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Utilities Board Seeks To Make "Blue Sky" Law More Effective

FRENCH PREMIER FORCED TO QUIT

ASK MATTER BE TAKEN UP WITH OTTAWA

Public Utilities Commission Wants Amendment to Companies Act. PETITIONS HEARD. Decisions Reached in Electric Rate Matters in Carleton County.

The New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission at its monthly session this morning, decided to request the Attorney-General of the province to take up with the Federal Minister of Justice the matter of possible amendments to the Dominion Companies Act in an effort to make more effective the Sales of Securities Act, popularly known as the "blue sky" law.

In a decision handed down recently by the Appeal Court of the Province of New Brunswick, the "blue sky" law in this province was declared ultra vires. This was in a case brought against J. M. Queen, charged with selling securities in the province without a permit from the Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Queen contended that he was operating under a Federal charter, but he was fined by the police court magistrate. His appeal, however, to the Supreme Court, was successful, and the conviction was quashed on the grounds of the provincial law being ultra vires.

Rates Are Approved. The board approved a schedule of rates for electricity supply in the town of Hartland by the Hartland Electric Light Co., and also approved an issue of \$12,000 stock by this company. A schedule of rates, asked for by the Maine and New Brunswick Electric Co., was granted. The board also approved a general revision of all rates in Carleton county which will be taken up by the board. (Continued on page 2, fourth column.)

BRITISH SUBWAY MEN MAY QUIT

Men Expected to Walk-Out Unless Bus Strike in London is Settled. (British United Press.) London, March 26.—Unless London's tram and bus strike is settled by Friday night, subway workers will walk out as well, it was officially announced today. This would leave the city without transportation, except for taxis and a few "private" busses. The Locomotive Men's Union announced that all its members employed on underground systems have been ordered to quit work Friday night. Meanwhile, conferences, in which the Government has taken part, have proved fruitless. The Government has introduced a traffic bill in Commons, which it hopes may lead to a settlement. (By Canadian Press.)

London, March 26.—The negotiations looking to a settlement of the dispute between the striking bus and tramway workers and their employers, which were in progress throughout the day at the ministry of labor under the chairmanship of Minister of Labor Shaw, broke down last night. The deadlock came in consequence of the refusal of the bus and tramway men to accept their employers' offer of a five-shilling increase in wages weekly, instead of the eight shillings demanded, leaving the question of the additional three shillings to arbitration. Minister of Transport Gosling last introduced his "London traffic bill," the chief provision of which calls for the creation of a statutory committee, representing all parties concerned in the strike, with the object of reaching an agreement with the minister of transport to restrict to actual requirements the number of vehicles operating on the streets. The bill of Mr. Gosling is to be rushed through the House. The second reading of the measure has been fixed for Friday.

Policeman Shot; Dies After 5 Years

New York, March 26.—Patrolman Leo Sexton is dead from a bullet wound received more than five years ago in a revolver battle with bandits. He was thirty-nine years old. At the time of the shooting Sexton, who previously had won a medal for heroic work in a Bronx fire, was attached to the Alexander Avenue station. Two of the bandits were captured. The police said a man named Dury, who admitted firing the bullet which struck Sexton in the head, was sentenced to five years in Sing Sing. He has since been let out for good behavior. Sexton recovered partly from the effects of the bullet, but was annoyed by pain in his head. He continued his work on the "raided premises squad" in Brooklyn until he had a brain hemorrhage and was taken to hospital.

