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POWER CO. WOULD CONFER WITH CITY

More Than 20 Lives Lost In Ruhr Train Wreck

22 BODIES ARE RECOVERED IN GERMAN CRASH

Majority of Dead Are Miners And Steel-workers

MANY INJURED

Coaches Smashed And Bodies Of Passengers Mangled Beyond Recognition

CARL D. GROAT.
United Press Staff Correspondent.

BERLIN, Jan. 13. — Twenty-two bodies were recovered today from the shattered wreckage of four coaches of an accommodation train demolished in a collision with the Westphalia express at Herne.

Fifty other passengers were injured in the crash, which occurred in a dense fog. Thirty-five of those hurt were in a serious condition.

Did Not See Signals.

The express left Berlin shortly after midnight and the engineer did not see the signals of the local train which was stationary.

Most of the killed were miners and steel-workers traveling between Dortmund and Wanne in fourth class coaches in the rear of the accommodation train. The coaches, of wood, were splintered by the impact and railroad officials said identification of some of the mangled victims would be impossible.

The express locomotive and several cars were derailed and the train crew were injured.

Herne is situated five miles from Bochum in the Ruhr Valley, the district recently occupied by French and Belgian soldiers.

LICENSED VENDORS ALL CHECKED UP

General Order Covers The Province—Beer Shops Also to be Watched.

An enquiry at the local office of the liquor inspectors today elicited the information that an order is general all over the province for check up on the licensed liquor vendors. Yesterday every vendor in the city was checked up and all warned that they must live up to the law. A close check will also be kept on Beer shops.

A Fredericton dispatch says: "Fredericton is no exception to the rule which has "put the lid on" liquor vendors throughout the province on Tuesday. Sub-Inspector Fraser Saunders visited vendors and informed them of a strict checking up of liquor stocks which would go into effect and be assisted by information from the liquor commission. Licensed beer shops, it is understood also will be required to give strict observance to the act."

FAREWELL MESSAGE

Last Word From Ill-fated French Vessel Washed Ashore in Bottle.

BOULOGNE, France, Jan. 13—A farewell message from the crew of the ill-fated French vessel, Jeanne D'Arc, stating that their craft was rapidly sinking without hope of rescue off the Cornish coast, has been washed up in a bottle near here.

The message, dated December 26, was written in pencil on sheet torn from a note book and was signed by the master, Pierre Levinaia of Concarneau.

SOVIET COMMENT

Hughes Retirement May Strengthen Russo-German Trade Relations, Says Pravda.

MOSCOW, Jan. 13—The Pravda declares that the withdrawal of Secretary of States Hughes may mean strengthening of Russo-German trade relations which certain American financial groups already demand under the influence of Russian purchases of American cotton.

AMAZING EVIDENCE AT SOVIET TRIAL

MOSCOW, Jan. 13.—Amazing revelations of assassinations, plots, intrigues and terroristic acts against Alexander II and his ministers, were made yesterday at the trial of Ivan Okladski who, after nearly 45 years, is charged with having turned traitor and betrayed his accomplices in that notorious murder which shocked two continents.

The prisoner, who is 65 years old, appeared in court guarded by four armed soldiers. He was infirm and dressed in rags.

SUBMARINE RUNS AGROUND IN FOG

MISHAP AT ORLEANS HARBOR ENTRANCE.

Rolling in Mud and Being Pounded by Unusually Heavy Seas.

CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 13.—The submarine S-19, which ran aground early today on the outer bar of the entrance of the Orleans harbor, sent out a message shortly after nine o'clock that her position had become dangerous, due to the heavy seas running.

At that time waves were breaking over the bridge of the submarine, which had a list of twenty degrees.

Rolling in Mud.

The message was the first received from the S-19 for some time, the interference being explained by the fact that the submarine was submerged to such an extent that part of her radio antennae was under water.

The vessel reported that she was rolling in mud, while the heavy seas raked over her. She lies 5½ miles south of Nausett Light, and the Nausett coastguard crew as well as the Orleans crew is standing by.

FREDERICTON CITY COUNCIL AT WORK

New Board Re-organizes For Year and Makes Changes in Committees.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 13—The City Council of Fredericton has organized for 1925. The new alderman is Dr. D. W. Ross in Carleton ward.

The retirement of G. H. Clark from the board left one vacancy in chairmanships and there was a shift on that account. Ald. Smith succeeds Ald. Clark as chairman of finance committee; Ald. MacKnight succeeds Ald. Smith as chairman of fire committee, and Ald. Ross succeeds Ald. MacKnight as chairman of appeals and contingencies.

