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Flames Destroy Madrid Theatre

Several Hundred Persons Believed to Have Perished—Capacity Audience Present When Fire Started.

MADRID, Sept. 24.—Several hundred persons are believed to have perished in a fire which broke out last night during a performance in the Novedades Theatre. More than 200 injured are under treatment at hospitals and emergency stations.

The theatre was packed to the doors with a typical Sunday audience for a performance of "La Mejor del Puerto," when during a brief intermission at 8.50 p.m., there was a great burst of flames on the stage.

The theatre holds 3,000 and the capacity audience rushed for the exits. The occupants of the stalls and boxes were able to leave before the flames spread into the auditorium, but those in the galleries were less fortunate and the exits were soon choked with struggling masses.

The Novedades is one of the oldest and largest theatres in Madrid. The flames spread with terrible rapidity through the wooden fittings.

Hundreds of people were trampled by those who pushed on from behind while others were suffocated and doubtless burned to death.

The interior of the theatre was soon roaring with flames and the flames spread to adjacent buildings. The alarm quickly spread throughout the city and Premier Primo de Rivera and municipal authorities hastily followed the police and firemen who were already busy at the scene.

Every available motor car was commandeered to help remove the injured. A regiment of infantry from nearby barracks assisted in moving those hurt. All of the first aid stations in Madrid were quickly filled with injured, more than twenty of whom died. The number of bodies in the smoking ruins could not be learned, but it was feared that hundreds had been unable to escape from the cheap seats in the upper tiers of the house. There had been many children in those balconies.

Such dense crowds were attracted by the billows of smoke and flames, that the police had great difficulty in controlling them in the neighborhood of the theatre.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 24.—Hon. R. B. Bennett, leader of the Federal Conservative party, arrived here today from Calgary, Alta., and will spend a week in Manitoba, during which time he will visit Brandon, leaving for the East Saturday. Commenting on the sale of the Alberta railways to the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Bennett considered that Premier Brownlee of Alberta had "rendered a very considerable service to Alberta." "He had obtained a price many million dollars greater than it was thought possible to obtain," Mr. Bennett declared. "Although there will be a small loss it has been reduced to a minimum," he added.

ITALO-GREEK PACT SIGNED

ROME, Sept. 24.—Premier Venizelos of Greece and Premier Mussolini signed the treaty of friendship, conciliation and arbitration between Greece and Italy at the Chigi Palace this morning.

The two statesmen discussed at length all outstanding questions of policy affecting the Mediterranean situation.

Prior to calling on Mussolini, M. Venizelos placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and visited the Pantheon where are buried all the former kings and queens of United Italy.

Signor Grandi, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, called on the Greek Executive early this morning at his hotel.

Old Age Pensions in Ontario

(Special to the Guardian)

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 24.—Old age pensions legislation for Ontario foreshadowed by Premier Ferguson at the last session of the legislature, is now likely to be enacted next year, but will be one of the government's main planks in its coming election campaign, according to indications at Queen's Park today.

The prevailing belief is that this election will come next year probably in June in accordance with the Conservative policy of going to the country every three years.

Questionnaires as to the number of aged needy who would come under the pension scheme sent out early this year to all Ontario municipalities are now being returned to J. A. Ellis, minister of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, who has been placed in charge of this survey. If his report on the approximate cost of such a plan is completed before the next session of the house legislation of some sort may be introduced; but it is expected that the report will not be officially "ready" until after the session.

PREMIER TURNS AUTHOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The views of Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of Great Britain, on questions of the day, as expressed in his speeches of the past three years, appeared today in his book, "Our Inheritance."

Mr. Baldwin says the speeches constitute a "dairy of strenuous days." It has befallen me in the past year, he says, "to try in such measure as I might to make our people conscious of their common heritage and destiny; and it is in the hope that these speeches may ever so little further that aim that I have ventured to set them forth again under the title of 'Our Inheritance.'"

Mr. Baldwin's programme comprised a vocal solo by Miss Barbara MacNeill who was engaged. Rotarian Harold L. Palmer was presented with a silver cup in honor of the birth at his home of a son. An address was read by Leslie Stacey. Rotarian Palmer made a fitting reply.

