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SATURDAY MORNING'S DISASTROUS FIRE

The Loss is Estimated at \$27,000, of which About \$13,500 is Covered by Insurance. Detailed List of Losses and Insurance.

Saturday's fire briefly reported in The Guardian while the flames were still seeking new fuel, has proved one of the most disastrous for many years.

It is not known how it started but the flames were well through the shed at the rear of Robins Livery Stable when the firemen arrived at 1.30. The firefighters had about all they could do from then on to save the surrounding buildings as it was apparent that the Robins Stable and the barns in the immediate vicinity were doomed.

The flames leaping to the sky, and visible for miles drew a goodly portion of the citizenry, Kent Street and Grafton being practically crowded with onlookers—most of them very scantily clad.

Large cinders flew as far as Sydney Street and the force of the flames can be judged by the fact that the house owned by Healey Davey on Richmond Street caught and was only saved after strenuous efforts.

Now all that is left of the block surrounded by Kent, Prince, Grafton and Great George Streets is the outer rim of buildings—and this is badly broken at Kent Street. Practically all the interior of the block is ashes and smouldering cinders dotted with the charred bodies of two horses, smouldering barrels of fish mingled with the odors of burned paper, hay, feed, paints, wood and the motley refuse of outbuildings.

BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

The buildings destroyed or damaged were:

- Union Hotel almost a total loss.
- The Robins stable, destroyed.
- Mrs. Younker's dwelling, adjoining to the east, badly gutted.
- Large warehouse owned by H. C. Connolly, leased to Beer & Weeks, and completely filled with furniture and linens, levelled to the ground.
- Stable in connection, totally destroyed.
- Warehouse owned by the Doyle estate, leased to Jenkins & Sons, and contained bran, oil cake, etc.; also four delivery waggon, completely wiped out.
- Stable, owned by Mrs. Younker.
- Stable owned by Mrs. E. F. Purdy, occupied by James McLean.
- Shed owned by John H. Gates, occupied by Timothy Carroll.
- Stable, icehouse and shed, occupied by the Charlottetown Fish Supply.
- Building owned by Thomas Doyle; part was used as Strathcona stables other part as paint shop by Thomas Groom.
- Shed owned by Chandler and Bell, stone cutters.
- Shed used by W. A. Hutcheson, confectioner.
- Shed used by J. D. Taylor.

TWO HORSES BURNED.

A horse owned by the Charlottetown Fish Supply Company which was in their stable and another owned by James Cooke, in Mrs. Younker's stable, perished in the flames.

Mr. Cook lost also waggon, sleigh harness, robes, etc.

This was the worst fire the firemen have had to contend with for some time; every foot of hose was in use and the Silsby fire engine was also called out but was not in working order. Owing to the heroic work of the brigade the Strathcona Hotel, Mr. Connolly's residence, J. D. Taylor's book store and other wooden buildings on Grafton Street were saved. Even the Younker building adjoining Robins' stable was not totally destroyed. The flames had abundant material to feed upon but fortunately the wind was not very high; what little there was was from the northeast.

The Charlottetown Fish Supply Company, J. D. Taylor's Book Store and other buildings were in great danger. The roofs of several buildings also caught, including the Strathcona Hotel, but the fire was kept from spreading.

Furniture was removed from the Strathcona Hotel. Mrs. Goudon's the Misses Dohrn, Mr. J. MacDonald's and others in the danger zone on Kent and Grafton Streets.

THE LOSSES.

As far as can be ascertained the value of property destroyed is as follows:—

- The Connolly warehouse, \$1,600; no insurance.
- Beer & Weeks' stock in above building, \$11,000 to \$12,000; insurance between \$8,00 and \$9,00.
- The Robins building and Union Hotel adjoining, \$5,000, covered by insurance.
- The Doyle building, \$6,000.
- Jenkins & Sons' stock and delivery waggon, \$2,000.
- Charlottetown Fish Supply Co., \$300; no insurance.
- Mr. Groom's paints, etc., \$300.
- J. H. Gates buildings, \$500; no insurance.
- J. D. Taylor's stock in the Gates brick building \$300, covered by insurance.
- Younker buildings, damage \$1,500.
- James E. Cook, horse, vehicles, etc., \$400; no insurance.
- Guardian Publishing Company, paper stored in Purdy shed \$600.00, covered by insurance, E. R. Brown, Agent.
- Strathcona Hotel, damaged by water.—Loss unknown.
- On other buildings the losses would aggregate between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

This would bring the total fire loss up to about \$27,000 with insurance of \$13,500.

