

The Evening Times-Star

MAKE THEM WORK
The Times classified ads are read by practically every newspaper reader in the city. Let them work for you.

BE A BOOSTER

If you have any criticism to offer about the way the city is run, don't growl about it—just a rowdy. Be a booster, not a knocker!

VOL. XX., No. 139

ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1924

TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

British Naval Estimates Are Cut By Ten Million Dollars
THREE MILLIONS DUE THIS WEEK

EXPENSES OF NAVY CUT IN ESTIMATES

The Scale of Expenditure is Brought to Figures of 1903-04.

SEVEN NEW SHIPS

Total Strength in All the Ranks Will be 100,700.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, March 13—Great Britain's navy estimates for 1924-25 as given out in a statement today by the first lord of the admiralty, Viscount Chelmsford, amount to \$55,800,000 or a reduction of \$2,200,000 as compared with the estimates for the present year.

This figure includes the cost entailed in starting the five new cruisers and two new destroyers, the plans for which were announced in Parliament recently.

The total strength of the personnel in all ranks will be 100,700 as against 99,500 in 1923-24. This is exclusive of the coast guard and marine police which will remain virtually unaltered.

Translated in pre-war figures by making allowance for differences in prices and wages, the first lord's statement says, "the total of \$55,800,000 would represent approximately 234,500,000 of which \$29,848,200 would be on the provision made for effective services. Hence the scale of expenditure for the navy has been brought much below the 1914-15 standard—in fact, to what it was about the year 1903-04, prior to concentration of the fleet in home waters and its expansion to meet the growing German menace."

NATIONS LEAGUE REBUKES AUSTRIA

Government Want to Use Loan Without League Supervision

Geneva, March 12—Austria has been rebuked by the council of the League of Nations. Having balanced their budget the Austrians want to free themselves from league control, but the council, after hearing Dr. Zimmermann's report, adopted a resolution that the Austrian government entered into a solemn undertaking and that league control can be withdrawn only when the permanent equilibrium of the budget is established and the financial stability of Austria assured.

Mountain Sheep Are Found By Engineer

Tonopah, Nev., March 13—A herd of 70 mountain sheep was discovered recently by F. M. Rupp, a mining engineer while prospecting in the Silver Peak range. While it was known that mountain sheep inhabited this territory it was not believed they were so numerous.

Soviet War Dept. Bans Fine Clothes

Warsaw, March 13—An edict against the wearing of silk stockings and other finery by women employees of the war department has just been issued by Gen. Sikorski, minister of war. Somewhat the department gained the reputation of being a good marriage mart, most of the stenographers leaving to be married after a year's service. Gen. Sikorski heard of it, reviewed the staff, and finding the women dressed in elaborate clothes, he issued an order that they wear dark, high collared dresses, high shoes and cotton or wool stockings.

ASKS FOR FREIGHT RATE BALANCE

Red Deer Member Favors Income Tax—Euler On Preference

Ottawa, March 13—Yesterday in the House of Commons A. Speakman, (Progressive), Red Deer, admitted that the heavy burden of taxes must continue and advocated income taxation as the most equitable method. He asked for an equalization of freight rates in eastern and western Canada. In answer to questions asked by Mr. Meighen, Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of immigration and colonization, said that the refunds on steamship fares being made to settlers on arrival in Canada were being paid by the government.

GIVEN SETBACK

MacDonald Labor Government Proposal Is Defeated 234 To 207

London, March 13—The MacDonald Labor government received a setback in the House of Commons today when the proposal of J. R. Clynes, deputy leader in the House, for the suspension of the 11 o'clock adjournment rule to discuss the army estimates was defeated by a vote of 234 to 207.

Proclamation of Caliph of Moslems

London, March 13—The solemn proclamation of King Hussein of the Hedjaz as Caliph of all the Moslems took place on Thursday at Shunah, Transjordan, and is described by the Daily Express correspondent as extremely impressive.