President Percy Pope called attention to the questionnaire sent out by Rotarian Boulter regarding the "Trade Associations," and he hoped that the information asked for by the District Governor would be furnished by the Rotarians.

Same Privileges Accorded British Ambassador

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, Sept. 24.—Sir William Clark, British high commissioner to Canada, will be accorded the same privileges as have been accorded the United States minister at Ottawa and he may transfer his English and if he desires his wine cellar to Canada without customs or excise impositions.

NEW GERMAN POLICY IS INDICATED

Von Bernstorff Finds Document Not to His Taste and Refuses to Cast Vote—Scene With Lord Cushendun Previous to Meeting.

(Special to the Guardian)

GENEVA, Sept. 24.—A new German policy—a policy of sometimes, and perhaps oftentimes saying "no" in reply to requests or demands of the former allies—was strongly indicated Saturday by Count Von Bernstorff's steadfast refusal to have anything to do with the resolution of the League of Nations assembly's third commission on the subject of calling the next meeting of the preparatory disarmament commission.

It was the first occasion since Germany joined the League that the delegate of the Reich, when it came to a question of a vote, had abandoned the spirit of conciliation and not seen with the majority.

After keeping the members of the drafting committee up most of the night for his benefit trying to win the document so as to be acceptable, Count Von Bernstorff in a few words blandly informed them that it was so far from his views of what it ought to be that he would abstain from casting any vote.

Then after informing the committee that he reserved the right to present his reasons from the "ostrum" of the assembly, he abruptly left the room.

General Tanzeos, the delegate of Hungary, also did not vote. Lord Cushendun of Great Britain after scene with Count Von Bernstorff last night before the meeting of the drafting committee was so out of patience with the entire proceedings that he decided not to attend today's meeting. He made good his decision by taking the noon train for Paris.

LEAGUE ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED

LONDON, Sept. 24.—With interest in official and public quarters rose to a high degree by the outcry over the Anglo-French naval agreement, the British Cabinet this afternoon held in Downing Street its first session after the summer holidays.

During the two hour sitting Prime Minister Baldwin browned by outlining at continental resorts, listened to Lord Cushendun's report of the League of Nations activities at Geneva.

The acting foreign secretary sketched the progress made in the question of Rhineland evacuation and the problem of reparations arising out of the conversations between Great Britain, France, and Germany. It is understood that the much-debated subject of the Anglo-French agreement was also discussed. But the cabinet left it behind a ministerial veil of silence.

An office of works officially said "The demand for the limited quantity available has been greater than the supply. We have just begun the long and difficult task of thoroughly repairing the House of Parliament, replacing the present stone where necessary with stone of a much more durable kind. In the years ahead more proportions will be put up for sale as monuments, and the time will probably come when there will be some for the general public. At present we must confine the privilege to Members and ex-Members."

Members are putting the stone to a variety of uses. The smaller bits sold at 10s 6d a ton, make artistic rockeries and garden paths, and can be used for the building of arbours. Pieces most in demand were the tops of pilasters and cupolas and slabs of good size, which are being fashioned into sundials, bird baths and basins for fountains. Some blocks weigh as much as three-quarters of a ton.

There was keen competition for the little grinning gargoyles and the graceful toys. Prices ranged from 10s 6d to ten guineas for one piece of stone. The profits will go to the Exchequer.

ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON

At the Rotary luncheon yesterday the speaker was Mr. S. A. McDonald, President of the Associated Boards of Trade, who gave an interesting address on "Canada and the Chamber of Commerce."

Rotarian Percy Turner presided and there was one guest, Rotarian Harold Adams of St. John's. The musical programme comprised a vocal solo by Miss Barbara MacNeill who was engaged. Rotarian Harold L. Palmer was presented with a silver cup in honor of the birth at his home of a son. An address was read by Leslie Stacey. Rotarian Palmer made a fitting reply.

