United States, gave a somewhat new direction to newspaper comment on the question of inter-allied debts.

Today there was a less anxious note in the newspaper editorials. The hope was expressed that next week's conference arrangement would be made to avert the ugly menace hanging over the continent of Europe through the reparations question. There is supposed to be a division in the British Cabinet regarding the British policy toward the debt problem and this suggested division seems responsible for the report that that country pay.

BURY INVENTOR AT SUMMIT OF HILL ON HIS OWN ESTATE

RADDECK, Cape Breton, Aug. 4.—The body of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell will be buried this evening from his country home. Interment will be made at the summit of the mountain on the Bell estate.

ROYAL PURPLE CARD PARTY LAST EVENING

Held in St. Regis Dining Room Which was Donated for Occasion by Mrs. Richmond.

The Ladies of the Royal Purple gave a pleasant whist drive in the St. Regis dining room last evening. There were fifteen tables but many more tickets were sold and the total proceeds were about \$65. The dining room was donated by Mrs. Geo. Richmond for the occasion. The first prize winners were Mrs. Thelma Knight and Ralph MacDonald, consolation awards going to Mrs. J. G. Hawthorne and J. J. Mulligan. Mrs. George Frizzell was convener of the committee and was given assistance by the other ladies of the order generally. Delightful refreshments were served in the course of the evening.

MURDERERS TO DIE LONDON NEXT WEEK

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The two men O'Sullivan and Dunn who murdered Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson will be executed August 10.

DECLINE POSITIONS CANADA WHEAT BOARD

REGINA, Aug. 4.—It has been officially learned that Messrs. Stewart and W. F. Riddell, who were offered posts on the new Canadian wheat board, have been compelled to decline the posts.

P. J. McDermott, accountant in the Union Bank, sailed last night for Victoria on holidays.

Two Experimental Farms Necessary for the Interior

That Hon. W. R. Motherwell, federal minister of agriculture, cannot see where one experimental farm will fill the bill in the central interior and that he thinks the department of agriculture will have to put in two, one possibly located in the Nechako Valley and the other in Omineca constituency, is the statement of Fred Stork, M.P., who returned to town last night after having accompanied Mr. Motherwell to the eastern end of Skeena district. Besides these there will also possibly be one or more experimental stations located in the district.

This was Mr. Motherwell's first trip to this country and he was tremendously impressed with the valleys and the railway. The trip was a hurried one and was taken so that the minister could familiarize himself with conditions in these parts. The actual locations of the agricultural facilities will be left to an expert who will come in later and make the selections. From impressions gained on the trip with the minister, Mr. Stork believes that Prince Rupert and district has one of the staunchest friends in Mr. Motherwell.

The first place Mr. Stork and Mr. Motherwell visited was Terrace. Leaving here on Monday morning they were somewhat delayed in arriving and did not get in until 8 o'clock. They spent two and a half hours around Terrace and motored over a great part of the district. On account of forest fires they were prevented from crossing to the Lakelse side. From Terrace they went through to Smithers and drove to Telkwa and Round Lake on Tuesday morning. At the latter place they were given a luncheon by the Farmers' Institute. Houston was then visited, calling at Barrett's and Sealey's ranches enroute.

At Houston they took the train into Burns Lake and Mr. Motherwell went on to Vanderhoof where he was met by T. G. McBride, the member for Cariboo. On Wednesday Mr. Stork returned to Hazelton where he spent the day. In company with H. B. Little, the manager of the Union Bank, he went for a distance of 20 miles up the Kispiox Valley to George Beirnes' ranch. It was Mr. Stork's first visit to Kispiox Valley and what he saw was a revelation to him. He had never believed that an agricultural valley with such potential possibilities existed there.

Saw Airplane

Mr. Stork found Len Bell's hydroplane at Hazelton. He and Mr. Motherwell had been expected in on Saturday and the machine had been all tuned up to take them up and show them the Kispiox Valley from the air. Mr. Stork regretted very much that he had been unable to go up with the minister but, owing to bush fires, they would not have been able to see much anyway for the airplane was now tied up on this account.

The member speaks very highly of the venture of the Railway Employees' Investment and Industrial Association and sees great possibilities in it. The company was certainly entitled to a great deal of credit. Their machine, a solid aluminum monoplane, was the best that money could buy. They were operating into the Findley River and Ground Hog country flying in two hours where formerly it had taken a pack train sixty days. Thus by the time prospectors got in, it was almost time to start coming out again.

Due For Boom

"From what I saw and heard, the Findley River country is just about due for a boom like that of the Klondike rush," declared Mr. Stork. "That is where it is going to be and the eyes of the continent will be turned upon it in a very short time. Considerable placer mining is already going on there and samples of great richness are being brought out." There are also unlimited big game possibilities in the district, which is being opened up by air, Mr. Stork says.

Besides, its other advantages, Mr. Stork predicts that aerial irrigation will save thousands of dollars in survey work on account of the facilities it offers for geographical observation.

Railway Grade Easy

George Beirnes, the pioneer packer of the Hazelton country, who has recently been making and motored over a great part of the district, says that there are no physical difficulties in the way of the proposed Ground Hog railway and it can follow the water at easy grades all the way. Bush fires have been very bad all over the district, Mr. Stork reports. However, a little rain came on Thursday and some of them have been dampened down. Danger to the Allen mill at Pitman Spur was fortunately averted by the arrival of this rain.

"A vast amount of the timber has been destroyed or fire-killed," Mr. Stork says. "The railway company should make preparations to have this fire-killed timber manufactured into ties this winter. Otherwise it may not be suitable the year after."

AMMUNITION FOR CHINESE

Seizure Made at Hong Kong From Admiral Liner President Grant

MANILA, Aug. 4.—Thousands of guns of American and German make and 23,000 rounds of ammunition were taken from the Admiral liner, President Grant at Hong Kong recently and 26 members of the Chinese crew were arrested.

The munitions had been smuggled aboard at Seattle, apparently destined to South China.

TOOK IRREGULARS ON FLANK AND IN REAR HAMPERED RETREAT

DUBLIN, Aug. 4.—National army troops landing from the sea in County Kerry took the irregulars on the flank and in the rear and hampered their retreat from Limerick.

Fighting goes on elsewhere with the Free Staters generally successful.

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DAKOTA CLOUDBURST

HOT SPRINGS, South Dakota, Aug. 4.—Property damage estimated at a million dollars was caused by a cloudburst.

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