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Will Start At Once To Improve St. John Port Facilities
BONAR LAW, FORMER SON OF N.B., DEAD

POTATO SHED TO BE FIRST

Tenders in Few Days for Extension of Negrotown Breakwater.

NO CONVEYOR WORK

Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, Talks Harbor Commission.

That there would not be any extension of the grain conveyors for this winter was made plain this morning by Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, but he saved this announcement with the statement that tenders would be an addition to the facilities for the shipment of potatoes and this work would be undertaken at once. The Minister also stated that tenders for the extension of the breakwater would be called in a few days and this work would be proceeded with at once.

In discussing the questions at issue with representative St. John business men this morning in the Mayor's office, Hon. Dr. King said that in his opinion the potato shed was the more important just at present, as the product handled was a local one, and pointed out that no port had grain conveyors at every berth.

Those At Meeting

The meeting this morning was arranged for by Dr. Murray MacLaren and among those present were Mayor Fisher, Commissioners Wigmore, Bullock, Thornton and Frink, Hon. Dr. King, J. B. Hunter, Deputy Minister of Public Works; Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State; Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P.; Dr. Murray MacLaren, M. P.; W. F. Roberts, Minister of Public Health; Hon. W. E. Foster, M. L. A.; W. E. Scully, M. L. A.; G. E. Barbour, H. C. Schofield, J. T. Knight, P. D. McAvity, A. P. Peterson, J. C. Chesley, G. S. Cushing, A. H. Wetmore, W. F. Burditt, Allan McAvity, P. Turcott, C. C. Kirby, J. M. Woodman, and Alex Gray, harbor engineer.

The Mayor acted as chairman and in calling the meeting to order said he had been invited to discuss with the Minister of Public Works matters relating to port development. He asked Dr. MacLaren to open the discussion. Dr. MacLaren suggested that Commissioner Bullock place the matter before the minister and had all the data. Commissioner Bullock said he took it this was a repetition of the delegation cured last spring when the delegation went to Ottawa. Since that time he was glad to know the extension of the breakwater was to be made. That left the extension of the grain conveyors and additional berths to be dealt with. It was asked that conveyors be extended to No. 16 and No. 7 and a cross section put in to berth No. 15, so that it could be served from either elevator. They were pressing now for the extension to No. 16 because this would give two leading berths at about the same expense as to No. 7 where only one berth would be provided.

He had been asked why the Government was asked to build these conveyors rather than the city or the railway, and he said the building of these conveyors was a part of the bargain with the C. P. R. city and the Government. Additional Berths. An additional berth was also needed to provide more room for ships. The present accommodations were taxed to capacity and more should be provided. H. C. Schofield said Commissioner Bullock had covered the ground very fully. The shipping men had got together and after a careful canvass of the situation had asked for an extension to No. 16. In time for this season it started at once it might be possible to get it completed before the end of the season, which would probably help some.

Need of Conveyors. C. C. Kirby, resident engineer of the C. P. R., said last winter a number of steamers had been forced to lie from one to fourteen days in the stream waiting for a gral berth. Altogether there had been a loss of 68 days waiting for grain berths. It was felt that No. 16 was the best berth, as if it was equipped with a grain gallery having two belts, it would be possible to load two small boats or (Continued on page 2, fourth column).

Boy Scout Surgery Saves Woman

New York, Oct. 30.—Mrs. W. E. Graves of 64 South street, Jamaica, cut an artery in her hand and was unable to get to a doctor. Michael Salucka, 12, a Boy Scout, went to her rescue. Fragments of a broken glass jar had been thrown into a rubbish can, and when Mrs. Graves plunged her hand into the can the bits of glass slashed her wrist in three places, one gash being an inch long and another two inches long. Blood issued in a stream. Salucka seized his handkerchief and a stick and made a tourniquet, which he twisted around the arm and held for an hour until a doctor arrived. Mrs. Graves was taken to Jamaica Hospital, where it was said that but for the prompt action of Salucka she would have bled to death.

SPEAK IN DEFENCE OF KING GOVERNMENT

Lapointe and Motherwell in Prince Albert—M. P.'s Should Know Country.

Prince Albert, Sask., Oct. 30.—The administration of the King government was defended in speeches here last night by Hon. E. Lapointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, who addressed a large audience. Mr. Lapointe emphasized the necessity for parliamentary members to secure personal knowledge of the whole of the Dominion to bring fair judgment to bear in the problems of the country. Suspicion undoubtedly existed between the east and west. This had to be eliminated by substitution of united co-operation.

