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H. B. LUMBER INQUIRY OPENS AT CAPITAL

HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN CAMERA, SAYS CHAIRMAN

Next Sitting at Campbellton, Judge Grimmer Declares

NO STATEMENTS

Companies Invited to Have Witnesses Present to Testify on Conditions

Canadian Press FREDERICTON, N. B., Nov. 25.—The investigation by the Royal Commission of the condition of the lumber industry in New Brunswick, with a view to fixing stumpage rates on lumber cut on Crown lands, was opened here this morning at 10 o'clock by Mr. Justice Grimmer and F. C. Beattie of Saint John, the commissioners appointed by the Provincial Government for the purpose of conducting the inquiry.

"We expect to hold sittings all over the province before we are through," Mr. Justice Grimmer said prior to the commencement of the probe, "and we have invited all lumber companies to have representatives appear as witnesses." Representatives of the Oromocto Lumber Company and Fraser Companies, Ltd., would be among those heard before the commission today, he added.

MOVE TO NORTH SHORE Following sittings in the capital today and tomorrow, the commission will proceed to Campbellton, said Mr. Justice Grimmer, where the hearing will be continued before moving on to other north shore points. The meetings are held in camera and Judge Grimmer said no statements would be given out regarding the evidence heard by the commission until the commission's task has been completed.

USE SPEAKER'S ROOM The speakers room in the Parliament building was planned for the disposal of the commissioners and they sat there for some time. Miss Blanch Whitehead of St. John, official reporter of the proceedings. The commissioners also were in conference with officials of the Department of Lands and Mines obtaining information.

BANK HEAD WANTS REAL PROSPERITY

Howland, at Toronto, Says Cost in Carrying on is Excessive

Canadian Press TORONTO, Nov. 25.—General business in Canada is not enjoying real prosperity, Peleg Howland, president of the Imperial Bank of Canada, stated in his address at the annual meeting of the bank here yesterday. While the business indices all indicated the existence of a better business, Mr. Howland said, his observations led him to believe that there was not the general prosperity in the industrial and distributing business of the country that was desirable, the cost of carrying on still being out of proportion to profit.

Vital Statistics For Moncton Released

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 25.—The marriage rate in this city continues to fall, according to vital statistics for the year, only 149 having been solemnized as compared with 179 in 1925, and an average of 300 annually in 1920 and 1921. Births also show a falling off although it is not so great, 512 being recorded this year and 544 last. The death rate in the city is considered exceptionally low, although 224 were recorded as compared with 210 last year. Included in each are those of about 60 persons from out of town points, bringing the net death rate to 7.6 per thousand population in the city itself.

Article Was Shown Before Publication

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The New York World publishes today under Paris date the doings of Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt 2nd, that any application has been filed with the Secret Rota for the annulment of her marriage. The detailed report from Rome of the alleged application was submitted to Mrs. Vanderbilt before publication according to the World, and her only comment was she "had nothing to say."

"In the face of her categorical denial," the paper says, "the World regrets the publication."

Date For Railway Strike Likely To Be Decided In Montreal Today

Nine-Year Old Boy Best Man For His Father

BOSTON, Nov. 25.—Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols announced here that his son, Clark S. Nichols, nine years old, would serve him as his best man at his wedding on Friday afternoon to Miss Carrie M. Williams. Dexter P. Nichols, seven-year-old son of the Mayor, will be ring-bearer, and Marjorie, his four-year-old daughter, will be flower-girl. The ceremony in the Church of the New Jerusalem will be performed by the Rev. Mr. H. Clinton Hay, the pastor. Miss Williams was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Williams. Miss Carrie Williams was a twin sister of the Mayor's first wife, who died shortly before he took office.

WAR GUILT QUESTION AIRED BY GERMANY

League or World Court May Be Asked to Settle Matter

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—The League of Nations or the World Court at The Hague may be called upon to determine whether or not Germany merits sole guilt for causing the world war, according to a motion adopted by the Reichstag today. The non-socialist parties proposed the motion which urged the government to investigate the possibility that the League or the Court might consider the question of war guilt.