BELIEVED 25 ARE LOST WITH SHIP

Japanese Steamship is in Collision and Sunk Near Dungeness. London, March 26.—A message to Lloyd's from the North Foreland wireless station reports that a Japanese steamship, name unknown, sank after colliding with the German steamship Heimdal, near Dungeness, in a dense fog last night. The Heimdal took off 15 members of the Japanese crew and arrived at Dover today with her bows damaged. At the same time a national miners' conference, representing 800,000 workers, met. The existing wage scale in the mining industry expires April 17 and conferences have been under way for some time seeking to adjust differences regarding a new scale. Ask Gout Enquiry. The Board of Trade announced officially early today that these have broken down completely and that the employers suggested a court of enquiry, which the miners rejected unqualifiedly. It was forecast that today's statement conference would recommend a nationwide ballot of miners to ascertain whether the workers are willing to strike to force acceptance of their terms. The Minister of Mines will take a hand in the controversy tomorrow. If his intervention fails, there is said to be no alternative save introduction in the Commons of a minimum wage bill for the industry, as promised by the Government. If the House should defeat this bill it would mean a defeat for Premier MacDonald's Government.

Canadian Flour Under Discussion

London, March 26.—Has there been discrimination against Canadian flour on North Atlantic routes? This is the question which a sub-committee of the Imperial Shipping Committee will investigate when they arrive in Canada, for which they will sail in the course of the next few days. Included on that sub-committee are such experts on Atlantic freight rates as Sir Halford MacKinnon and H. G. B. Larkin. They will have the assistance of two assessors, representing both shippers and ship-owners, who will be appointed by the Canadian Government. The sub-committee will hold sessions in Montreal and western cities, and will investigate the complaints that have been made during the last two years with thoroughness.

Red Leader Slain; Act Is Revenge

London, March 26.—Davidoff, a Bolshevik leader, a member of the All-Russian central executive committee, has been murdered in a village near Stavropol, Ciscaucasia, according to the Daily Mail's Tiflis correspondent. He headed a commission from Moscow to investigate the alleged execution of peasants by the Cheka, the former police organization for resisting the tax collectors. He was just leaving a meeting of the local Soviet at which he endorsed the action of an axe by the son of one of the Cheka's victims.

Wire Briefs

Quebec, March 26.—Fire last night destroyed two wooden houses and the premises of the Martel & Simoneau, Ltd., wholesale pharmacists, with an estimated damage of over \$50,000. Le Havre, France, March 26.—The British round the world flyers took off for Lyons shortly after 11 a.m. today. The weather was cloudy and unfavorable. London, March 26.—The rejection by the striking bus and tramway workers of their employers' offer of a 5-shilling increase in wages weekly, instead of the 8 shillings, is to give a more serious turn to the strike. Dublin, March 26.—President Cosgrave is asking the Dail today for an appropriation on account for the coming year totalling nearly £11,000. Of this amount £2,500,000 is for compensation of property losses suffered during the period of disorder.

NEW CRISIS IS FACING MACDONALD

Deadlock in Negotiations Between Miners' Leaders and Owners.

MAY ASK BALLOT

If Intervention Fails New Government is Faced With Debacle.

BY LLOYD ALLEN. (British United Press.) London, March 26.—Following an announcement of a deadlock in negotiations between miners' leaders and mine owners, the British Cabinet met at 10 Downing street today to consider an impending crisis in that industry, the third the Government will have been called upon to face in its brief tenure of office. At the same time a national miners' conference, representing 800,000 workers, met. The existing wage scale in the mining industry expires April 17 and conferences have been under way for some time seeking to adjust differences regarding a new scale. Ask Gout Enquiry. The Board of Trade announced officially early today that these have broken down completely and that the employers suggested a court of enquiry, which the miners rejected unqualifiedly. It was forecast that today's statement conference would recommend a nationwide ballot of miners to ascertain whether the workers are willing to strike to force acceptance of their terms. The Minister of Mines will take a hand in the controversy tomorrow. If his intervention fails, there is said to be no alternative save introduction in the Commons of a minimum wage bill for the industry, as promised by the Government. If the House should defeat this bill it would mean a defeat for Premier MacDonald's Government.

GOLD EXPORTS FROM CANADA INCREASE

Shipments in February, \$1,250,000 More Than Same Month Last Year.

