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Princess Patricia Is Bride Today; Married in Abbey

Now Wife of Commander Ramsey, R. N.

ARCHBISHOP OFFICIATES

London Out in Many Thousands to Greet Bride—King and Queen and Others of Royalty at Ceremony in Westminster—Bouquet From Her Soldiers

London, Feb. 27—Princess Patricia of Connaught and Commander Alexander R. M. Ramsay, R. N., were married in Westminster Abbey at noon today. No other social event since the outbreak of the war has created such public interest.

The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Westminster Abbey and other noted ecclesiastics, in the presence of King George and Queen Mary and a great assemblage of members of the royal family, distinguished officials of the British and foreign governments and friends and visitors from abroad.

The bride entered the abbey by the west door, which is used only on occasions of importance. Her gown was of a white brocade pane over silver lace, the outer gown being trimmed with silver lovers knots. She carried a bouquet presented by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Regiment and tied with the regimental colors.

The procession was led by a choir singing "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heavens." The gentlemen ushers, Colonel Sir Douglas Frederick Ramsay, Derek William Keppel, Viscount Sandhurst and Viscount Farquhar, followed, and then came Princess Patricia with her father. They were followed by the Earl of MacDuff, eldest son of the Duchess of Fife, and Hon. Simeon Ramsay, as pages, bearing the princess' train. Then came Lady Jean Ramsay with Princess Ingrid of Sweden, Lady Ina Ramsay with Lady Mary Cambridge, Princess Maud with Princess Mary and Lady Helena Cambridge with Lady Victoria Cambridge.

The bride was given away by her father. During the service the choir sang the sixty-seventh psalm, the hymn "O Perfect Love," and the anthem "Who is Like Unto Thee, O Lord?"

After the ceremony the register was signed in the Chapel of Edward the Confessor. Then, as the principals proceeded toward the door, the Mendelssohn wedding march was played. A procession of the royal family and peers and peeresses followed, led by the Duke of Connaught and Queen Mary, King George and Queen Mother, Alexandra and former King Manuel of Portugal and his wife, who was formerly Princess Augustina Victoria of Hohenzollern.

A guard of honor of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Regiment was stationed at the door, sharing honors with seamen from H. M. C. S. George V.

Court mourning over the death of Prince John was waived for the occasion and the elegant gowns of the ladies lent a festive air to the assemblage.

The wedding presents, which are still arriving, number nearly 700 and range from homey market baskets to princess diamonds. Princess Patricia presented to Commander Ramsay a bust of herself, while his gift to the bride was a Chinese lacquer cabinet.

It is estimated that 6,000 persons were in the Abbey. The bride and groom drove back to the Duke of Connaught's residence in an open semi-state landau drawn by four horses and escorted by scarlet-coated outriders. Princess Patricia was bareheaded, but was wrapped in white furs. As the party drove along, the chiming in nearby all the churches were pealing forth appropriate melodies. Only the weather marred the occasion, the day being gray and chilly.

Bourassa Scolds Them. Ottawa, Feb. 27—In St. Anne's Hall last night Henri Bourassa, in an address on "Our traditions and their origin, and why they should be preserved," gave a sound scolding to his compatriots who have departed from the old maxims and are various questions which the reconstruction period is forcing to the front.

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LABOR CONVENTION WAS OPENED IN HALIFAX TODAY

Halifax, Feb. 27—Upwards of 100 representatives of organized labor in Nova Scotia opened a three days' convention here today. It was arranged by the Nova Scotia executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, under the chairmanship of Ralph Eisner, president of the Halifax organization, and is being held to define the attitude of organized labor in Nova Scotia regarding the various questions which the reconstruction period is forcing to the front.

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H. R. H. PRINCESS PATRICIA OF CONNAUGHT and her husband, Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay, R. N., from photographs recently received from London. Commander Ramsay is the second brother (and not the heir, as stated in some Canadian papers) of the Earl of Dathousie. He won the D. S. O. by his services as flag commander to Admiral de Robeck in the Dardanelles.

MINING HORROR IN NOVA SCOTIA RESULT OF CRIME?

Halifax, Feb. 27—The Evening News of New Glasgow states that an investigation recently undertaken by the police of that place in collaboration with two federal detectives has strengthened a view held for some time that the explosion of last year in the Allan shaft entailing the loss of eighty-eight lives was not the result of an accident and that important and highly sensational developments may be expected soon.

Chief of Police Francis states that the evidence which convinced him that the explosion was deliberately planned is now in the hands of the proper authorities at Ottawa.

NEW BRITISH MINISTRY

Office Would be to Control Transport and Power

London, Feb. 27—In the house of commons yesterday, in introducing a bill to establish a ministry of ways and communications, Edward Shortt, secretary of home affairs, said that hitherto there had been no co-ordination between the various means of transport, and transport had depended largely upon private efforts.

The new ministry, under the bill, would take over control of railways, trams, canals, waterways, roads and, finally, power.