BRITAIN ACCEPTS FRANCE'S TERMS

Agrees to Details for Conference on Reparations—Those to Take Part.

London, Oct. 30.—Great Britain has accepted the terms specified by Premier Poincare of France for a conference of experts to consider the reparation question. The U. S. Government will be acquainted with the willingness of all the countries concerned in the reparation problem to participate in the conference, and will be asked to immediately designate its members of committee of experts.

Paris, Oct. 30.—The committee of experts to examine Germany's capacity to pay would be composed of representatives of Great Britain, the U. S., France, Belgium and Italy.

North to Paris. London, Oct. 30.—William H. Booth, president of the International Chamber of Commerce, said today on the Mauritania for Paris to arrange for a special conference of delegates from 88 nations to make recommendations regarding the proposed reparation discussion advocated by Secretary of State Hughes.

Wire Briefs

Warsaw, Oct. 30.—The railway and postal strikes are slowly coming to an end, traffic on the roads being almost normal.

London, Oct. 30.—Norway's capital is to lose its familiar name of Christiania and be known in the future by its original name Oslo, according to the Morning Post correspondent in the Norwegian capital.

Dawson, Oct. 30.—Dawson is in direct communication with High River, Alta., a few days ago. It is about 1,400 miles distant. The new Government radio stations at Dawson and Mayo both are working well.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 30.—Allen Red (Jack) McNulty, of Boston, faced an additional charge of indecent assault as well as common assault when his case commenced in the York County Police Court today.

Peking, Oct. 30.—President Theo-Kun has tendered the premiership to Sun Bao-Chi. The executive is said to have arrived at his choice of Sun because the latter is considered a non-party man and has an excellent reputation in diplomatic circles.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 30.—Ragwort, a poisonous plant, has been found in southern New Brunswick. An official of the Provincial Department of Agriculture found some near St. John recently. The same weed caused a lot of illness among cattle in Nova Scotia some years ago.

BELL BOY SEES DUEL IN HOTEL

Comes on Escaped Convict and Bootlegger in Pistol Combat.

CASE OF REVENGE

Police Believe That McLean Attacked Gillen for "Squealing."

New York, Oct. 30.—The second member of a band of six convicts who escaped last July from the Pennsylvania state prison in Philadelphia yesterday fell dramatically into the hands of the New York police. He was Thomas (Eagle) Gillen, of Philadelphia, shot down yesterday in a pistol duel in the Hotel Langwell, in West 44th street, by Joseph F. McLean of Brooklyn, who gave his occupation as bootlegger, actor and jockey. The police think McLean tracked down Gillen in the belief that he had given detectives information that led to the arrest, in Brooklyn last week of James Brown, another fugitive. Last night Gillen lay near death in Bellevue Hospital. The McLean man lay two coats away, also bearing three bullet wounds, screaming at his fellow patient, denouncing him as "snitch" and squealer and expressing in lurid language the wish that he would die. Duel in Hotel Corridor. The duel, breaking with startling suddenness into the slush of 600 hotel patrons, jangled the jaded nerves of the roaring Forties. John Caplano, an elevator boy, passing the ninth floor a little before the breakfast hour, saw Gillen standing in one doorway and McLean in another directly across the corridor, emptying their revolvers at one another. Caplano descended in the lift, ran into the lobby crying to the manager, Wm. Howard, and then bolted into the street. Running past the manager's office he found a traffic policeman and summoned him. The policeman found McLean, wounded, on the floor where he died had occurred. He raised his empty weapon feebly as the officer approached, but soon was placed under arrest. Gillen and two women, who had been seen racing from the scene of the shooting, were gone, but a trail of blood led up the stairs to the eleventh floor. There in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Gillen was found. He had burst into the room and fallen on the floor. His empty pistol lay beside him. "How did it happen?" the hotel manager asked. "I was tired of life, I tried to commit suicide," muttered Gillen, who refused the office of a priest. "I was tired of life, I tried to commit suicide," muttered Gillen, who refused the office of a priest. Gillen first gave his name as Luke McDonald. He had registered with a woman as "W. J. Donovan and wife." He finally gave his real name and his Philadelphia address. McLean also at first proved uncommunicative. Pressed as to the cause for the duel he declared they had fought over women. But his raving at the hospital convinced the police that he had tracked Gillen to the hotel to revenge himself on a squealer.

