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LEADERS DISCUSS PORT NATIONALIZATION

Hon. P. J. Veniot Confers On Tentative Plans With Mayor; Traffic Congestion Considered

Messrs. Foster, Hayes and Ryan Also in Attendance ARE CONTINUING

C. N. R. General Manager Says Federal Harbor Control Is Real Remedy Here

MAYOR WHITE this afternoon received a wire from the secretary of Hon. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, in answer to his wire to the premier asking for an investigation into the present traffic congestion at this port. The wire said that the Premier was out of the city and the matter had been referred to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. James Malcolm. At present time no word had come from Hon. Mr. Malcolm.

SPURRED by the situation that has arisen in connection with grain and ship congestion at this port, the blame for which some instances is laid to lack of facilities and incompetency, national, provincial and civic authorities met in conference here today and discussed the emergency situation and port nationalization. At the conclusion of an important meeting in Mayor White's office this morning, the only announcement made was that the discussion would continue this afternoon.

At the conference in Mayor White's office today, those present included Hon. Walter E. Foster, former Premier of New Brunswick, and W. M. Ryan and R. T. Hayes, Liberal candidates for this riding at the last general elections.

Port nationalization was considered, it was learned, in the Federal cabinet before the meeting. The representatives so as to be in a position to speak on the matter when the question comes up in consideration of the Duncan report which recommends such policy.

CONTINUE THIS AFTERNOON. The conference this afternoon is being extended to include Premier J. B. M. Baxter, members of the Common Council and the Board of Trade. It is likely some common ground will be reached so that a united front may be presented to the coming session of Parliament.

C. N. R. OFFICIAL HERE. General Manager Walter U. Appleton, of the C. N. R., Moncton, in conversation with a representative of The Evening Times-Star early this afternoon, said it was his private opinion that nothing short of nationalization of the port of Saint John would bring about the adequate facilities and management of ocean terminal affairs now demanded by the trading world.

A qualified engineer of wide experience, a board of harbor commissioners under federal control, well seasoned under-officers and technical experts familiar with all the phases of harbor work and transport, would come with a nationalized port. Montreal enjoyed this sort of harbor management and upkeep and it was a very obvious fact that Saint John should be similarly officered and equipped. Moreover, national governments are bound to keep their harbor properties abreast of the times.

Mr. Appleton would not discuss any length the present grain blockade in the harbor and railway truckage hereabouts other than to say he felt conditions such as the ice jam in the Great Lakes, in which many grain steamers were caught, and other conditions, had a bearing upon the Saint John case. It was unfortunate that the congestion should occur just at the bright opening of the winter port and, but he was certain ways and means would be devised for overcoming the difficulty before long.

RECORD SEASON. The C. N. R. is heading for a record grain season, Mr. Appleton said. Its Saint John elevator had been very busy from the beginning of the season and already last year's record had almost

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Grain Handling Facilities

THE following information regarding the grain handling facilities at this port are of interest at the present time: There are two elevators in West Saint John with the following capacities:

Table with 2 columns: Elevator type and Capacity (Bushels). Rows include New elevator (1,000,000), Old wooden elevator (600,000), and Total (1,600,000).

The new elevator has two tracks and can receive forty-five cars, 112,500 bushels a day. The wooden elevator has four tracks and can receive 115 cars, 287,500 bushels a day. Thus the total receiving capacity of both West Side elevators is 400,000 bushels a day.

Eight berths are equipped with grain conveyors, but cannot handle grain to all berths simultaneously under some conditions. The berths equipped with conveyors are Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15 and 16. Berths Nos. 15 and 16 are each capable of docking two steamers, but only one at each berth can receive grain at one time.

The Canadian National Railway elevator on the East Side of the harbor has a capacity of 500,000 bushels and can receive two cars, or 5,000 bushels an hour. The conveyor gallery, 1,000 feet long, can load 15,000 bushels an hour into ships.