ASQUITHIANS QUIT PARTY COMMITTEE

Lloyd George's Financing Proposals Cause Split Among Liberals

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The Liberal ranks are completely broken by Lloyd George's insistence on the conditions on which he is prepared to finance a united Liberal party from his party funds, and seven members of the Liberal administrative committee, all former Asquithians, headed by J. A. Spender, resigned today. Lloyd George wants a reorganization of Liberal headquarters in order to make his position as leader quite secure and compel obedience from the Asquithians. The former Premier is not going to surrender the only hold he has, namely the party funds, and then find himself kicked out of the party.

Shell Ice Forms On River At Capital

FREDERICTON, Nov. 25.—(Special)—The coldest weather of the autumn last night caused a considerable quantity of shell ice to form and drift in the river. The steamer Majestic left as usual for Saint John this morning. The water is high and current swift and an early close by is not anticipated.

WOMEN ARE WINNERS

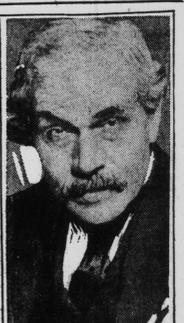
QUEBEC, Que., Nov. 25.—Two women are among the winners in the literary contest conducted by the Bureau of Authors of this province. The second prize, \$500, was awarded to Miss I. Moore, of Regina, for her essay on "De la Veranda" and the third prize, also \$500, to Miss Dorothy Heneker, Montreal, writing on "Le Tenue Siquirialis au Canada."

SHOP Talk

THERE'S a couple of Times-Star editorial page features that command general interest. They are "Who's Who in the Day's News" and "Timely Views on World Topics."

The Who's Who feature is interesting in that it tells of prominent people figuring in the current news, and fills a need that cannot be satisfied by a news story. The tabloid article on World Topics is just what its title implies—"Timely Views." Many informative expressions of views are not carried over the already burdened news wires. These are preserved, however, and presented in condensed form in this valuable little feature. Compare The Evening Times-Star with any paper three times its price.

Slated For Honor



COPENHAGEN, Nov. 25.—There were reports in the Scandinavian press today that Ramsay MacDonald, former Socialist Premier of Great Britain, would receive the Noble Peace prize for 1926.

PREMIER TO REVIEW CONFERENCE WORK

Mackenzie King Due Back in Ottawa December 8 For House Opening

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Premier Mackenzie King, who is back from Edinburgh, is spending the day clearing up his business here and in making special calls. He called to bid good-bye to the Prime of Wales at noon today. The only remaining function in connection with the Imperial Conference which closed on Tuesday is the farewell dinner to be given to the Dominion premiers in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords tomorrow night by the Empire Parliamentary Association.

GOING TO PARIS

Premier King will go to Paris on Saturday and will inspect the memorial there to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He is due to arrive in New York on the Majestic on December 7 and he will return to Ottawa on December 9. He is taking the New York route, it is stated, in order to be present at the opening of the first round play here yesterday. In the course of the session of parliament at Ottawa, Premier Mackenzie King proposes to make a statement reviewing the work of the Imperial Conference.

E. D. THOMSON LOSES

Saint John Man Beaten in Carolina Golf Tourney

PINEBURGH, N. C., Nov. 25.—Two Canadian entrants in the annual Carolina golf tournament were eliminated in the first round play here yesterday. E. D. Thomson, of Saint John, N. B., lost to H. J. Blue, of Aberdeen, N. C., 2 and 1, while C. M. Rude, of Montreal, was beaten by H. B. Davidson, Jr., of Baltimore 7 to 5. Both matches were in the first division.

NO CHANGE IN TITLE

Alteration Refers Only to British Government, Says London

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The Imperial Conference made no change in the title "Governor-General." There was a story current that the title was changing, but examination of the official report showed it to be unfounded. The change made was in the title of the government, not the governor-general. Thus, as already called the British Government becomes "His Majesty's government of Great Britain" and the Canadian government "His Majesty's government of Canada."

RODGERS CAPTURED

Noted Criminal Rounded up in New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—John J. "Bum" Rodgers, notorious criminal was captured early this morning in a tenement house in Third Avenue, the Bronx. A score of detectives heavily armed, swooped in on the apartment and snapped handcuffs on the criminal's wrists as he lay in bed. Police in many cities have searched for Rodgers in connection with murder, hold-ups and other crimes for many months.