Ottawa, March 26.—Canada's total gold export, during February, 1924, worth \$2,107,787, to the United States, 421,153 ounces, with \$269,818; and to Hong Kong 230,828 ounces, worth \$147,153. Of silver bullion, exports to the United Kingdom were 366,487 ounces, worth \$238,616; to the United States 421,153 ounces, worth \$269,818; and to Hong Kong 230,828 ounces, worth \$147,153.

COMING TO CANADA

Thousands of Danish Farmers to Emigrate to Dominion This Year. Montreal, March 26.—"There is every reason to believe that some thousands of Danish farmers will immigrate this year to Canada, this country standing at the top of the map for our people," said J. E. Boggild, consul-general of Denmark, who has taken up his duties in Montreal. He said that recently 300 Danish people had come to Canada, some settling in Nova Scotia and others going to the west. "Now that the Scandinavian-American line is touching at Halifax, many Danes will use that route during this season," said Mr. Boggild. "Many of these people desire to settle in Nova Scotia because they have been accustomed to mixed farming, and conditions there are more suitable to them than on the prairies."

Another Would Go To The Pole

London, March 26.—A projected new expedition to the North Pole is reported. The Westminster Gazette says a young lieutenant, Grettig Algranson, is to start for the Arctic circle in May on a preliminary trip to Nova Zembla and Franz Josef Land. He proposes to spend six months exploring Nova Zembla and Franz Josef Land, ending his trip in New York in October. The party will number ten, including three scientists. The expedition is a prelude to another in 1925, under Algranson's leadership, the objective of which will be the Pole.

Beggar Is Found Cozy In Royal Bed

Paris, March 26.—The Countess Peretti de La Rocca, wife of the director of political affairs of the Foreign Office, one night last week discovered a man asleep in a bed of the royal apartment in the Quai d'Orsay, which had been reserved for King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Rumania, who are expected to arrive in Paris soon. The countess raised an alarm and the intruder was arrested. He confessed that he had slept in the apartment two for nights. The police say he is a professional beggar. The countess received congratulations from his friends for causing the arrest of the man.

ALLOCATION IS WELL RECEIVED

Pope's Address Commented Upon by Newspapers of Rome—Step For Peace.

Rome, March 26.—The Rome newspapers commented for the first time last evening on the Pontiff's allocution, all referring with extreme deference to the Pontiff's pacific allocution, particularly because so many references were made to Italy. It is noted by some that this was the first time in decades that any Pope had referred to the acts of the Italian Government; so, the Pontiff's allusion to placing the cross on schools, the exemption of the clergy from military service, and similar references have struck a harmonious note. The Tribune characterizes the allocution as a real step in the pacification between the Church and state in Italy, adding: "Its condemnation of violence is an extremely pacific suggestion to peace."

MANY EXPECTED AT DAL. REUNION

Committee Anticipates 1,500 to 2,000 at Celebration in September.

Halifax, March 26.—Between 1,500 and 2,000 former Dalhousie University students will, so it is expected, attend the 1924 Dalhousie reunion which is to be held in Halifax September 3, 4 and 5. At a meeting of the reunion committee of the university last night the reunion dates were definitely decided upon and tentative programmes considered for the three days' event. It is believed that the celebration will be one of the most significant of its kind ever attempted in Eastern Canada, eclipsing in many ways the last Dalhousie reunion, which was held in 1919, when 1,000 students of bygone days assembled to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the founding of their alma mater.

NEW COMPANIES WILL BUY CLUB IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

Parliament at Ottawa Votes \$1,300,000 For Offices For High Commissioner.

Ottawa, March 26.—(Canadian Press)—Private members' resolutions will be considered and estimates of the Department of Public Works will be taken up in the Commons today. After a debate lasting until 1.03 this morning the House passed an item of \$1,300,000 for the purchase of the Union Club building in Trafalgar Square, London, for the offices of the High Commissioner for Canada. A vote of \$600,000 for the completion of the parliament buildings was passed. An act to amend the Industrial Disputes Act was reported back from committee and is now ready for a third reading.