Wire Briefs

Halifax, March 13—Mount Allison college girls' debating club won their regular league debate with Dalhousie girls here last night.

Washington, March 13—Inquiry by a select committee of five into the administration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue has been ordered by the senate.

Berlin, March 13—The distribution of relief supplies in one hundred cities by Quaker organizations may be held up as a result of the harbor strike at Hamburg.

London, March 13—According to the Daily Telegraph's Gibraltar correspondent the Spaniards have captured and taken to Ceuta, a British private yacht reported carrying munitions for the Moroccan rebels.

Constantinople, March 13—Now that the Caliphate has been abolished the Turkish National Assembly at Angora is turning its attention to the problem of westernizing the modernizing Turkey.

FINANCES IN FRANCE IMPROVED

French Have Temporarily Overcome Threatened Currency Collapse.

FRANCE IS STRONG

Important Credit is Being Arranged in London, Report Says.

BY WEBB MILLER. (British United Press.)

Paris, March 13—France has overcome, at least temporarily, the threatened collapse of her national currency. The franc opened strong today with the dollar quoted at 23 francs 80 centimes, and the pound sterling at 99 franc 8 centimes. The rise following announcement that important credits have been established in foreign banks and that the franc from international sources.

London, March 13—Important credit for France is being arranged in London, according to statements in financial circles.

The Daily Mail, declaring the negotiations may be completed any moment, describes the operation as quite distinct from and much more important than the various acceptance and other credits which have been arranged through private banks.

The paper asserts that whatever is done will be on the understanding that no such credits can restore the franc unless they are quickly followed by far reaching taxation and other financial reforms proposed by the French government.

Many Millions.

The Daily Express understands that before next Monday a loan of £6,000,000 in the form of two-year bonds will be arranged here privately by powerful banking interests, including the Rothschilds.

It adds that many millions have already been available to France within the last few days, foreign exchange credits of \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 respectively.

Some of the financial editors say the rumors current on the stock exchange yesterday in this connection cannot be verified, at least as regards details, and suggests that the amounts then mentioned were probably exaggerated.

They agree, however, that important negotiations are afoot.

French Franc Soars.

New York, March 13—Fortified by the \$100,000,000 credit established here for the Bank of France, the French franc mounted 15 points to 4.55 cents at the opening of today's foreign exchange market and then soared another 11 points to 4.66 cents.

The rise, following earlier gains in London, was accelerated by a rush of short covering. An announcement that J. P. Morgan & Co. would head a U. S. banking syndicate which would advance almost unlimited credits to the Bank of France brought an enormous volume of business overnight.

Short interests in the franc, which have been swelling in the recent downward flight of the currency virtually were stamped in an effort to protect themselves. Buying also was influenced by the cable showing of the latest Bank of France statement reporting decreases of 100,000,000 francs in advances to the state and 300,000,000 francs in circulation.

Lewis Delays Action In District No. 26

Sydney, N. S., March 13—John L. Lewis, in a telegram to the provisional officers at Glace Bay on Wednesday night, assured them that he proposed to take no action with regard to the crisis in District No. 26 until the whole situation has been thoroughly gone into by the international executive committee.

King Approves Jamaican Reforms

Kingston, Ja., March 13—At a meeting of the legislative council yesterday the Governor read a telegram from the Imperial Government stating that the King approves reforms in the political constitution which were recommended by the council. Extended privileges will be given the colonists in governing their affairs.

Use of Lipstick Is Cause of Girl's Death

Atlantic City, N. J., March 13—Blood-poisoning, due to the use of a lipstick, is believed to have caused the death of Florence E. Dickerson, 15-year-old high school student. The girl's lips became chapped last week. She applied the artificial coloring several days later, and her face became terribly swollen. Her physician advised an operation, which took place on Friday, but the infection had gained to such an extent that it could not be overcome. Local physicians say it is the strangest case on record in medical circles in this vicinity.

LORD RODNEY TO LIVE IN CANADA

Distinguished British Pensioner Wants Sons to Grow up As Canadians

British United Press.