The street committee was enlarged from three to five members each ward now being represented.

Ald. J. B. Dickson was re-elected deputy mayor.

NO PETTING PARTIES

N. Y. State Legislature Bill Would Have New Highway Parking Regulations.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Petting parties and motor rides have got to stop. The anti-roadside petting clause is found in a harmless looking little bill now before the assembly sponsored by Assemblyman Stapley, chairman of the committee, and it says in letters bold and black that an automobile cannot be parked on the improved portion of any state or county highway except in case of emergency.

Hold Young Girl In Long Island Auto Theft

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Jan. 13.—William J. Perry of Greenlawn was held in bail of $2,500 on the charge of grand larceny and Miss Ursula I. Wilson of Huntington was held in bail of $500 on the same charge by justice of the Peace Robert Burnside. The arrests have been made in connection with automobile thefts in Suffolk, Nassau and Queens counties.

EXPECT PARIS CONFERENCE TO FINISH TONIGHT

Allied Diplomats Enthusiastic Over New Settlement

AMERICA'S PART

U. S. Acceptance Of Agreement Hailed With Enthusiasm In Europe

PARIS, Jan. 13—Representatives of the United States, for the first time since America's failure to ratify the Versailles treaty, are about to sign an inter-allied agreement, the object of which is to fix and divide German reparation payments.

Instead of observers the Americans now become active participants in the settlement of the situation arising out of the peace of Versailles; that is, considered here to be the most important result attained at the inter-allied financial conference which is due to close today.

Important Factor.

The co-operation of the United States is regarded particularly by French circles as constituting a new and important fact which may have weighty consequences in the future, both morally and materially, the more so as one of the negotiators, Ambassador Kellogg, will be called on March 4, to assume direction of America's foreign policy.

The conference experts, having failed to line up everything last night, were again at work this morning at their ungrateful task. They are still a few clauses that refuse to work out right, and as the percentages are involved, modification of any one of them entails modification of others, consequently there is fair prospect, but not certainty, that the conference will be able to close its labors at the plenary session called for this evening.

Diplomats Optimistic.

The French Minister of Finance, M. Clementel, is so optimistic that everything will work according to schedule that he has already ordered a grand banquet for tonight in honor of the delegates and experts.

Winston Churchill, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, is of similar mind and has told his valet to pack his trunk.

FOR SCHOOL TITLE

Windsor and Fredericton High Schools to Meet on Thursday.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 13.—An inter-provincial hockey championship match, said to be without precedent, will be played here Thursday night when the Fredericton High School, 1924 champions of the New Brunswick interscholastic league, and Windsor High School, 1924 champions of the Nova Scotia interscholastic league, will play for the hitherto unsettled 1924 interscholastic hockey championship of the Maritime Provinces.

ATTACKS TRAINER

Leopard Springs at Female Performer and Inflicts Severe Injuries.

BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Dolly Hill, wife of Arthur Hill of New York City, and known in the circus world as Dolores Valiceda, is in Mercy Hospital with little hope for her recovery, as a result of an attack on her by a leopard which she was training in an arena.

She had turned her back for a second when the leopard sprang on her landing with his paws and teeth on the back of her neck and knocking her to the floor. The infuriated animal continued to choke and paw her and gradually moved his hold on her neck to the throat.

TO PRESENT PRINCE FARM IN ZULULAND

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Jan. 13.—(Canadian Press Cable via Reuters.) If the wishes of the residents of Zululand are carried out as intended, the Prince of Wales will have a farm in South Africa as well as in Canada.

Zululand, which is a part of the province of Natal, has reorganized a movement which was started last year to buy a farm and present it to His Royal Highness.

POISONED WEDDING PUNCH KILLS TWO

THREE OTHERS ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Tragedy May be Result of Plot or Ill-timed Joke, Says Reports.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 13—Two men are dead, three others are in a critical condition and numerous members of a wedding party, at Gilberton, near here, are being treated today in homes along the Mahanoy Valley as a result of what is reported by police and physicians to have either been a wholesale poisoning plot or an ill-timed joke.

Powerful Poison Used.

According to reports some one at the wedding put metal polish in the punch bowl at the wedding feast, and that poison alcohol was responsible, but a physician, who treated the victims, stated that it was a powerful poison and had none of the characteristics of alcoholic poisoning.