Will Consider Postal Salaries

Ottawa, March 26.—The Canadian Federation of Postal Employees have in a measure received satisfaction from the Government, according to postal men, the Government having promised immediate action on salary revision. The men's demands are, in brief, salary revision effective from April 1, 1924, without any cost of living bonus, no distinction being made between married and single employees.

Is In Distress In The North Sea

Wick, Scotland, March 26.—An intercepted radio message from Wilhelmshaven states that an unknown U. S. steamship is in distress in the North Sea. She had apparently lost both her screw and rudder and was badly damaged.

ONTARIO OFFICIAL IS SUSPENDED

Deputy Treasurer Alleged Mixed Up in Bond Commission Matter.

BARRED FROM OFFICE

Profit in Sale of Bonds Told of and Makes Sensation in Committee.

(Canadian Press.) Toronto, March 26.—At midnight the greatest sensation in Queen's Park in years was sprung at a meeting of the public accounts committee of the legislature. Alex. Ross, former manager of the bond department of the Home Bank, who had previously told the committee about his share in making \$10,000 profit on selling succession duty free bonds, volunteered to come back and tell the committee the truth. Laboring under a great strain he made a statement that the \$10,000 had been split three ways, among himself, L. C. Mason, and Charles Matthews, deputy treasurer. Mason is married to a stepdaughter of Mr. Matthews. G. M. Hart, who was with Mr. Ross in selling the bonds to the Government, got \$1,500, which was his share on one transaction. Ross and Hart had previously told the committee that they had split the huge profits without mentioning either Mr. Matthews or Mr. Mason. Following sensational disclosures, Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, notified Mr. Matthews that he was suspended from the public service. He was told not to report at the office today, that his work would be taken care of.

LUDENDORFF NOW IS IN DISFAVOR

Duesseldorf Blots His Name Out of Street Sign—Contest Over It.

Duesseldorf, March 26.—The Socialist members of the city council backed up by the Catholics, are endeavoring to check General Erich Ludendorff off the list of honorary citizens. The Nationalists bitterly opposing the proposal, contend that this cannot be done legally unless Ludendorff loses his state honor which he is convicted of in the Commons today. The city magistrates, however, have decided to change the title of Ludendorff street, and the former field marshal's name is being blotted out with black paint.

BERGDOLL MOVES

Ontario House Rejects New Beer Measure.

U. S. Draft Evader Packs His Trunk and Quits Germany.

Eberbach, Baden, March 26.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the U. S. draft evader, left here yesterday for an unknown destination. As he carried considerable luggage, it is generally assumed that he is quitting Germany. Bergdoll motored out of Eberbach in the direction of Frankfurt, where, it is believed, he will take a train for Hamburg and sail for New York on the new liner of the Hamburg-American Company, which will begin its maiden trip on Thursday.

Portuguese Cities Are Partly Flooded

Lisbon, March 26.—Incessant rainstorms for the last fortnight have caused the collapse of several houses in all parts of the country. The left bank of the Douro River at Oporto is flooded, endangering the wine warehouses. The town of Santarem and the surrounding villages are flooded. The city of Coimbra is partly under water.

Will Prolong The Fight in Honduras

San Salvador, March 25.—It is reported that dissensions have developed among the revolutionists in Honduras. The de facto government forces routed by the troops of the rebel General Tosta in northern Honduras, have reorganized in the south, thus carrying the revolution into another part of the republic, which it is believed will prolong the struggle.

Jap Cabinet Provides For Army and Navy

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Thaw and His Mother



Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Sanford White, is in the limelight again. Aided by his mother, whom he has just visited in Pittsburgh, he is launching another fight for his freedom. If successful in obtaining his release from the Pennsylvania State Hospital at Philadelphia, he plans to take a trip around the world.