London, March 13—Lord Rodney, whose pension of £2,000 a year, which was granted to his ancestor, the famous British admiral and his heirs in perpetuity as compensation and reward for his distinguished service against the French was recently commuted for a sum of £42,000 by the British treasury, will return to Canada to live permanently on his farm near Edmonton.

Lord Rodney may pay a short visit to the United States before settling down again in Canada, but he enjoys his life on the Alberta farm so much that he declares he would not live anywhere else in the world. Just now he is living with his family in a small bungalow in the little fishing village of Kingsdown which he has rented and he is leaving his family there for a few weeks while he arranges his business and sets the Alberta farm house in order ready for the reception of the family.

"I want my sons to grow up as Canadians," said Lord Rodney. "The pension was commuted at his request. The entire capital will eventually revert to the British government in the form of death duties. Meanwhile the distinguished pensioner will use the interest of the capital for the extension and improvement of the Alberta farm."

No Further Word on Fate of 24 of Crew

New York, March 13—Ward Line officials today awaited arrival of the Norwegian steamer, Clay at Baltimore for details of the loss of their freighter, the Santiago, which yesterday was reported to have gone down 60 miles south of Cape Hatteras, with 24 members of her crew.

No further word of the Santiago's fate has been received since the Clisby's captain sent a wireless message to the Ward Line offices announcing that he had picked up 11 members of the crew of the Santiago's lifeboats. The Clisby's captain reported that he had seen no other boats in the vicinity. The Clay is expected to reach Baltimore today.

7,500 Operatives On Short Time

Lawrence, Mass., March 13—Notices were posted today at the print works and worsted departments of the Pacific Mills here announcing that beginning this week there will be no work Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

About 8,000 hands were affected when the plant closed tonight. The Pacific cotton mills of Dover, N. H., are running four days a week. They employ 1,500 additional operatives.

\$100,000,000 Loan Boosts Francs

New York, March 13—Announcement of the establishment of American banking credit of not less than \$100,000,000 for the Bank of France was preceded by a spectacular rally in the price of French francs, which during the day soared more than 85 points to 4.24 cents.

Carter Drops Claim To King Tut Relics

London, March 13—Howard Carter and the executors of Lord Carnarvon's estate have given the Egyptian government a written undertaking, says the Daily Mail's Cairo correspondent, abandoning any claim now or in the future to anything found in the Tomb of Tutankhamen.

Sole Survivor at Wrangle Is Ill

Seattle, Wn., March 13—Ada Blackjack, 25 years of age Eskimo woman, who was the sole survivor of the Wrangle Island Arctic expedition rescued by Harold G. Bennett, last summer, is in the city hospital with her seven-year-old son, Bennett, suffering from tonsillitis.

She has been living with her boy in rooms in destitute circumstances.

SEIZURE OF RUM STIRS NEW YORK

Steamship Circles Aroused as Custom Officials Raid Orduña.

ISSUE IS SERIOUS

Seven of Crew Arrested and Booze and Drugs are Confiscated.

By Canadian Press.

New York, March 13—Government confiscation of the Royal Mail Packet Company passenger ship Orduña, was demanded today in a libel suit filed in federal court by the U. S. district attorney's staff as a result of a narcotic and liquor raid aboard the vessel yesterday morning.

New York, March 13—Steamship circles today were stirred by the news of the seizure by customs officials of the Royal Mail Line's crack steamer Orduña late yesterday under orders of the treasury department which alleges violations of the customs law, the Federal Narcotics Act, and the prohibition law. Operators asserted that in their opinion action of their government in seizing a British ship has raised serious issues.

The seizure, it was announced, was the aftermath of a raid on the vessel late Tuesday night, in which Federal District Attorney Hayward and other government officials participated. Seven of the crew were arrested and alleged narcotic and drug values of \$16,000 confiscated.