Six persons are known to have drunk the liquid but as members of the party are taken to homes and surrounding towns by friends the exact number of victims is problematical.

WEDS 10 MINUTES AFTER 5TH DIVORCE

Chicago Man of 78 Takes Housekeeper as His Sixth Spouse.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13—Ten minutes after a divorce decree separating him from his fifth wife had been signed, Wilhelm Bottcher, 78 years old, today obtained a marriage license and was wedded to his sixth spouse, Mrs. Kate Kester, 65, his housekeeper.

Bottcher was divorced from his fifth wife, Mrs. Lena Bottcher, on charges of desertion and asserted at the hearing two weeks ago that he was "through with marriage forever."

Superior Judge Harry Lewis, who signed the divorce decree, a few minutes later was startled when Bottcher again appeared before him and asked the judge to marry him.

"How do you know you could be happy with this man?" demanded the judge of the blushing bride. "His first wife died, his second committed suicide, his third went insane, and two others divorced him. Aren't you afraid to be their successor?"

C. P. R. BRIDGE CASE

Privy Council Arranges to Hear St. John Appeal on February 20.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Jan. 13—Among appeals to the Privy Council, set down for hearing, in the ensuing term, is that of New Brunswick appealing for a decision as to whether that province by virtue of the Ashburton treaty has the exclusive power to regulate the navigation on the St. John river, including the right to require the raising of the level of two railway bridges, or whether these powers are vested the Dominion under the British North America Act.

The Canadian appeals are not likely to be heard before February 20.

Halifax Baptists To Build New Church

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 13.—At a meeting last night the board of trustees of the United Methodist church of Halifax, it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a new church on the Robie street site, toward which it was announced $25,000 had been donated by O. E. Smith, a Halifax merchant and $5,000 from outside sources.

ON PERJURY CHARGE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 13.—Former police officers John Carroll and Frank Weaver, who were taken into custody last night, appeared in the police court this morning to answer to a charge of perjury preferred against them by liquor license inspector Tracey.

BALKANS WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO CRUSH SOVIETS

Ask British Aid In Campaign Now Being Planned

RESULT FEARED

Wrangel Forces In Serbia and Roumania Great Anti-Soviet Bloc.

By H. BAILEY.
British United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Attempts to dethrone the Soviet rule in Russia are to be made this spring, according to the confident predictions of men in close touch with European affairs.

The reorganization of the Wrangel forces in Serbia and Bulgaria continues and there is abundant evidence that diplomatic movements are being made in the Balkans to create an anti-Soviet bloc which will emerge as a new attack against Russia when the winter goes.

Chamberlain Unwilling.

The Balkans are trying to induce Austen Chamberlain, Britain's foreign minister, to lend them British support, but the British seem unwilling at this time to do anything to create new combinations for war in Europe.

Is Serious Problem.

All that can be said authoritatively at this time is that Britain realizes that it cannot leave the Russian relationship where it now stands, but at the same time Britain continues to insist that Soviet propaganda shall cease entirely before Britain thinks of negotiating any treaty with the Soviets.

Meanwhile the government is warned by competent observers that if it aids and abets the Balkan movement it is not improbable that the whole of the Balkan area may be thrown into a state of war, which would result in the undoing of all that has been done in the last four years for the rehabilation of Europe.

TO VISIT CANADA

Princess Mary, With Husband, Viscount Lascelles, Decide to Come Here Next Year.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—So successful was the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada that Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles have virtually decided to make a trip to that Dorinion next year, it is reported authoritatively. The visit, it is added, will be in every way an informal one.

AGAINST UNION

110 Congregations Have Voted Not to Enter The United Church.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 12.—Figures issued by the Presbyterian Church Association here, last night, on the voting on church union, show that 110 Presbyterian congregations in the Dominion, up to the present, have decided against entering the United Church of Canada.

Of this number, 81 congregations in Ontario voted against the union, nine in Nova Scotia, six each in Saskatchewan and Alberta, four in Quebec, three in British Columbia, and one in Prince Edward Island.

CROSS STITCH HAT

It Was Bound to Follow in The Wake of Cross Word Puzzles.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—After crossword puzzles comes the cross-stitch hat. This is the latest candidate for women's favor and recalls the days of the cross-stitch craze which held sway a century ago.

The latest hats are made of various shapes in open squares, cross-stitched with embroidery or colored straw in a medley of old world colorings and patterns.