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LOSS OF LIFE EXCEEDS 2,000

(Canadian Press)

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 24.—The Daily News' West Palm Beach correspondent today said that Howard W. Selby, chairman of the Palm Beach County Red Cross, had announced that a total of 2,200 dead has been revealed by surveys of hurricane casualties. Reports from other officials agreed that the loss of life will be found to exceed 2,000, although the exact number will never be known.

Deputy Minister Of Fisheries Confers With Members Of Govt.

Yesterday Mr. W. A. Fould, Deputy Minister of Fisheries was in conference with members of the Federal and Provincial Governments and officials, including Premier Saunders, Senator MacArthur, Hon. John E. Sinclair, Mr. A. E. MacLean, M. P.; Dr. MacNeill, M. L. A.; Mr. Lucas R. Allen, M. L. A.; and E. J. Gallant, Inspector of Fisheries.

It is understood that Mr. Fould dealt with the condition and the prospects for the re-habilitation of the oyster beds in Malpeque Bay. He explained that the disease which has some years ago decimated the oyster beds in that locality, was of bacterial origin. It had now disappeared from Prince Edward Island, waters, and the oysters were rapidly coming back so much so, indeed, that they are now reported in numbers at the mouth of Grand River—side from which place they will go to a locality in which only two years to make an inspection of the beds.

Mr. Fould was very optimistic as to the future of the Oyster Industry in Malpeque Bay, and predicted that in a few years time, if proper measures of care and culture were taken, it might rival the best potato industry in importance. He described the measures which were being taken by his department to assist the oysters in re-establishing themselves—these consisting in "dredging and clearing the beds, also taking up quantities of shells, and leaving them out of the water for a year and then depositing them on the beds. After much treatment, they make the best possible surface for the young oyster, which will grow some little time after birth are free swimming) to attach themselves to, and settle down on for life.

Mr. Fould and Mr. Gallant left yesterday afternoon, for Summerside at the mouth of Grand River—side from which place they will go to a locality in which only two years to make an inspection of the beds.

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASHES

(Special to the Guardian)

TIRANA, Albania, Sept. 24.—The British and Rumanian ministers to Albania have formally presented letters to the foreign minister recognizing Zogu as King of Albania.

OTTAWA, Sept. 24.—Commercial flying companies carrying passengers over water routes may be required to use seaplanes if proposed changes in the air regulations are carried out. G. J. Desbarats, deputy minister of national defence stated this morning. The whole question will be gone into and an order-in-council will probably be passed.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 24.—Six new cases of infantile paralysis were reported over the weekend, bringing the total for September to 125 cases, with three deaths. All of the six cases were reported from within the city limits of Winnipeg.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 24.—Accusing his niece, Jessie Clark, of fabricating the "Murder Farm" charges at Riversdale, Calif. Gordon Stewart Northcott issued a written statement from his cell in Oklahe prison here today.

After reading the charges in the newspaper I doubt the sanity of my father and Sanford Clark, my newswriter, declared Northcott who is charged with murdering four young boys on the Northcott chicken ranch at Riversdale.

As for Jessie, I firmly believe her to be at the bottom of everything.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Sept. 24.—In some parts of the Mackenzie River region, 15 per cent of the native population has been wiped out by influenza, according to the estimate of Capt. V. Perelleff, who has arrived back here at the head of a party of college students from Philadelphia who have spent the summer in the Arctic. He said the ravages of the disease were far-reaching and severe.

Souvenir of St. Stephens

(British United Press)

LONDON, September, 22.—The hundreds of pieces of carved and decayed stone removed from the House of Parliament and offered for sale to Members and ex-Members of Parliament have been eagerly bought up.

An office of works officially said "The demand for the limited quantity available has been greater than the supply. We have just begun the long and difficult task of thoroughly repairing the House of Parliament, replacing the present stone where necessary with stone of a much more durable kind. In the years ahead more proportions will be put up for sale as monuments, and the time will probably come when there will be some for the general public. At present we must confine the privilege to Members and ex-Members."