Turkey a Republic; Ismet Is President

Constantinople, Oct. 30.—Ismet Pasha has accepted the offer of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of the newly proclaimed Turkish republic, to form a new cabinet. The National Assembly at Ankara yesterday voted for a Turkish Republic and elected Mustafa Kemal Pasha as the president.

NO WIND TODAY SO NO SCHOONER RACE

Is Seriously Hurt and Whole Village of Doorn Throbs With Excitement.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 30.—After a series of half-hour postponements the schooner race commenced at 8:30 this morning and ended at 10:30. The race committee announced that there would be no satisfactory sailing conditions today, and the second of the international schooner race contestants fouled each other. A fog of such density that motor cars and pedestrians in the city were bewildered and lost prevailed during the early morning, and those on the waterfront could not see a boat length. Added to this condition was a complete lack of wind. Even after nine a. m., when the brilliant sun had banished the fog in the city, the flags on the public buildings were lifeless, and at Camerdown, at the mouth of the harbor, the barge had attained three knots. It came from the southeast. Regulations to obviate a possibility of a repetition of yesterday's unfortunate occurrence when the international schooner race contestants fouled each other's rigging on the best home in the first race of the series, were passed at the meeting of the sailing committee this morning. It was decided to add to the course regulations that any buoy, marker, or sea water will be passed on the seaward side with the exception of "mark" buoys and other buoys as indicated to the competing captains.

TOOK MONTHS TO GAIN HIS FREEDOM

Prisoner Bored Through Ceiling and Thick Walls—Had High Drop.

Winnipeg, Oct. 30.—William Nivink, a dangerous criminal who escaped from Stony Mountain prison last week, gained his way to freedom through the ceiling of his cell with a piece of iron. He escaped through a thick wall in the penitentiary roof and finally escaped by sliding down a rope. His accomplishment which took many months to complete, rivals anything known in Canadian criminal records.

STORM IS COMING

Washington Warns of Blow Along Coast as Far as Eastport.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The weather bureau today issued the following storm warning: Advisory 10 a. m. disturbances over lower latitudes will move rapidly northeastward with increasing density attended by strong south and southwest shifting to northwest winds, from Delaware Breakwater to Eastport, Maine, where southwest storm warnings are displayed.

KAISER'S WIFE HIT IN EAR WITH STONE

Halifax Hic in Early Morning Fog So Thick That People Were Bewildered.

Doorn, Oct. 30.—A stone thrown by an unknown hand, inflicted a serious wound in the ear of Princess Hermine while she was walking with her children last evening near the ex-Kaiser's chateau. The police arrested several persons, but said they did not get the culprit. Wilhelm's entourage and the entire village of Doorn have been greatly excited by the incident.

TAY PAY HONORED

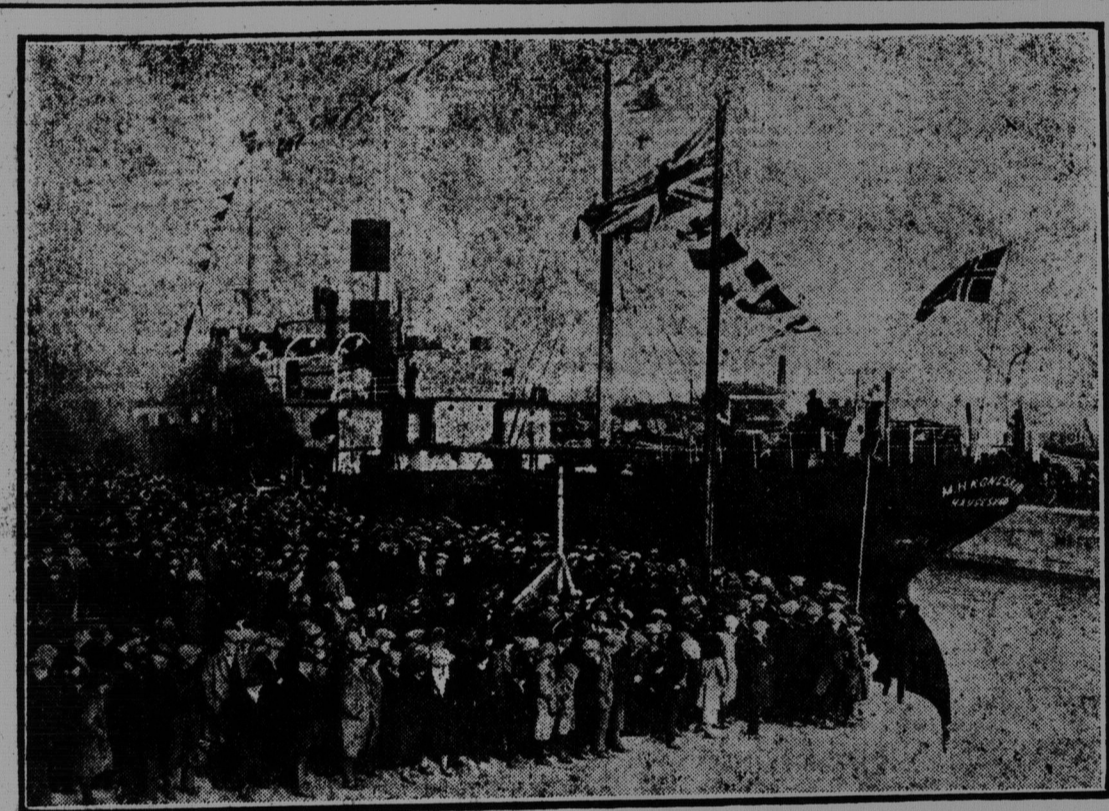
Gold Snuff Box on Birthday—Harvey Leaves Clean Slate As Ambassador.