Col. Hayward said a libel against the Orduña was filed as quickly as the necessary papers could be prepared. He declared the Government would demand a bond of not less than \$500,000 for the release of the ship pending action of forfeiture.

The U. S. attorney charges that virtually every foreign ship entering New York harbor allowed liquor and narcotics "to be sold freely from the ships. Either there is the lowest stage of discipline on the ship, which is a constant menace to passengers, or else the head officers (or even the steamship lines themselves) are in collusion and are sharing in the profits of this illicit trade."

A. C. Hunter, New York manager for the Royal Mail Steamship Company, was similarly to that previously given by Gen. Von Lossow, former commander of the Reichswehr and Dr. Von Kahr, former dictator.

He flatly contradicted Hitler and Ludendorff concerning events in the beer cellar when the revolution was declared. He said he had frequently warned Hitler against forcible action. He added that he had been compelled at the point of a pistol to present to support the revolt.

CHURCH UNION ACT WILL BE DEBATED

Opponents of Merger Are Active At Fredericton and Interview Premier Veniot

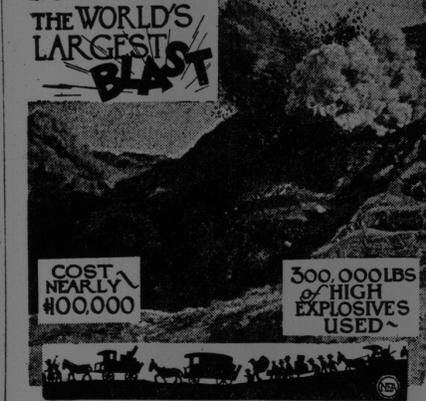
Special to The Times. Fredericton, March 13—"The Church Union" Act as it is popularly known is likely to be warmly discussed in the House as well as before the corporations committee. The opponents of union are very active and this morning a committee headed by Mr. Justice Crockett interviewed the Premier with regard to the time they might be heard in opposition to the measure.

Mr. Bentley, who sponsors the bill in this Legislature, was present and an agreeable arrangement was made that the bill might be read a second time next Tuesday afternoon or evening when possibly there might be an opportunity for discussion by the members before reference to the corporations committee. This, however, is doubtful. Wednesday, March 20, was fixed for the hearing before the corporations committee. The discussion may not be confined to one or even two days, but the Premier assured the supporters and opponents of the bill that every opportunity would be given them to present their views.

Fire In Utah Mine Halts Rescue Work

Castle Gate, Utah, March 13—Numerous fires in mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel Company temporarily halted searching parties after 180 bodies of miners killed Saturday by a series of explosions had been recovered, and early today 48 men still remain unaccounted for. No exploration of the south end of the mine has been possible. Seven bodies were buried yesterday.

And Down Came the Mountain!



Even a mountain is not immune from destruction in the face of 20th century progress. The Southern Pacific blew one up at Lakeside, Utah, to make way for track extensions. More than 300,000 pounds of high explosive were touched off by electricity generated in a car some distance from the scene. Residents of the town watched the destruction from a point a mile away.

Mayor of Windsor, Ont., Throws Cursing Intruder From Office

Windsor, Ont., March 13—Resenting being threatened and cursed by a leader of an unemployment delegation, Mayor Frank Mitchell forcibly ejected the man from his office last night.

With a big fist pushed into his face, backed by unparliamentary language, the Mayor was requested to reconsider the decision to close Howard Avenue Mission Church, which has been used as barracks to shelter the unemployed.

"There is a certain amount of dignity attached to this office," the Mayor said to his visitor, "but unless your fist is removed I shall be compelled to forget that I am Mayor for a moment."

"There is nobody around the City Hall who is big enough to drop that fist," said the delegate with an oath.

In his dilemma that it takes to tell about it, the Mayor had thrown the man into the corridor as far as the door of the City Engineer's office.

"Go down stairs or go to jail," the Mayor yelled and the self-appointed leader slunk away.

