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R. DUNCAN SMITH DIES SUDDENLY

IS STRICKEN AS HE TALKS WITH OFFICE CLERK

Heart Failure Is Pronounced Cause of Death

57 YEARS OF AGE

His Brother, J. Willard Smith, Is at the Present Time Seriously Ill

Death came with appalling suddenness to R. Duncan Smith, aged 57, member of the firm of J. Willard Smith, shipowners, tugboatmen and dealers in builder's supplies, as Mr. Smith sat in his office, South Wharf, about 10:30 this morning.

Complained of Indigestion.

First to arrive at the office, Mr. Smith had evidently been in distress. When Miss McLaughlin, his secretary, arrived, she inquired if his suffering was caused by a lame back, from which he had complained of late. Mr. Smith thought it was an attack of indigestion. Soon after he toppled from a chair near a stove, and in few moments expired in the arms of A. R. Milton, a painter, who had arrived on the scene to do some work, and his office clerk.

Died of Heart Failure.

Assistance was called from the wharf outside and Capt. Lewis, of the schooner "Disco," also Capt. Harry McNally, were immediately at hand, but nothing could be done to save the dying man. By this time relatives and friends began to arrive, also Dr. Frank Stephenson, North End. He pronounced death due to heart failure brought on by indigestion.

Upon leaving home at 163 King St. East this morning, Mr. Smith complained somewhat of indigestion, his wife—who is of professional nursing experience—debated the advisability of his going to the office. Later in the morning she telephoned friends to his effect. Mr. Smith being a man of strict business routine, insisted on attending to his duties and suggested his indisposition would soon clear up.

Friends Rushed to Scene.

When word of the heart attack of Mr. Smith in his office reached the care of business neighbors and people in the Prince William street district, the South Wharf section was crowded with friends hoping to be of some service, but Mr. Smith had passed away.

The tragic task of communicating the news at the bereaved home on King street East fell to close personal friends, relatives and the Rev. J. McLaughlin, pastor of the Queen square Methodist Church. Telegrams were sent to a daughter at Mount Allison University, and another daughter from the high school at the lunch hour.

Came Here a Lad of 13.

Mr. Smith was 57 years of age and came to St. John when a lad of 13 to work with his brother and with whom he had been associated successfully to the present time. It is another phase of the sadness of Mr. Smith's sudden death that J. Willard Smith, elder brother, and senior of the firm, should himself be dangerously ill at this time, having been a sufferer for a long period indeed in such delicate state of health that for a time today it was doubted whether the crushing news of his brother's death should be imparted to him. Each day the late R. Duncan Smith visited his brother's bedside to count the business and happenings and discuss matters of common interest, for both had been prominently identified with the business, religious, prohibition and community welfare of the city throughout their useful lives.

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LUDWIN MINISTRY DEFEATS ATTACK

Victorious Over Ramsay MacDonald Resolution of Censure, 335 to 146.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Government was victorious in the House of Commons last night against the first opposition attack on its general policy, when by a vote of 335 to 146, it defeated Ramsay MacDonald's resolution declaring that the method that the government proposed for reviving the flagging of industries duties must lead to a system of general tariffs.

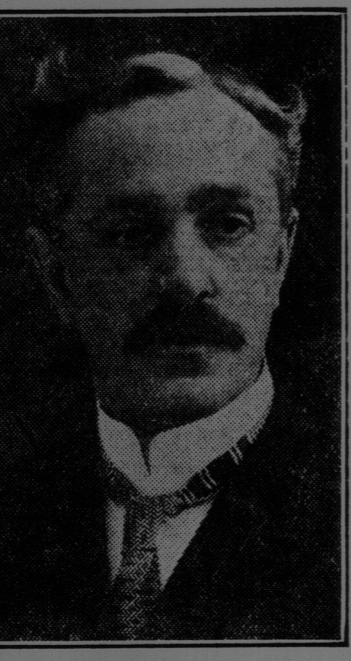
France and Siam Sign New Treaty

PARIS, Feb. 17.—A settlement of disputes between France and Siam, a board of arbitrators and an agent Court of International Justice provided for in a new treaty signed by Premier Herriot and Prince Chulalongkorn, the Siamese minister, replacing the 1896 treaty. The treaty also recognizes Siam's customs autonomy, effective as soon as the other nations agree, and in various other ways relieves Siam of the old features of international trade.