London, Oct. 30.—At a complimentary dinner given last night in honor of T. P. O'Connor's seventy-fifth birthday, at which Margus Curzon presided, the U. S. ambassador, George Harvey, said he was pleased to inform those assembled that as a sequel to a conversation he had just had with Lord Curzon he was leaving his successor an absolutely clean slate.

Jev and My Own For \$50,000 Saturday

New York, Oct. 30.—Eastern retail enthusiasts are turning their eyes toward Lattin, where Jev is slated to match strides in a \$50,000 championship race on next Saturday with My Own, Rear Admiral Grayson's sterling colt. The distance, one mile and three quarters, is declared by My Own paragon to be especially favorable to that thoroughbred. Jev, however, demonstrated conclusively his staying qualities in the mile and a half test with Papyrus.

Scene as New Dry Dock is Opened



Thousands of people yesterday came at every available vantage point along the shores of Courtenay Bay and watched the ceremonies with which St. John's big new dry dock—the largest in the world—was officially opened by Baron Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada. This picture shows a part of the throng which watched the steamer Kongshavn being accorded the honor of being the first vessel to cross the sill of the new dock.

BALL PLAYERS GO TO WOODS OF MAINE

On Way Today to Moose Head Lake to Shoot Big Game.

Montreal, Oct. 30.—Several members of the newly crowned world's champion Yankees arrived in Montreal last night and left today for Northeast Carry, Maine, where they will spend part of their off season hunting moose and deer on the banks of Moose Head Lake, Maine. The members of the Yankee team include Bob Shawkey, Joe Bush, Fred Hoffman and Herb Pennock, while Eddie Collins, captain of the Chicago White Sox, is accompanying the party. "We will bag some moose," said Collins, "if Bush does not sing them all out of the woods."

Saxon Socialist Trade Unions Start Three Day Strike Today

Berlin, Oct. 30.—The Socialist trade unions in Saxony have decided to proclaim a three days' general strike throughout Saxony, beginning today, it is announced in Dresden advices dealing with the developments consequent on the intervention of the Federal Government in that state. The publication of a manifesto addressed to the public by Dr. Zeigner, the ex-premier, on the situation in Saxony has been prohibited by the military authorities. Dr. Carl Heinze, the newly appointed commissioner of Reich in Saxony, has issued an appeal in which he says his chief task is to restore order in Saxony with the help of the military and put an end to plundering and terrorism.

IS READY TO CONFER WITH MEN OF ULSTER

Free State Minister Says Government Prepared to Negotiate Settlement.

Dublin, Oct. 30.—Home Minister O'Higgins, speaking at Kingstown yesterday, said the government had hoped to reduce the number of prisoners sent to the Brixton prison before Christmas, but that now it could not "allow the fabric of the state to be changed by women's weapons, the hunger strike."

Mr. O'Higgins added that on the Ulster question the Free State government stood by the Federal Government and was willing to confer with the Ulstermen in order to arrive at a settlement of the dispute. Dublin, Oct. 30.—James Larkin writing to President Cosgrave yesterday offering to settle all labor disputes in November 14 and 15. Ontario will be represented by Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture.