VIOLENT SNOWSTORMS

MADRID, Nov. 25.—Violent rain and snowstorms today were sweeping the Spanish peninsula, damaging shipping and threatening floods in various sections of the country. Snow and ice covered Caen, Galicia and North Loon, and wolves were reported to be making raids on the cattle.

"There's No Substitute For Circulation."

EXHIBITION AT FREDERICTON SHOWS DEFICIT

Treasurer Reports Loss of \$5,125 For This Year

NO GRANTS

Spent \$3,500 in Encouragement of Agriculture and Livestock

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, N. B., Nov. 25.—The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society No. 34, which operates the Fredericton exhibition, was held this afternoon. The report of the treasurer, C. F. Chestnut, showed a deficit of \$5,124.90, of which a portion was carried over from 1925. The report of Wm. Cruikshank, secretary, commented on the fact that the 1926 exhibition was run with no grants, Federal or Provincial and under the circumstances the showing was good.

CHANGE OF POLICY

The secretary's report also pointed out that it cost the exhibition some \$3,500 to encourage agriculture and livestock and it no grants for that purpose were forthcoming from the Dominion or Province a change in policy on the part of the exhibition would be in order.

FEAR FOR SAFETY OF SACKVILLE MAN

Albert Tower, Cook on Vessel, Disappears at Albert—Search Still on

Special to The Times-Star SACKVILLE, N. B., Nov. 25.—Captain Burnham Tower, master of the schooner W. R. Reinhardt, telephoned from Albert County this morning, stating that Albert Tower, of Sackville, who had been spending Christmas with some relatives, had disappeared. The schooner had been taking on load at Albert and Mr. Tower did not come back after short time the other members of the crew were employed again this year, when some contributions came in late. So there is no hand sum of \$100.

GIVES CANDY DONATION

Miss Maud Perry, Prince William street, who remembered the little ones nicely last year, again has come forward with a substantial donation of 100 pounds of mixed candy, which will form part of the contents of the stockings this year.

A method which was used to good effect last year, and which likely will be employed again this year, was that of a number of employees in city firms making a joint donation to the fund, each employee adding his contribution to the joint contribution.

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL, AND CERTAINLY NONE TOO LARGE FOR THE AMOUNT OF JOY AND CHEER WHICH THEY WILL BRING TO SOME KIDDE TO WHOM OTHERWISE CHRISTMAS WOULD MEAN NOTHING AT ALL. A dollar bill will turn one kiddie's Christmas to a day of happiness. A \$5 or \$10 donation will bring the spirit of the season into a complete household. Isn't it worth while?

TO VISIT CANADA

Premier Bruce, of Australia, Returns via Dominion

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Stanley Bruce, the Premier of Australia, will return to his home in Australia via the Dominion. He will sail from Vancouver on the Niagara on January 12th. He proposes to visit President Coolidge at Washington and to see as much of Canada as possible. Premier Bruce has been one of the outstanding personalities of the Imperial Conference, his speeches attracting the widest attention being printed verbatim in papers like the Times. He has been most vigorous in criticizing the lack of British plans for the development of international trade and both British Ministers and Dominion Premiers have been very much impressed by the vigor and broadness of his vision.

Judgment Reserved In Nova Scotia Appeal

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 25.—Judgment was reserved yesterday by the full bench of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in the matter of the appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Carroll, who recently refused an application on the part of the Eastern Trust Company, acting for the bondholders of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, for a receivership.

SIX KILLED IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 25.—Reports received here from Villa Hermosa in the State of Tabasco states that six persons were killed and several wounded in clashes between police and citizens growing out of the gubernatorial campaign. The Abasco federal authorities have ordered the municipal police throughout the state to be disarmed, replacing them with Federal soldiers.

Married In Sky



PHOTO shows Miss May Fanton, of Brockton, Mass., and Lieut. Chester Dawson, of Lynn, Mass., childhood sweethearts, preparing to ascend in an airplane at the Fort Crockett aviation field, Galveston, Texas, for a marriage "in the sky" on the 24th of last year, when some contributions came in late. The plane carried seven persons, including best man and matron of honor. Chaplain E. R. Stewart, Officers' Reserve Corps, performed the ceremony.