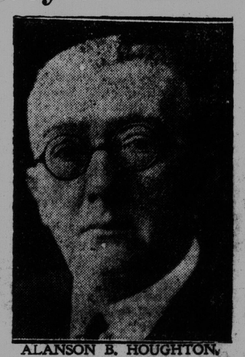
FASCISTI PLANS.

ROME, Jan. 13.—The Grand Fascist Council has decided to form regional groups of Fascist deputies with a view to bringing problems affecting various parts of the country to the attention of the government and parliament through them.

New U. S. Envoy to Britain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Alanson B. Houghton, ambassador to Germany, has been virtually decided upon as Ambassador to Great Britain to succeed Frank B. Kellogg.

Cablegrams have been exchanged between Washington and Berlin, and Mr. Houghton has indicated a willingness to accept the post at the Court of St. James which will become vacant when Mr. Kellogg assumes the duties of secretary of state.



ALANSON B. HOUGHTON.

Old Political Foes Join Forces To Oppose Drastic Legislation Proposed By Mussolini

Italy Aroused Over Bill to Wipe Out Free Masonry.

ROME, Jan. 13.—Three former Italian premiers, bitter enemies in their day, met today to consider joint action against the government in view of further drastic repressive measures proposed by Premier Mussolini.

Marquis Salanter, Orlando and Giolitti held a conference and proposed meeting again tonight to discuss the situation arising from the Facisti move in presenting bills in the chamber of deputies to restrict the activity of secret organizations. It was the first time since the world war that Giolitti and Salandra had spoken.

In the short session of the chamber Monday, Mussolini presented a bill regulating the membership of government employes as well as those of provincial and communal administration association, clubs and fraternity.

The Premier also proposed that secret orders—and this would include the Free Masons of Italy—must present a list of their members and give details of their organizations, such as the oaths and by-laws. This would mean the wiping out of Free Masonry in this country.

SHANGHAI CONTROL PASSES TO GEN WU

7,000 Troops of Rival Chinese War Leader Interned at Gateway Port.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 18—Control of Shanghai, gateway port of China, over which the Peking Government of Wu Pei-Fu, since deposed, started an aggressive war some months ago, passed back to the adherents of General Wu today when more than seven thousand vanquished troops of General Chang Yung-Min, a rival leader, were disarmed and admitted to internment in the French and international settlements.

General Chang represented the new Peking Government named under the direction of Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian leader, after he swept down with his armies from Mukden and overthrew the government of which General Wu was the military head.

10 PER CENT. CUT

New Bedford Cotton Operators Reduce Wages of 40,000 Workers.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 13—The New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association, at a meeting voted to reduce wages in the cotton mills 10 per cent., the cut to become effective January 19.

The reduction will affect approximately 40,000 operatives in this city alone.

C. N. R. WRECK TIES UP ST. JOHN LINE

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 13.—Five cars on Number 412 fast freight left the track at Bloomfield station about 11 o'clock last night. The St. John main line was blocked for several hours as a result. The station platform was badly torn up.

SAYS WADE SIGNED NO PRO CONTRACT

Canadiens Manager Submits Evidence in Fredericton Player's Case.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 13—New evidence in the case of Edgar Wade's application for an amateur card was presented to the representative of the Maritime Provinces Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada here this morning.

Never Signed Contract.

"Wade never signed any kind of a contract with myself or Lalonde. That I am positive of. He was wired only expenses and railroad fare to Montreal and from here I paid his fare to Grimsby and back. He never played with or against professoionals," read a telegram which came from Leo Dandurand, manager of the world's champion Canadiens, Montreal.

A similar statement from Newsy Lalonde, manager of the Saskatoon Club has been wired for and is expected today.

CARE FOR ESKIMOS

American Red Cross to Bring Survivors of Wells Expedition to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.— The eleven Eskimo survivors of the ill-fated Wells expedition to Wrangel Island in the North Pacific, will be brought to this country by the United States Red Cross.

Deported from Russia, where they had been taken by a Soviet ship, the Eskimos were denied admission to China, and the United States government found it had no funds available for their return to United States soil.

Re-arrange Portfolios In Manitoba Cabinet

Winnipeg, Jan. 13—Under the rearrangement necessary since the retirement of Hon. E. M. Black, provincial treasurer, Premier Bracken will take over these duties, Hon. R. W. Craig, Attorney General, will take over the ministry of telephones while Hon. Albert Prefontain will assume the duties of the minister of agriculture.