Elihu Root Gives \$25,000 To Magazine

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Elihu Root has donated his \$25,000 Woodrow Wilson prize to the magazine "Foreign Affairs." In a letter accompanying the check, Root requested that the money be made the nucleus of an endowment fund for the magazine, a non-profit-making quarterly published by the Council on Foreign Relations.

ADMIRAL OLIVER TO SUCCEED BEATTY

NEW FIRST SEA LORD IS Living Embodiment of "Silent Navy"

LONDON, Dec. 30—Admiral Sir Francis Oliver, commander of the Atlantic fleet, is expected to succeed Earl Beatty as first sea lord. Earl Beatty's retirement is overdue but it is understood that he has remained in his position as first sea lord pending the availability of Sir Henry Frazer Oliver, who has been described as the embodiment of the silent navy, and even to his friends, says nothing about naval affairs.

Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver, who is in his 62nd year, has been commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet since 1924. He entered the navy in 1878. He was promoted as Rear-Admiral in 1918, and Vice-Admiral in 1920. He was vice-admiral commanding the Home Fleet in 1919-20, second sea lord in 1920-24. He attained the title of Admiral in 1925. Sir David Beatty, Admiral of the fleet, was created first Earl Beatty of the North Sea and of Brookly in 1919 and has been first sea lord since 1919.

By-Election In Sask. Set For January 21

REGINA, Sask., Dec. 30—With the provincial by-election in Saskatchewan city and constituency were issued Tuesday. Nomination day is set for Friday, January 14, and, if an election is required, polling will take place Friday, January 21. The seat was held by Mr. A. P. McNab, former minister of public works, on his appointment as a member of the local government board.

Soviet To Sell Crown Jewels, Failing Effort To Get Loans

MOSCOW, Dec. 30—Having failed to obtain loans abroad, the Soviet government has determined to convert its \$250,000,000 collection of Czarist crowns, sceptres, coronets, necklaces, emblems and other regalia into liquid assets with which to rehabilitate the country's flagging industries.

Hughes Declines To Forward Gould Case Evidence

ILLEGAL TRADE IN NARCOTICS IS UNCOVERED

Five Arrested at Montreal by Govt' Official METHODS TOLD

Shipment Mostly Through This Port and Maine, Agents Say

Canadian Press MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—The biggest drug ring in North America which has been responsible for half of the illicit narcotic trade on the continent for many years, has been uncovered through the co-operation of the Canadian and United States governments, it was stated here this morning by F. W. Cowan, Canadian agent of health of the Department of Health of the United States government. Three to four months of work were brought to a head early this morning by the arrest of five men, and these will be arraigned in court today.

The organization of narcotic drugs was being shipped to the United States every day through the ring, Mr. Cowan said.

U. S. TAKES PART. The United States government, the narcotic branch chief went on, had made several protests to the Canadian government and finally Hon. Dr. J. H. McCreary, minister of health, sent Mr. Cowan to Montreal to make a personal investigation.

The organization was formed because of a series of difficulties encountered during recent years by Indians crossing the border to visit friends or change their residences.

The most notable cases involved Job Henry, of the Sanborn Reservation, who, after having lived here for years, was ordered deported to Canada because he failed to pass a literary test, while re-crossing the border after the visit to Canada. Another case is that of Leonora Staats, of Quebec, ordered deported because, in the opinion of the immigration board of inquiry, she was a potential public charge when she entered the United States from Canada. Both cases have been appealed.

CAME FROM CANADA

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 30—The party of Mennonites who arrived in Winnipeg last night came from settlements established in Manitoba over 50 years ago. Discontent over the school laws of the province, which they held contrary to their religious beliefs, prompted the exodus. If the Mennonites are successful in their newly-adopted home, a further emigration from the settlements of the province will take place. The party, which went to Paraguay under the auspices of a New York land company, numbered 800 persons, men, women and children.

Well-Known Halifax Business Men Die

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30—Halifax lost two well known business men yesterday in the deaths of Henry G. Beasley, senior member of the contracting firm of Beasley Brothers, and Willis E. Hebb, insurance broker. Mr. Beasley had been ill a month, but was expected to recover. He was 70. Mr. Hebb, who had been ill for a longer period, was 64 years old.