The insurance on the Beer & Weeks stock is distributed as follows:—

- Companies represented by E. R. Brown, \$3,500; E. T. Higgs, \$2,000; G. J. McCormack, \$2,500.
- The insurance on the property owned by the Central Garage Company is in companies represented by Hyndman & Co. and DeBlois Bros. The amount is \$4,000. This company also had insurance amounting to \$1,000 on building owned by L. A. Haszard and occupied by Charlottetown Fish Supply Co.
- The Doyle warehouse were insured for \$500 in companies represented by H. M. Davison. The latter also carries the insurance on the Strathcona Hotel, damaged by water.
- The four horses owned by Jenkins & Sons in the Strathcona stables were rescued by H. S. McLeod and Scott Stewart.
- The firemen are very thankful to Miss Russ of the Russ Hotel who served cake and coffee to the weary workers. She also opened her doors to those thrown homeless, temporarily.

Many personal articles were lost in the confusion and haste of hurried moving.

Many articles and much goods were also lost in the burning buildings and it will be some days before the full damage will be known.

Much gratitude is felt towards David Livingstone of the Eldon Hotel, who sent in the alarm. But for his action the damage would certainly have been much worse. Some of those living in the immediate vicinity slept sweetly and soundly in their beds, blissfully unconscious of the tumult and danger raging right around them. Also thanks should go out to the volunteer workers, who labored so earnestly and tirelessly to save the property from the threatened and burning houses on Kent and Grafton Streets.

The ruins were the centre of interest in the City all day Saturday and Sunday. At twelve o'clock Saturday night the smouldering debris looked so threatening that neighbors sent in a call to the fire department and another alarm was sent in last night at seven o'clock, when the flaming remainder of the stock of linens owned by Beer & Weeks caused some anxiety.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

LIBERAL APPOINTEES ON SELECTION BOARD

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Appoints Mr. J. J. Johnson, K.C., Charlottetown, to Represent this Province.

The Halifax Chronicle, Ottawa correspondent, commenting on the Liberal appointments says:

"OTTAWA, Sept. 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier handed to Sir George Foster this afternoon, in the continued absence of Sir Robert Borden through temporary indisposition, the list of twelve men whom the Prime Minister asked the Opposition Leader to name as members of the Board of Selection to be appointed by joint resolution of both Houses of Parliament to select members of the local appeal tribunals throughout Canada under the Military Service Act. Sir Wilfrid's selections are an earnest of his desire to see that the Act is carried out as harmoniously as possible. The names on his list are all men of outstanding position in Canadian life and of splendid reputation. The Liberal personnel of the Board, at any rate, should be a guarantee that fairness and not political partisanship will rule in the working out of the Act. The names given by Sir Wilfrid to the Government are as follows:—

- Ontario, Sir J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, ex-Lieutenant-Governor; A. B. Lowe, Ottawa, representative of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.
- Quebec, Hon. S. N. Parent, Montreal, ex-Premier of Quebec, Hon. Sidney Fisher, ex-Minister of Agriculture.
- Nova Scotia, D. A. Cameron, K. C., M. P. P., Sydney.
- New Brunswick, John J. McCaffrey, Fredericton.
- Manitoba, Sir Donald McMillan, Winnipeg, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.
- Saskatchewan, Arthur Hitchcock, Moose Jaw.
- Alberta, A. H. Clark, K. C., M. P., Calgary.
- British Columbia, Hon. J. H. King, Victoria, Minister of Public Works.
- Yukon, F. C. Wade, K. C., Vancouver.
- Prince Edward Island, James J. Johnson, K. C., Charlottetown.

Sir Wilfrid Talks.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed his deep regret that the government had thought it advisable to apply the conscription law before the people had a chance to pronounce upon it. "I think and my opinion is confirmed more and more, that it would have been in the interests of the country at large if at least the people had been consulted before the law was applied. I must say frankly that if I had followed my first inclination I would not have given any countenance to any participation in the administration of the act. But on the whole I believe that it is always better to minimize the evil effects of a bad law by the wisest administration of it, so that efforts may be directed to making the application of it fair to all parties and to getting out of it the largest possible measure of justice compatible with its provisions."

Sir Wilfrid added that he had endeavored to recommend men whose standing in the community would be a guarantee that, so far as they were concerned, the act would be applied with a determination to do justice to all.

DR. MICHAEL CLARK'S CONDITION.

CALGARY, Sept. 5.—If a National government is formed and if a non-partisan convention of Red Deer riding, supporting such National Government is of the opinion that he is likely to be the most acceptable candidate, Dr. Michael Clark will consent to run again in the constituency, which he has represented for the last nine years. That is the information contained in a letter sent by Dr. Clark to Edward Michener, of Red Deer, leader of the Alberta conservative party, the full text of which is published today by the Calgary Herald. Dr. Clark makes it clear, in his letter, that he will not be a candidate unless these two conditions are fulfilled.

Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

GERMAN PURSUIT IS SLOWING UP

Russian Soldiers in Riga Region Determined not to Abandon Dvinsk. Germans Likely to Entrench and Await Developments.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—The encouraging feature of the Riga situation is the seeming firmness of the Russian tenure which has seized Riga's defenders. The German's pursuit appears to be slowing up and in military circles it is not anticipated the enemy will risk much further penetration while Dvinsk remains unconquered. A more likely course, it is argued, will be for the Germans to entrench somewhere near their present position northeast of Riga,

and await the result of the Dvinsk operations.

According to information here the spirit of the troops in the Dvinsk sector is much more favorable than on other fronts. Colonel Podjursky, a member of the Dvinsk army committee, telegraphing to Colonel Kuropatkin, chairman of the special council army committee here, said that the army was standing firm, that there was no intention to surrender Dvinsk and that the army committee were in full accord with the commanders.

BRITISH TROOPS IN SUCCESSFUL RAID

Entered German Trenches on Front of Several Hundred Yards and Captured Prisoners. French also Smashed German Positions and Took 300 Prisoners.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—British troops holding the line east of Villiers and southeast of Hagricourt attacked early this morning and succeeded in entering German trenches on a front of several hundred yards, taking a number of prisoners, according to the War Office statement today. Enemy trenches also were successfully raided during the night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle, and east of Vermelles.

FRENCH ALSO SMASH GERMAN POSITIONS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Sept. 9.—The War Office last night issued the following statement: "In Champagne, east of the road between St. Hilaire and St. Souplet, our detachments penetrated a German trench, destroyed a number of shelters and brought back material and about twenty prisoners, including three officers. On the right bank of the Meuse, our troops this morning attacked the enemy lines on a front of two kilometers, in the sector of Bois des Fosses-Bois des Caurieres. The operation was completely successful despite the resistance of the Germans. We enlarge our positions north of the Bois de Fosses, occupied the Bois le Change in its entirety and

captured the crest of the line, which dominates the Bois les Caurieres. The number of prisoners taken exceeds 300 of whom fifteen were officers. Quite lively artillery firing has been maintained on the left bank of the Meuse.

RUSSIANS ARE HOLDING ON TO POSITIONS.

Eastern Theatre.—On the Struma, patrol encounters have taken place in the region of Doiran, and the Kara Shaoni road, six kilometers south of Ghevgeli. Quite violent fighting on both sides occurred between Lakes Presha and Ochrida. The struggle continues for the possession of elements of Russian trenches where the enemy succeeded in gaining a foothold on September 5th.

VIOLENT GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED AT VERDUN.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS, Sept. 9.—Violent counterattacks were made last night by the Germans on the positions taken yesterday by French troops in the Verdun region. After a hard struggle in which the French artillery played a telling part and in which the infantry surged forward again wherever temporarily driven back, the French positions were left intact.

DISCOVERED NO OLEOMARGARINE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—The chief analyst of the inland revenue department has made a report upon 228 samples of butter procured by departmental inspectors during January, February and March of the present year, in all parts of Canada. This was made in consequence of many complaints suggesting the extensive sale of oleomargarine as butter or as a butter substitute. The report says it is gratifying to know that not a single sample of the article was obtained by the inspectors, although this may not be held as conclusive proof that oleomargarine is totally absent.

LONDON HAD A GREAT ELECTRICAL STORM.

LONDON, September 6.—Following the excitement of the air raid of Tuesday night London was visited by a terrific thunder spectacular electrical display and heavy downpour of rain, which continued for about nine hours. The storm came as a relief to many persons who, in anticipation of the reception of the moonlight air attacks had arranged safer shelters than they had Tuesday night and had made preparations to stay in them.

TWO MORE ARE UNDER ARREST

Charged With Attempt to Murder Lord Atholstan.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

MONTREAL, Sept. 8.—The number of those under arrest charged with attempt to murder Lord Atholstan at his Catierville residence was increased by two last night. Inspector Giroux, of the federal police, announced last night that one, Cyr, a blacksmith, living in Loungel, and a reporter named Goyer living on Hutchinson Street, had been placed in custody and would be arraigned today in police court. Both arrests were made without disturbance last night following the signing of warrants by Judge Saint Cyr yesterday afternoon.

THE KAISER HAS ARRIVED AT RIGA.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—Emperor William has arrived at Riga, a Berlin despatch reports. He reviewed the troops and distributed decorations on the battlefield.