Offers Aid to Woman Motorist in Trouble; Slays Her in Lonely Road

New York, March 26.—Mrs. Maude Bauer, 31, was murdered yesterday in a lonely road on Staten Island, evidently by a man who a few moments before had volunteered to assist her, her mother and her two children, whose automobile was stuck in the mud. Medical examiners said Mrs. Bauer was first attacked and then stabbed. The murdered woman, with her mother and two children, was motoring home when, to avoid a truck, she drove into a mud puddle and the car stuck. A youth drove up and offered to take Mrs. Bauer to a distant farmhouse to get assistance. She accepted. Half an hour later, the mother returning in his automobile at a fast pace. He sped past and Mrs. Spero, becoming anxious, took the children and started walking along the road down which her daughter had disappeared. She was just beyond a curve about a quarter of a mile from where the car was stuck Mrs. Spero found her daughter with clothing disarranged, lying a few feet from the road with a deep wound in her chest. "A passing motorist hurried for a surgeon but Mrs. Bauer died soon after his arrival."

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RESIGNATION OF PREMIER IS ACCEPTED

French Ministry Falls After Adverse Vote in Chamber of Deputies.

BILLS INVOLVED

Government is Defeated in Confidence Vote by 271 to 264.

(By Canadian Press.) Paris, March 26.—The Poincare ministry fell today. Premier Poincare, after an adverse vote in Chamber of Deputies, handed his resignation and that of his cabinet to President Millerand, who accepted it. The Premier announced he had decided irrevocably to give up power. "Gentlemen," said M. Poincare to the newspapermen as he left the Palace of the Elysee today after the cabinet meeting with the President at which the resignation had been presented, "my resignation is final." M. Poincare raised his hat, entered his car and drove off homeward. Fall of the Cabinet. The fall of the Cabinet, after it had survived a long and arduous struggle in putting through Parliament its programme of heavily increased taxation to balance the budget, during which it was constantly obliged to raise the question of confidence, came this morning on a comparatively insignificant issue. The Chamber was considering a revision of the civil and military pensions, with only a couple of hundred members present. Socialist Deputy Bouyoussou demanded that the measures under consideration be referred back to the finance committee to be considered in connection with the Senate bills on the same question. Involve Heavy Outlay. Finance Minister De Lasteyrie, in charge of the measures, objected to his. He pointed out that the Senate bills involved a heavier outlay than those in the Chamber. Premier Poincare was not present. The Finance Minister declared himself obliged, in line with the economy policy of the Government, to make the question one of confidence. When the vote was announced showing that the Government had been defeated by seven votes—271 to 264—there was surprise.

Weather Report

Toronto, March 26.—The shallow depression which was in the Missouri Valley yesterday is passing to the southward of the Great Lakes while another now over the western provinces is moving east. Light snow has fallen in Manitoba and Southern Ontario. Forecasts: Snow or Sleet. Maritime—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy, light local snow or sleet tonight and Thursday. Gulf and North Shore—North-east winds, fair. Thursday light snow. New England—Rain or probably snow this afternoon and tonight. Thursday, fair; rising temperature. Strong southeast winds, shifting to west and northwest tonight. Toronto, March 26.—Temperatures: Highest Lowest Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night Victoria ... 42 54 42 Kamloops ... 34 56 36 Calgary ... 28 40 20 Edmonton ... 28 58 26 Winnipeg ... 34 46 30 Montreal ... 28 34 34 St. John ... 80 40 22 Halifax ... 32 40 22 New York ... 38 44 22

Honor Bernhardt On Anniversary

Paris, March 26.—U. S. Ambassador Herriek was among the pilgrims to the tomb of Sarah Bernhardt on the anniversary of her death today. Acting in behalf of the U. S. vaudeville organization, he attached a commemorative tablet to the tomb. Many notable Parisians and theatrical artists attended both this ceremony and anniversary religious service that preceded it in the Church of St. Francois de Sales.

Attempts To Stop Runaway; Is Killed

Toronto, Mar. 26.—Herbert Freeland, aged 26, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon when he attempted to stop a runaway horse. He died in the Western Hospital of a badly fractured skull.