Canadians Among 25,000 Who Lost \$20,000,000 in California Bubble

MARITIME MEN PLEAD PORT CASE IN QUEBEC

Dies At Business



R. DUNCAN SMITH. Prominent city shipping man, who expired suddenly in his office this morning.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE TABLED LATER

Premier Informs House Negotiations Regarding Geneva Protocol Still on.

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STUDENT IS CLEARED

Coroner's Jury Says Sparring Partner's Death Due to Heart Failure.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Feb. 17.—Harry C. Turner, 17, Freshman at Blacksburg College, was absolved of blame in connection with the death of Mancel J. Steele, 18, of Wofford College. Steele fell unconscious while boxing Turner. A coroner's inquest attributed death to heart failure.

Shoots Wife And Then Kills Himself

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 17.—Thomas L. Wann, secretary, retired capitalist and prominent socially shot and killed his wife, and then committed suicide in their apartment here today.

Quotations Drop On News of Death

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Daniel Gumbinsky, former president of the Duffell Woolen Mills Company, dropped dead today. On the announcement of his death, quotations fell \$2.75 a share. The stock yesterday was quoted at \$3.57. Death was due to heart disease.

Ontario Farmers Ask Aid To Recover \$300,000, Sunk in Oil

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 17.—Believing that they are the victims of one of the biggest swindles ever put over in Ontario, a score of North Middlesex farmers are asking the government to assist them in recovering \$300,000, invested by them in Texas oil stocks. Already legal machinery has been put in motion at Toronto to have a criminal investigation officer sent to Texas. The actual amount of money sunk by the farmers, is \$298,000. One man alone is said to have paid over \$17,000 in Canadian Victory bonds for shares in the company. Also this same man mortgaged his home, for \$4,000 to invest in oil wells that were represented to be producing 250 barrels a day.

BOARD OF TRADE THERE TO HEAR MISSION TODAY

Halifax And St. John Delegation on Trade Increase

MONTREAL PLANS

Deputation Will Be Received At Regular Meeting Of Board of Trade

By Canadian Press.

QUEBEC, Que., Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press).—The aims and objects of the promoters of the Canadian port development scheme will be outlined to the Quebec Board of Trade by Mayor John Murphy, of Halifax, and W. S. Fisher, former president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, and J. D. McKenna, both of St. John, this afternoon. The Maritime mission arrived here this morning and within a few minutes a hearing by the officials of the local board was arranged. Messrs. Murphy, Fisher and McKenna will go on to Montreal tonight in connection with the movement originating in the Maritime Provinces to organize a delegation from the boards of trade of the dominion, which later will wait on the Federal Government and urge the necessity of immediate adopting measures to confer the benefits of the British preferential duties to goods routed through Canadian ports and other measures which would aid the Maritime Provinces.

His Foot Crushed BOY ASKS DEATH

"Kill Me Quick," Pleads Lad After Falling Under Freight Train.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—"I am crippled for life, please shoot me. Kill me quick," shouted Herbert Jones, 17 years old of Mount Vernon to Police Sergeant Dalton as he approached the officer with his right foot crushed.

He said his foot had been mangled when he jumped off a fast moving freight train. Despite his serious injury and the loss of considerable blood, the boy managed to hobble a quarter of a mile along the tracks and up a long flight of steps to the Tuckahoe Station.

CARDINALS PROTEST

In Open Letter to French Premier Object to Vatican Embassy Suppression.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Cardinals Luçon, Andrieu, Dubois, Maurin, Charost and Touchet, have sent an open letter to Premier Herriot, protesting against the suppression of the French embassy at the Vatican. The cardinals make an open appeal to the Senate not to ratify the suppression.

SHIP MANY APPLES

Week's Cargoes to England Will Bring Total up to Million Barrels.

HALIFAX, Feb. 17.—A total of 49,908 barrels of apples were shipped from Halifax last week ending February 15, bringing the total for the season up to 962,644. This week's shipment, it is expected will take the season's total beyond the million mark.