Weather Report

Toronto, Oct. 30.—A moderate depression which has developed with great rapidity now covers the lower lakes, and the western cold wave is centered in South Dakota. Rain is falling in Ontario from Lake Huron to the Ontario Valley. Elsewhere the weather has been fair and continued cold.

Winds: Cloudy. Maritime—Southerly and south-westerly winds, increasing to strong breezes, moderate, becoming showery. Wednesday, fresh to strong westerly winds, mostly cloudy. Gulf and North Shore—Winds increasing to strong breezes and moderate gale, southeast, shifting to southwest; rain tonight. Wednesday, strong southwest and west winds; a few light falls of snow or rain. New England—Rain tonight and possibly tomorrow; colder tonight and tomorrow; fresh to strong south shifting to northwest winds. Toronto, Oct. 30.—Temperatures: Lowest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night.

Victoria ... 86 64 48
Winnipeg ... 12 28 12
Montreal ... 40 52 38
St. John ... 46 58 38
Halifax ... 34 58 36
New York ... 68 64 54

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—(Canadian Press)—More than double the number of immigrants came to Canada during the last six months as compared with the similar period of a year ago. The figures according to the Department of Immigration show 94,883 people of all nationalities who have entered Canada during the six months April-September 1923, while the number was 46,831 for the same period in 1922.

Do You Know

Duke and Duchess of Cornwall visited St. John Oct. 17 and 18, 1907.

FORMER PREMIER IS NO MORE

End Comes at 3 a. m. in His Modest London Home.

SHOCK TO PEOPLE

Public Did Not Suspect That Death Was So Close at Hand.

London, Oct. 30.—Andrew Bonar Law, for seven months Premier of Great Britain, died in his modest London home at three o'clock this morning. The official bulletin issued by the physicians who attended the former Premier read as follows: "Mr. Bonar Law died at 3 a. m. following an acute attack of septic pneumonia. (Signed) GOULD MAY HORDER."

Five months ago—on May 20—he resigned the Premiership on account of a throat malady which for a long time had troubled him. Even then he was reluctant to admit that his career was finished and he retained his seat in the House of Commons, where he since made two or three appearances.

Anxious for Some Days Ten days ago Mr. Law returned to London from Brighton after a sojourn of several weeks. His physician issued a statement to the effect that he had contracted a severe chill, but the public did not suspect that the end was so near until they read in this morning's newspapers that he had developed pneumonia and a condition that gave rise to considerable anxiety soon after he appeared driving the news of his death. His two sons were killed in the war, a sorrow from which Mr. Law never recovered.

When the Canadian Scotsman—Mr. Law was born in New Brunswick, Canada, on Sept. 16, 1856—accepted his high office a year ago his friends well knew that his health was precarious. Outside that close circle it was known only that he had contracted a throat complaint which prevented him from speaking.

Mr. Law was aware of his own condition and promised the unionist party when he accepted his mandate, that he would resign if and when he found his strength unequal to his work. He gave place to Stanley Baldwin, his chancellor of the exchequer, almost before his new government was fairly organized, retiring to the country to safeguard his failing strength.

No official statement as to the nature of Mr. Law's illness was ever made, but the public drew an inference from the fact that Dr. Thomas Herder, who was attending him when he resigned, and who has since been his physician, is one of the foremost cancer specialists. During the interval spent in the country since his retirement from the prime ministership, Mr. Law had been able to take outdoor walks and also motored considerably. The reports of these activities, which seemed to indicate that he was holding his own, had not prepared the public for the news of his comparatively rapid decline.

There has not yet been time for funeral arrangements, but there is every reason to believe it was Mr. Law's wish to be buried as simply as he lived. Gave Life to Country. London, Oct. 30.—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin paid the following tribute to the dead statesman: "For him, I am thankful he has spared further suffering; for his friends the loss is irreparable. The country will not forget that he sacrificed his life in her service."

Lloyd George's Regret. Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—Word of the death of Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law was received with deep regret by David Lloyd George upon his arrival here today. News of the passing away of the British statesman was kept from Lloyd George by his associates until he had finished breakfast. He then dispatched a message to the daughter of the late Mr. Law, and in a message to the press said: "I have heard the sad news with deep regret, tinged with relief that the long and severe suffering has at last come to a peaceful end. I saw him shortly before I left for this country, and he (Continued on page 2, column one)