CLAIMS DURESS Reason Tempers The Irish Customs Rules

Dublin, March 13—Ireland recently adopted a regulation that no hay or straw could be imported from England, the purpose being to prevent the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease among horses and cattle. Straw is straw, even in the form of a straw hat, and English women and men saw their summer head coverings stop at the frontier. They protested, and reason prevailed. Now ladies' summer millinery and men's "boaters" may be brought into the country.

Emperor Has Winter Home Reconstructed

Tokyo, March 13—Two million yen has been set aside for the reconstruction of the imperial villa at Hayama, on the coast 30 miles southwest of Yokohama, which, before it was damaged by the September earthquake, was the favorite winter residence of the emperor.

Hayama was in the centre of the earthquake zone, and the imperial residence suffered badly. Part of the ground within the villa enclosure sank about six feet in the earthquake.

Because the Hayama villa cannot be occupied this winter, the emperor and empress are wintering at Numazu.

Weather Report

Synopsis—The Atlantic coast storm is now centered near Sable Island moving slowly east, while the western high pressure is spreading over Ontario and Quebec with lower temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night, Lowest.

2135 WILL LAND HERE FROM SHIPS

Busy Week-end is Predicted Along the St. John Waterfront.

CARGOES ARE HEAVY

Severe Storms Raging Along Atlantic Coast are Delaying Steamers.

Three large passenger liners are due to arrive here over the week-end with 2,135 passengers in addition to thousands of tons of general cargo and a large consignment of mail. In addition other large ocean freighters are expected in port within the next day or two and will all combine in making a rush of business at the port.

The Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd. have three passenger boats due and one scheduled to depart.

The Canadian Pacific steamships due are the Melita, which is expected to arrive here tomorrow from Antwerp, Southampton and Cherbourg with 123 cabin and 880 third class passengers in addition to mail and a large general cargo; the Montaurier, which is expected to arrive at midnight from Liverpool with 178 cabin and 431 third class passengers, approximately five car loads of mail and a large general cargo; the Marburn, which is expected here Saturday from Glasgow with 75 cabin and 448 third class passengers as well as a quantity of mail and general cargo.

Montrose Sails Tomorrow.

The Montrose is due to sail tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with approximately 175 cabin and 140 third class passengers in addition to a large general cargo. Among her passengers will be Lady Elizabeth Byng and Lady Mary Byng of Ottawa, who are niece of the Governor General, H. A. Donald Rhodes and family of Ottawa, formerly of Amherst, N. S., and Dr. L. R. Morse of Lawrenceport, N. S.

The S. Grey County, Captain Willcock, arrived in port this morning from Hamburg with over 2,000 tons of cargo, which included 1,200 tons of fertilizer. The remaining 1,300 tons consisted of general cargo.

The Manchester Producer is due to arrive in port tomorrow morning from Manchester with approximately 2,000 tons of general cargo. She was due here yesterday, but ran into the heavy storm near the mouth of the Bay of Fundy and turned back to sea.

A wireless from her today announced that she is now here and will dock tomorrow morning.

The Canadian Commander is due to sail from here Saturday morning for Dundee, London and Antwerp via Halifax. She is now loading general cargo at Long Wharf.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Teotol is now two days overdue at this port from Bermuda and the British West Indies. The Direction Finding Station at Red Head picked her up yesterday and it is understood that she encountered the severe storms, which have been raging all along the Atlantic coast and has been delayed.

She is expected to arrive in port tomorrow with sugar for the Atlantic Refinery, some molasses and general cargo.

Miners Sign Three Year Agreement

Great Falls, Montana, March 13—Representatives of District No. 27, U. M. W. of A., comprising North Dakota and Montana coal mine operators, concluded a wage agreement yesterday, extending the present pact for three years.

Besco Will Pay 1924 Wage Rate

Halifax, March 13—Roy M. Wolvin, president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, today declared that his corporation would continue to pay the coal miners of Nova Scotia the 1924 rate of pay as agreed upon at Montreal between representatives of the miners and the company.