WANT TO SEE PRINCE

South African Towns Complain When Not Included in Itinerary.

CAPTOWN, South Africa, Feb. 17.—Ever since the programme of the Prince of Wales' coming tour of South Africa was published there has been complaints from all parts of the Union, either deploring that the Prince is not visiting that particular spot, or complaining that his visit will be much too short. The latest of these communications is from Maric in the backveld district of the Transvaal.

THEFT IS CHARGED

Warrant Issued For Kingston, Ont., Professor, Missing Since Wednesday.

KINGSTON, Ont., Feb. 17.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Prof. Joseph Andre, the missing musician who left Kingston last Wednesday. The warrant charges him with stealing a diamond ring valued at \$375.

RENEW WEDDING PROMISE

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 17.—To celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tauber went through the wedding ceremony again, yesterday, pledging anew the holy bonds of matrimony, at a service in St. Joseph's church.

KILLED IN FALL

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—Falling from a bridge at St. Anne de Bellevue, where he was working yesterday Wilfrid Trotter, 22, of Sennerville, was instantly killed.

Kills Sister To Relieve Pain

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Because her tubercular sister Anais pleaded to be put to death, a 40-year-old spinster named Levasser placed a revolver at the sufferer's body and fired five shots, the last one being mortal. The woman surrendered. Less than a fortnight ago Stanislaw Uminski, Polish actress, was acquitted of the charge of murder after confessing to shooting to death her lover, Jean Zynowski, because his malady was incurable.

COLLINS' DEAD BODY REACHED, STILL IN CAVE

Cave Prisoner Died 24 Hours Before Being Found

AMPUTATE FEET

Task of Removing Boulder To Free Body, Considered Too Hazardous

CAVE CITY, Feb. 17.—Revealed, but not recovered, the body of Floyd Collins today still was lying in the natural tomb which has been his for more than 17 days, while jaded miners, spurred on by the realization that at last they had found the cave explorer, pecked away at the limestone rock of Sand Cave, West Virginia, warning the roof caved in yesterday, and it was officially announced that Collins had been found—"apparently dead."

Deed 24 Hours.

A short time later, after Ed Brenner, of Cincinnati, had gone, head first into the hazardous pit, and under "physicians' directions," made a superficial examination of the trapped man, Dr. Wm. Hazlett, of Chicago, and Capt. C. E. Francis, medical officer of the Kentucky National Guard, expressed the opinion that he had been dead 24 hours.

Theappers continued to toll far into the night, but early this morning everyone, with the exception of two guards and four laborers, was ordered from the vicinity of the shaft opening and there was a general suspension of work.

To Amputate Feet.

Collins' feet will remain forever in the spot they were pinioned by a falling boulder 18 days ago.

H. T. Carmichael, in charge of the rescue work, was unwilling to risk the lives of the miners in removing the boulder.

Surgeons went into the pit early today, to attempt to amputate Collins' feet, but were unable to reach him. The body was almost covered with dirt and rock, which must be removed before a medical examination can be made.

Autopsy Ordered.

Governor W. J. Fields has ordered that an autopsy be held on the body by three physicians "to determine the cause of death, to locate any possible injuries, and to find if there was any trace of poison."

Meantime, tentative arrangements for the body to lie in state, in the Cave City high school, for two days, were announced by T. L. Corby, a friend of the family. Four ministers, pastors of churches in this region, will conduct the funeral services, and the body taken to Mammoth Cave burial ground and laid to rest, beside those of his mother and sister.

THIEVES GET \$200

Take Sum From Sydney Mines Till While Owner's Back Turned.

SYDNEY Mines, N. S. Feb. 17.—The police are searching for two men, who entered the store of William Campbell, at Little Bras D'or Saturday night, asked the clerk for some goods located in an outbuilding, and during his absence rifled the till of its contents, amounting to about \$200 in cash.

20 SUICIDE IN DAY

Budapest Has Epidemic of Self-Destruction.—Vienna Also Stricken.

BUDAPEST, Feb. 17.—(United News).—Twenty persons committed suicide here during the 24 hours ending at dawn Monday. Since January 1 suicides in Budapest and Vienna have averaged five a day in each city.