TOTAL IN SAVINGS BANKS NEARS BILLION

Ottawa, Feb. 27—Unemployment has not so far made any serious drain on savings deposits in Canadian banks. They continue to increase. In September, 1918, before the last war loan was reached on the market, savings deposits totaled the high level of \$1,039,000,000. Payment of war loan subscriptions brought the total down, but it is now again climbing towards the billion dollar mark.

During January there was an increase of \$31,500,000, bringing the total at the end of the month to \$990,000,000. During the whole year period, from August, 1914, to January, 1919, savings deposits increased about fifty per cent.

Bank returns for January also show a decrease in demand deposits; a decrease in deposits outside Canada and a decrease in call loans both in and outside Canada.

ARE BETTER.

The following who came over on the S. S. Metagama, and took sick on the voyage, and when landing here were taken to the dependents' hospital, St. James street, were discharged today: Mrs. Josephine Hurley, wife of Private John Hurley, and son Jefferson, will leave tomorrow evening for Toronto; George Sewell, ten year old son of Private George Sewell; Mrs. Sewell, mother of the child, is convalescing at the General Public Hospital; Mrs. Mary Kelly, wife of Private M. J. Kelly, of London, Ontario; Mrs. Newport, wife of Private Newport, who is at the Park Hotel; Mrs. Lanerville, wife of Cadet Lanerville, and little son, Hugh, they will leave this evening for Vancouver; Mrs. Violet Strudwick and little son, Maurice, will leave this evening for Brantford, Ontario.

Clemenceau at Work

Paris, Feb. 27—Premier Clemenceau resumed his official tasks today. He was at the ministry of war from 10.15 o'clock until 11 o'clock this morning.

POLICE HOLD THEIR CHARTER; BACK PAY FOR THE MEN DISMISSED

Conciliation Board's Report in Dispute Here Accepted by Common Council; Recommendation as to Constitution and Police Manual; City Taxation and Other Matters

The city's acceptance of the recommendations of a board of conciliation appointed to investigate the matters at issue with the St. John policemen was formally recorded this morning when the board recommended that they be permitted to retain their charter, with the provision that the constitution should be approved by a committee representing the police and the city, with an independent chairman; that the police manual be revised to bring it into conformity with the city charter in the matter of appointments and dismissals, and also that the men who were dismissed should be paid the full amount of wages which they would have received if they had remained on duty, less earnings meanwhile.

The committee devoted considerable time to hearing a complaint regarding the application of the local improvement levies. Other members would not support Mr. Fisher's proposal to undertake the laying of curbsides alone under this act, and he would not approve the application of a general paving plan as no agreement could be reached, the entire matter was dropped.

The mayor and all members of the council were present. E. M. Olive, chairman of the board of assessors, reported on the protest of H. G. Currie regarding assessment of \$1,500 on his leasehold property in Protection street, while the adjoining property owned by Thomas McCaffrey was assessed at \$700. He explained that the rental of the property had been listed at \$140 until 1918 when it was reported at \$270, paid by three tenants. The adjoining property was occupied by the city and he gave the rental value as \$110. The chairman then submitted a report by Edward Bates on the values. He reported the Currie property was worth \$800. He explained that he found the McCaffrey property, if repaired, would be worth \$140 rental and the value as \$800.

Mr. Currie called upon W. T. Colwell who informed the council that he had examined the Currie property and found it worth \$800. He reported nothing of the rental and did not see that they had anything to do with the value. Mr. Currie said he paid \$600 at auction in 1914 for the property. Dealing with City Road property owned by Mr. Currie, the chairman reported that the property was assessed at \$1,500; last year the rentals were \$456 and this year \$648.

Mr. Colwell testified that this property was worth \$800. He explained that he had examined a great number of houses for the Sterling Realty Company and Mr. Earle and the ways, but found that he thought they were worth more. Mr. Currie protested that the city was forcing him to raise the rent on poor men by increasing his assessment. After Mr. Currie had withdrawn the commissioners decided that they should take no action. The common clerk presented to the council the report of the board of conciliation on the police matter. It was as follows:

The Report St. John, N. B., 19 February, 1919. Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, Ottawa. Sir, By virtue of the authority of the Minister of Labor, acting under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907, and amendments thereto, we were appointed a board of conciliation in the matter of a dispute between the Corporation of Saint John and certain of its employees, namely, policemen and members of the Police Protective Association of Saint John, as to the validity of the right of the police to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. To vest in us absolute jurisdiction, both parties concurred agreed to come within the provisions of the said act for a final decision of the matter in question. Having been so appointed witnesses duly came before us at our private and public sessions and testified as to the various questions at issue pro and con, and having heard all the evidence that we believe is pertinent to the matter we are now prepared to submit our finding which is as follows:

1st. We recommend that the Police Protective Association of St. John be permitted to retain the charter which has been issued to it by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada by which they are affiliated therewith; provided, however, that the ritual, constitution and by-laws of the said Police Protective Association shall be drafted and approved by a joint committee representing the Police Protective Association, the Common Council of Saint John and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

2nd. We recommend that the men who were dismissed on account of their attitude towards labor affiliation, be reinstated on the force, but some few did not work at all and others were on broken time. Although he was not in a position to say definitely, the chief of police estimated this afternoon that a loss of half their time would be an outside figure for the entire body of men, taken as a whole. If this estimate is approximately correct, the city will have to show about \$5,000 among the men to make up for the loss of earnings.