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REVISED STATISTICS OF CANADA'S TRADE

OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—Revised trade figures for the five months ending August show imports for that period of \$520,355,476 and exports of \$1,411,198. For the twelve months ending August, 1928, the imports were \$1,066,928,580, and for the corresponding previous twelve months they were \$976,886,332, while exports were for these respective periods, \$1,246,925,399 and \$1,323,180,712. Duty collected for the five months was \$80,899,286, compared with \$71,504,796 for the corresponding previous period. Favorable trade balances are being shown for years ending August, they were: 1925, \$205,599,971; 1926, \$360,270,998; 1927, \$197,622,173, and 1928, \$138,211,793.

Several tons of lumps and clippings are still piled against the Embankment wall in the Victoria Tower Gardens to strengthen the rampart should the Thames again rise to an abnormal height.

Recess Has Been One of Pleasure

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, Sept. 24.—With Speaker Lemieux sojourning in France until Christmas, parliament will not be convened before January 10, although the prime minister when in opposition was an advocate of reversion to sessions beginning in November. This delay in summoning parliament will afford ample time for the preparation of the sessional program.

Ministers and higher officials should be active and aggressive for the recess has been one of pleasure and recuperation. Over half the cabinet have made the European grand tour and the higher officials, whose pleasure it is to run on little errands for our ministers "state" have been rewarded by voyages to Europe, Australia, and South America, or where these could not be arranged trips across Canada or in the United States. No gathering in a foreign country was unimportant enough to be without a Canadian minister or official "eye-witness."

The next session gives promise of keener interest and more searching inquiry than that of 1928. Greater opposition activity is assured and the field for criticism has been greatly extended by the government's activities since parliament prorogued. For several sessions there has been little investigation by the public accounts committee and as there have been several departmental transactions that are viewed with suspicion, an inquiry will be demanded. Other expenditures of government money or guaranteed advances to commissions, particularly in connection with harbor development at Vancouver, St. John's, Quebec, and Montreal will be reviewed.

Narrow Escape at Aulac Crossing

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 23.—Reports reaching here today told of a narrow escape at Aulac crossing this morning when their car stalled on the tracks ahead of a freight train and was completely wrecked. The two men, Fred Jardine, and James Doyle, were able to jump clear in time. They were travelling toward Amherst when their motor stalled as they were traversing one of the two crossings at Aulac. It was the second crossing that three Prince Edward Island persons were killed on September 13 when their automobile was struck by the west-bound Acadian.

Grape Growers to Be Taught New Methods

TORONTO, Sept. 24.—If present plans of the Ontario Government under the Liquor Control Board are carried to a head, they will be very radical changes will be effected shortly in the growth of grapes and production of wines in this Province.

Legislation will be enacted, it is understood, to provide the Department of Health with jurisdiction over all wineries, and the Department of Agriculture will contribute to the program by undertaking to educate growers to grow various varieties of wine grapes, instead of the common table variety now exclusively used. Both these steps are based, it is learned, on a recent analysis made by health officials, at the Liquor Board's request, of all brands of native wines, and will be taken with a view to exploiting the contentment of the Liquor Board, and of Sir Henry Drayton particularly, that improved grades of wine, if sold to out down public consumption of hard liquors.

Australia's wines are coming into Canada at a rapid rate, with their export and sale abroad boosted by the Australian Government, which pays "one and nine-pence" bonus to the producer. This new and keen competition may, it is learned, persuade the Ontario Government to remove from native wines of this Province the 50 cents per gallon tax, against which wine growers have been protesting for several years.

Bible Society Meetings

Rev. J. M. Murchison, District Secretary will address meetings for the Bible Society as follows:

Wednesday 8.00 p. m.—St. Marks Anglican Church, Rustico.

Thursday 8.00 p. m. Stanley Church, Clifton.

Friday, 8.00 p. m. Presbyterian Church, Clifton.

The public are most cordially invited.

Criticizes U.S. Foreign Policy

(Special to the Guardian)

ROME, Sept. 24.—The engagement of Crown Prince Humbert and Princess Marie Jose of Belgium probably will be announced in about six weeks it was learned on good authority here today. The announcement it is believed will be made either Nov. 1, the anniversary of the signing of the Italian-Austrian Armistice or Nov. 11, tenth anniversary of the world war armistice.