STOCKING FUND IS OFF TO GOOD START WITH GIFTS OF \$30

TWO MONEY contributions and a promise of a large gift of candy for the Empty Stocking Fund of The Times-Star came to the committee this morning and sent the fund well away on its 1926 mission of bringing good cheer to the homes of the little ones of the poor. First contributions received were from:

J. Marcus, Ltd. \$25
F. J. Hodgson 5

Thus the treasurer has \$30 in present year donations already, to which must be added the sum of \$60, which represents a balance and bank interest from the fund of last year, when some contributions came in late. So there is no hand sum of \$100.

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CANADIANS ENTER 25 Perish in Alps Earth Landslides

NICE, France, Nov. 25.—Twenty-five persons are known to have perished in landslides in the village of Roquevillers in the Alpes Maritimes department, due to the recent heavy rainfall. The entire Belvédère Mountain is suffering from slips of land. Part of the village of Bollev-Vesul has been evacuated.

WAS NOT RECORDED.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The earthquake which shook parts of New Brunswick and Maine yesterday afternoon was not recorded on the seismograph in the Dominion Observatory here. Officials at the observatory explain that this indicates that the disturbance was a shallow nature.

Belgian Child Adopted During War Left Legacy of \$125,000

Lord and Lady Stevenson stepped out of their limousine in search of a child to gladden their home. The wand pointed to flaxen-haired Suzette, and she became their adopted daughter. For three years Suzette had filled the Stevenson home with laughter. Lady Stevenson died in 1917. But on her deathbed Lord Stevenson promised Suzette would never want for anything. The second Lady Stevenson, too, loved Suzette. A few months ago, there came the death of Lord Stevenson and his will, just made public, brings to Suzette a legacy of \$25,000 which is her own.

TIME FOR BREAK REPORTED ONLY HOLD-UP NOW

No Official Statement, However, Follows Meeting

DOORS WATCHED

Newspapermen Are Kept at Distance From the Conference Hall

Canadian Press MONTREAL, Nov. 25.—On what date the 15,000 conductors, trainmen and yardmen employed on Canadian lines will be called out on strike, should that be resorted to, will, it is expected, be decided today by the men's representatives, who resumed their conference here this morning. This meeting, like yesterday's sitting, is being held in camera. All doors are closely watched and newspapermen are kept at a distance from the conference hall. At the conclusion of yesterday's meeting the officers of the unions involved would make no statement as to what had transpired during the session.

HOLD-UP FOR DATE

It was learned, unofficially, however, that the delegates were unanimous for the calling of a strike, but failed to agree as to what date the men would be asked to stop work. A large number of the representatives advocated waiting until December 1 when the United States wage question was disposed of while others were adamant and demanded immediate action.

It is understood that more than 90 per cent of the 15,000 members of the three unions voted to strike if their wage demands were not met by the railway companies. The men are asking for a six per cent increase which would bring their rate of pay on a par with that received by railroad workers in the United States. A board of conciliation recently refused the men's demands.

HALLS - MILLS CASE HELD UP FOR RULING

Judge to Determine Legality of Permitting Carpenter to Deny Testimony

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 25.—The Hall-Mills case marked time today, while counsel for the defence and prosecution awaited ruling tomorrow by Justice Parker on the legality of permitting Henry De Le Bruyre Carpenter to deny testimony of Mrs. Jane Gibson that he was present when the murders were committed four years ago.

Mr. Carpenter, under indictment for the murder of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, along with his cousins, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, but not on trial at present, was called to the stand late yesterday. His testimony was promptly stopped by the state's objections, but not before he had denied his presence at the scene of the crime.

The Weather

SYNOPTIC—Extremely rapid pressure changes are still in progress. High pressure which was over the Northwest States yesterday has passed to the New England States and a deep depression which was west of the Rockies is now in the Missouri Valley. The weather is very cold in the Western Provinces.

Fair and Cold.

FORECASTS: MARITIME—Increasing north-west winds; fair and cold. Friday, increasing southeast winds; milder, rain by night. NEW ENGLAND—Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight followed by snow late tonight or Friday, changing to rain Friday, much warmer Friday, increasing southeast and south winds.

Temperatures

TORONTO, Nov. 25.— Highest during night 48
Lowest 26
Winnipeg 48 26
Toronto 48 26
Montreal 48 26
Saint John 22 14
Halifax 30 46 26