STANDS READY FOR TALK OVER LIGHT SUBJECT

Manager Pooler Sends Important Letter To City Hall

ONE DISTRIBUTION

Company to Handle It, City to Control Rates—Injunction Case

Tentative proposals leading to a discussion of the differences existing between the city and the New Brunswick Power Co., Ltd., respecting electric light service here are contained in an important letter received by the Common Council from the company today. In brief M. A. Pooler, general manager, on behalf of the company, says it is willing to meet the Mayor and commissioners in conference on the whole matter.

In the letter, Mr. Pooler says that it might be disclosed that if the New Brunswick Power Co., Ltd., were permitted to handle the distribution and sale of all electricity in St. John, the present rates could be maintained, adding while under competitive conditions they could not be. Also expense in rebuilding part of the distribution system would be avoided.

Meanwhile, the hearing into the injunction application of the Power Co. restraining the city from installing hydro in the West Side sheds, was begun before Mr. Justice Grimmer this afternoon.

Text of Letter.

The full text of the Power Co.'s letter to the city is as follows:

January 8, 1925

His Worship the Mayor, and Commissioners of the City of St. John, in Common Council, City.

Dear Sirs,—As you are of course aware, Professor Baird of the University of New Brunswick, has been selected by the Board of Public Utilities, to investigate and report on the interferences caused by the erection of the civic distribution system.

In his preliminary report to the board, Professor Baird states that, "Providence has been watching over St. John, or there would have been serious accidents through contacts between the two electric distribution systems in the city." In the interests of safety to life and property the Supreme Court has ordered that these interferences be removed, and that the cost of removing same be born by the city. To make the changes necessary to remove these dangerous conditions, will require the expenditure of a very considerable sum of money, to avoid which, no effort should be spared. With the interests of the citizens of St. John at heart, and a sincere desire and effort on the part of representatives of the city and the New Brunswick Power Company, arrangements should be made, under which the city, without sacrificing its rights or control over the distribution of hydro, could save the cost of partially rebuilding its distribution system, and also make it possible to eliminate to a great extent, the unsightly and dangerous duplication of poles and wires in our streets.

The directors of the New Brunswick Power Company stand ready to meet the Mayor and commissioners in conference, to discuss the various phases of the situation.

A careful study of Conditions as they exist today, might disclose the fact that, if the New Brunswick Power Company were permitted to handle the distribution and sale of all electricity in St. John, the present rates could be maintained, while under competitive conditions they could not be.

Let it be borne clearly in mind that should such an arrangement be made, the city should retain its control of the rates to be charged, and such precau-

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The Weather Report

SYNOPSIS—A shallow depression which was over the middle states yesterday has developed into an important storm now centred in the Ottawa Valley. The weather is very cold in the western provinces and snow is falling in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Forecasts:

Snow and Rain.

Maritime — Strong south east winds with snow and rain followed tonight and Wednesday by westerly gales and change to much colder.

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest during night
Pr. Rupert ..	30	30	24
Victoria	38	44	38
Calgary	0	22	*2
Edmonton ..	*14	0	*14
Winnipeg ..	*20	*12	*22
Toronto	28	32	28
Montreal ...	24	8	8
Quebec	14	10	8
St. John ...	24	10	2
Halifax	30	16	8
New York..	30	30	28

* Below zero.

2 Mother Presbyterian Churches, One In West And Other In Ottawa, Against Union

PRINCE ALBERT, Jan. 13.— St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, the mother church of Saskatchewan, founded in 1862, has decided against union by 222 votes to 177, a majority of 45.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.— St. Andrew's Church, the mother church of Presbyterianism in Ottawa, voted against entering the United Church of Canada by a majority of 80 out of a total vote cast of 698, carrying with it the extensive Glebe lands and invested funds valued at a million dollars. The vote was 309 for union and 389 against.

Italian Immigrant Boy, Who Made Millions In New York, Gives Factory To 6 Employes

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—Almarindo Portfolio, 46 years old and a millionaire, is traveling southward on the Florida Limited rid of business cares for the first time since he began his career as an immigrant errand boy at the age of ten.

His $7,000,000 cloak business, built up painstakingly through twenty years, he gave away yesterday to six of his employes in the offices of Portfolio and Company, Inc., on Broadway.

The former manufacturer has now dertaken his long cherished dream of a trip around the world.

Portfolio, the son of poor Italian parents, came to America in 1888. He went to work immediately as an errand boy. He emerged after twelve years of rugged toil, the manager of a shop. Four years later, with the machines in a fourteenth street attic, he founded his own shop. The miniature factory, in twenty years, has changed into a $7,000,000 business.