LIBERAL OBSTRUCTION TO BE CHECKMATED

Disgraceful Time-Wasting by Liberal Oppositionists. Government will Take Necessary Measures to Prevent Further Blocking of Progress. Military Service Bill will be Through Commons Tuesday.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—On Saturday the Laurier Party gave ample evidence that persistent obstruction is to be their policy for the remainder of the session. On Friday the government announced the discussion of the second reading of the War Time Election Act for Saturday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked that it be delayed until Monday but it was not promised a division Tuesday evening. When the government attempted to proceed Saturday E. M. MacDonald blocked progress by a resolution to discuss the munition business.

All afternoon was wasted. In the evening the government forced a return to the business of the day but not before Honourable William Pugsley and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux had wasted an hour in useless divisions. So apparent was the obstruction that Chief Whip Pardee and Hon. A. K. MacLennan protested to Messrs Pugsley and Lemieux.

The object of the Opposition is to delay the War Time Election

Act in the Commons so that the Laurierites can take it out in the Senate. This game has been stopped. The government gave notice of closure on second reading for two o'clock Tuesday morning and the bill will be out of the Commons on Tuesday following that date. The Senate will then have eighteen days to talk.

But there will be no chances taken in the Senate. If an assurance is not forthcoming that the bill will be passed before the expiration of the Parliamentary term, a closure resolution will be adopted. Another precaution that may be taken is a further extension of Parliament which will be only used to put through the legislative programme.

The Government does not propose to be blocked by an opposition in alliance with every disloyal element in Canada. With the disfranchisement of the enemy aliens and the enfranchisement of female relatives of soldiers, the government will carry 116 seats in Ontario and the four western provinces.

GERMANY AGAIN WILL ASK FOR PEACE

Dr. Michaelis Informed Reichstag That He Would Shortly Publish Germany's Peace Terms.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Germany will shortly be able to publish her peace terms, according to Dr. Geo. Michaelis, the German Chancellor. Dr. Michaelis, in an interview said he had so informed the Reichstag main committee, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen today states.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9.—The statement that the German foreign secretary, Dr. Von Kuhlmann is in favour of a negotiated peace, is made in a despatch from Vienna, which the secretary recently visited.

The overwhelming majority of the German people are for a peace by conciliation, according to an article by Philip Scheidemann, published in the Vorwaerts. The article urges the imperial chancellor to discredit

the present pan-German manoeuvres for a "Hindenburg peace."

The Socialist leader says that no one in Germany wants peace at any price, but that those who live with the people know the real feelings of the army and navy. They know Germany will defend herself to the last drop of blood and at the same time, they know also that Germany is ready today to sign a conciliatory peace. Therefore, Herr Scheidemann considers that the propaganda for conquest now being preached reaches the limit of consciencelessness. He adds that most of the German people favor peace by conciliation and declares that it is the first duty of the government to state solemnly that it has nothing to do with the pan-German tactics.

GERMANS REPULSED IN EAST AFRICA.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Sept. 8.—The British War Office tonight issued the following statement on the progress of operations in German East Africa:

"In the western area our columns from Luheber continued the pursuit of the German forces dislodged from Mppess, sixty-five miles southwest of Mayhenga and occupied Matjite, eighteen miles northeast of Mppess. In the vicinity of Mpondas our columns engaged the enemy, several German counter attacks being repulsed with severe losses."

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 87 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 65 above; at 9 p. m. it was 60 above. The lowest the previous night was 49 above.

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—Moderate to fresh north east winds fair and cool today. Moderate winds probably fair. The tide will be high this evening at 6.39, and tomorrow at 7.42; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5.40 and Wednesday at 6.55.

The sun sets this evening at 6.40 and tomorrow at 6.38; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.51 and Wednesday at 5.52.

THREE PERSONS BLOWN TO PIECES

And Many Injured in Explosion At Frankford Arsenal, U.S.A.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—Three persons are reported dead, one is dying, and twenty-three others are in hospitals, more or less seriously injured as the result of an explosion at the Frankford arsenal this morning. The dead, who were men, it is reported, were blown to pieces. Among the injured are two young women. The cause of the explosion is unknown and no information from the arsenal is obtainable.

The force of the explosion was so great that it broke windows and threw those living in the vicinity from their beds. Soldiers who are doing guard duty are having difficulty in keeping the crowd from entering the grounds.

The moon rises tonight at 12. The last quarter of the moon was on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 2.05 a. m. There will be a new moon on Sunday, Sept. 16th, at 5.35 a. m. The length of today will be twelve hours and fifty-two minutes.

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