3rd. We recommend that the city will have to pay upwards of \$5,000 to the members of the police force who were dismissed on account of their attitude towards labor affiliation. The recommendation of the conciliation board adopted by the council this morning provides that the men shall be paid the amount they would have received if they had remained on duty, less the amount which they since earned at other occupations. Thirty men were dismissed on Sept. 12 and were reinstated on Jan. 4 and all others were on broken time. Although he was not in a position to say definitely, the chief of police estimated this afternoon that a loss of half their time would be an outside figure for the entire body of men, taken as a whole. If this estimate is approximately correct, the city will have to show about \$5,000 among the men to make up for the loss of earnings.

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NEGOTIATIONS AT SPA SUSPENDED?

Swiss Report of Sudden Crisis and German Commission Leaving Berlin

Geneva, Feb. 27—Last evening's Swiss newspapers printed a Berlin despatch stating that owing to the sudden suspension of armistice negotiations, the German commission left Spa yesterday morning for Berlin. The reason for the reported suspension was not given. General Ludendorff is expected to arrive in Berlin today and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will go there soon.

Negotiations between Allied and German financial, economic and military missions have been in progress at Spa for some time, but there has been no information from Allied sources that in the nature of a crisis had developed there. In the absence of definite information it would seem probable that the meetings, if they have been broken up, as reported, have suspended only temporarily. On Feb. 14 Marshal Foch presented to the German armistice commission at Treves the provisions for an extension of the armistice between the Allies and Germany. These provisions he received from the supreme council of the peace conference. They were accepted by the Germans, after being referred to the national assembly at Weimar, and were signed by the German delegates on the evening of Feb. 16.

ROUMANIAN ARMY BEING RE-ASSEMBLED

Hasty Preparations to Resist Bolshevik Attacks on Frontier—Much Suffering in Country

Paris, Feb. 27—(By the Associated Press)—J. H. Baker, of Troy, N. Y., representing the supreme council in matters of food relief has just returned to Paris after a tour of Roumania and Serbia. He says that the Roumanian army, numbering 200,000, which had been partly demobilized, is being re-mobilized hastily to meet Bolshevik attacks along the border between Bessarabia and the Ukraine, where the Bolsheviks are massing troops. The Roumanians fear these forces will become active with the opening of spring.

Mr. Baker reports that there is extreme suffering in Roumania, owing to the lack of food and clothing. Thousands of women and children, he declares, are compelled to walk barefooted in streets covered with snow. He says that complete paralysis of the Serbian railways prevents relief work and the suffering in Serbia is intense.

SEEMS PART OF GRANT AS SHARE OF CITY

Commissioner Fisher Makes Bid For Some of Federal Road Improvement Money

An effort has been made by Commissioner Fisher to secure the city a share of the federal grant for highway improvement, but his claim on the fact that certain streets running through the city are integral parts of the trunk roads of the province. A reply which he has received from Hon. P. J. Veniot, provincial minister of public works, is not at all encouraging.

Hon. Mr. Veniot wrote that he already has stated his attitude towards the question of provincial grants towards city streets and his attitude had not changed. In his discussion of the federal grant with A. W. Campbell, federal highway commissioner, the latter had said that the federal grant could not be used on any roads except those regarded as provincial trunk roads, and so he saw little prospect of help from that quarter.

It was pointed out by Mr. Veniot that New Brunswick was the only province, with the possible exception of P. E. Island, which did not assess the cities and towns for the maintenance of country roads within a certain radius of the city.

Mr. Veniot suggested that the matter of a federal contribution might be taken up directly with Mr. Campbell, on the contention that certain city streets or portions of them might be regarded as necessary connecting links in a trunk road scheme.

COURTS TO SECURE EQUITABLE RENTALS

One Feature of New Legislation Proposed in Nova Scotia

Halifax, Feb. 27—The third session of the thirty-sixth general assembly of Nova Scotia was opened this afternoon by Lieut-Governor Grant. A guard of honor and band from the Sixth Battalion, Canadian Garrison Regiment, were in attendance. The speech from the throne forecasted legislation to make important amendments to the workmen's compensation act, the mines act and to provide for the establishment of courts to secure equitable rentals, where such courts are deemed necessary. A measure to provide for the expenditure of housing monies placed at the disposal of the province by the federal government is also forecasted.

SEVENTH BRIGADE TO LEAVE ENGLAND FOR HOME TOMORROW

London, Feb. 27—(Canadian Associated Press)—The seventh brigade of the Third Canadian Division sails for home tomorrow.

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