The marriage of the dark, handsome heir to the Italian throne and the dainty little blonde Belgian princess will be a genuine love match and one of the most popular royal marriages in years. They have engaged in courtship several years and the marriage is regarded with high favor by both royal houses. Humbert is 24 and Princess Marie Jose 22. Both are popular with their people.

Democratic Candidate for Vice-President Takes Fling at Harding and Coolidge Administrations.

PADUCAH, Ky., Sept. 23.—Senator Joe Robinson Democratic Candidate for Vice-President said here last night that "the foreign policies of the Harding and Coolidge administration have aroused suspicion as to the good faith of our motives in many parts of the world, particularly in Central and South America."

"Our Government is suspected of imperial designs. The manner of our intervention in Nicaragua has been severely condemned in the judgment of foreign diplomats, some of whom, no doubt, have been quick to give color to the claim that we are seeking to dominate the western world."

The Senator contended that the Kellogg treaties constituted a "new and different way of stating the terms of the Bryan treaties."

The Washington naval limitations treaty had accomplished "very little in behalf of naval disarmament" and the Geneva naval conference called by President Coolidge had resulted "in complete failure." He also contended that it "seemed absurd" for the administration to propose a large naval construction programme and at the same time seek to promote naval disarmament.

EPIDEMIC IN PORTO RICO

(Special to the Guardian)

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 24.—With 15,000 cases reported by health authorities and Red Cross, an epidemic of influenza caused grave concern in Porto Rico today. Five thousand cases of Malaria, measles and other diseases have also followed the tropical hurricane. Physicians said they were frankly alarmed at the situation. Red Cross officials announced that no town was without an increasing number of influenza cases and that pneumonia was gaining. Health conditions were aggravated yesterday by numerous rainstorms.

With only temporary shelter it appeared that many of the people faced added misery. Plans were rushed to unload the transport bridge which is bringing 20,000 blankets and 2,000 beds. A train was loaded with lumber and ready to proceed inland opening up the railway for the first time since the disaster.

At a meeting of representatives of the Islands 77 towns, 284,000 homeless were reported from 38 of the towns. Henry M. Baker, national disaster relief director of the Red Cross said that the total was probably double this because of the failure of notices to reach some towns and the inability of many doctors and chapter heads to travel to San Juan. Mr. Baker announced that the town reporting 210 dead and 2,771 injured. The representatives while requesting additional supplies reiterated that relief work was progressing efficiently.

MARITIME EDUCATION CO. IN LIQUIDATION

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Sept. 24.—A petition of the American Hydro Carbon Company Inc. of New York, to place the Maritime Education Company Limited, in liquidation under the winding up act was presented before Mr. Justice Coderre in the practice court today and judgment was reserved.

LISBON, Sept. 24.—The Portuguese Republic, which has been in existence since 1910, faces a serious test in the enforcement of a new law on Oct. 1. This statute not only threatens the democratic equality of the citizens, but discards national traditions and customs to such an extent that another revolution may easily be provoked, in the opinion of astute political observers.

Everybody must wear shoes, according to the latest Republican legislative innovation.

Anybody who has ever visited Lisbon has noticed the particularly large number of picturesque fish mongers, both male and female, who parade the streets barefoot, carrying baskets of their wares on their heads. The fish vendors, moreover, are not the only citizens who by the custom of centuries, walk the city's streets barefooted. There are so many others that it is generally acknowledged that enforcement of the new law will be a grave problem for the Republican Government.

THESE IS ALWAYS TWO SIDES TO A STORY; ONE TRUE AN' THE OTHER FELLOWS

MORE MISTARD AND LESS ICE CREAM

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Sept. 24.—Viscount Peel today suggested a change in Canadian diet. "I hope you won't think it unwell of me," Lord Peel said, addressing the Canadian Club, "but when I come to Canada again I should like a little more mustard and a little less ice cream."

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