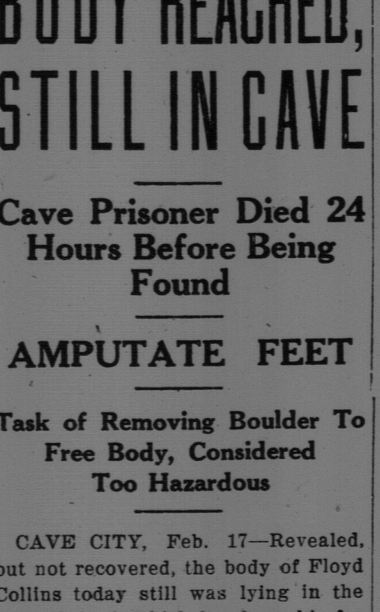
Recommend Grouting of St. Paul's Dome Pillars

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The final report of the committee of architects and engineers appointed by the Dean of the Chapter of St. Paul's, recommends in effect that instead of attempting to rebuild the pillars supporting the huge dome of the Cathedral, the work of grouting them be continued.

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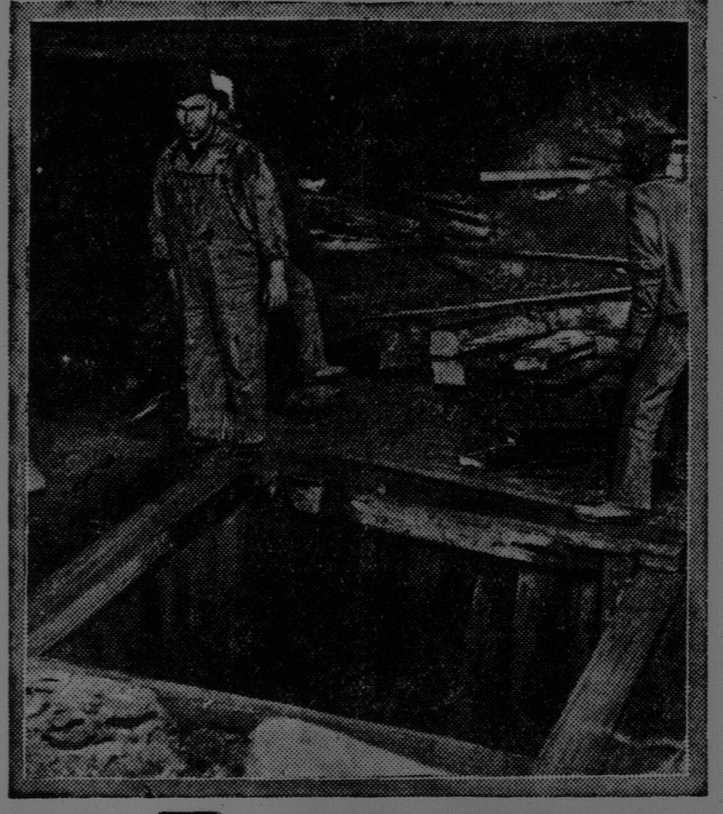
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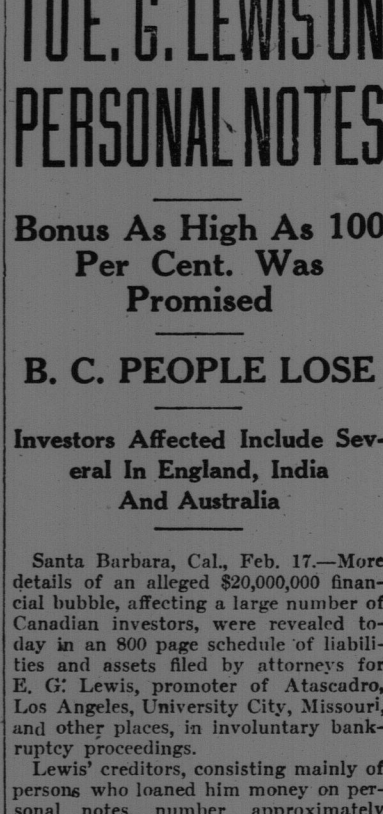
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