NO EVENING TIMES-STAR ON SATURDAY

SATURDAY, being New Year's Day, there will be no issue of The Evening Times-Star. The comics section will be included in Friday's issue, the price of which will be 2 cents, as is usual for Saturday papers only. The Telegraph-Journal will be published Saturday morning as usual.

Scene of Winnipeg's Fatal Fire



THREE firemen were killed and seven injured when the old Winnipeg Theatre at the corner of Notre Dame and Adelaide streets, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire. This view from Notre Dame Avenue shows some firemen working to clear away the wreckage of the theatre.

MUST USE QUIET, EVEN TONES IN TALKING ACROSS ATLANTIC

ARRIVES WITH 28 OF CREW IN IRONS

Sailors of Liner Columbia Revolted in the Canal Zone

PANAMA, Dec. 30.—The Pacific Mail liner Columbia arrived yesterday with 28 members of her crew in the ship's prison, charged with staging a mutiny on the high sea, last Monday, when the captain refused to release three of their shipmates, whom he had locked up. The majority of the mutinous sailors are Latins. They will be tried in the United States Federal court for the canal zone on charges of mutiny and other offenses.

CONFIRM TRAGEDY

Vessel Astoria, Sunk in Black Sea, Not American

ODESSA, Ukraine, Dec. 30.—Despatches received here today confirm the sinking of the vessel Astoria in the Black Sea near the Rumanian coast, with the loss of 21 lives, but fail to identify her as American.

TO HONOR BRUCE

SPECIAL Convocation by University of Toronto on Tuesday

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 30.—The University of Toronto will hold a special convocation on Tuesday for the purpose of conferring the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Right Hon. Stanley M. Bruce, Premier of Australia. It was announced last night.

McLellan & Hughes Dissolve Partnership

FREDERICTON, Dec. 30.—The legal firm of McLellan and Hughes, the oldest in Fredericton, no longer exists except for the purpose of closing up old business. The members have been Robert W. McLellan and Peter J. Hughes, K. C., both graduates of the University of New Brunswick, and the partnership was formed shortly after the graduation of Mr. Hughes in 1899. The firm has practically been non-existent as a firm for some months.

REQUEST FROM SENATOR WALSH IS TURNED DOWN

Charges to be Heard at Washington Tuesday

WAS COUNSEL

Original Transcript of Testimony Cannot be Located at Fredericton

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 30.—P. J. Hughes, K. C., of this city, who was counsel in the investigation before Hon. H. A. McKeown, then Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, in matters concerning Hon. Arthur R. Gould of Presque Isle, Maine, and the construction of the Saint John and Quebec Railway, has refused to forward to Washington the copy of the evidence taken in that investigation.

Senator Walsh, who is promoting the charges against Hon. Mr. Gould, which are to be heard Tuesday at Washington, requested that the evidence be forwarded. Mr. Hughes was not requested to attend personally.

Copies of the evidence also exist in Woodstock and Saint John as well as in Fredericton. The original transcript of the evidence which was presented to the House of Assembly by Chief Justice McKeown made his report, which was against Hon. Mr. Gould and his associates, could not be found in the vault of the House, where it should be and was thought to be.

300 Alcohol Deaths In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Alcohol, containing poison or taken in excess, caused 300 deaths in this city during 1926, Coroner Fred Schwartz estimated yesterday.

TOW IS REFUSED

British Freighter, Clearton, Declines Aid, Owing to Cost

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The British freighter Clearton, which sent out an S. O. S. last night, when its rudder was gone and its engine disabled, today was in no immediate danger and drifting between 200 and 300 miles off the Virginia coast, the Independent Wireless Company reported. The wireless company said the S. S. Berlin and the Martha Washington had answered the Clearton's call, but that the captain of the British freighter has refused their offers in aid due to the heavy expense involved in a tow. The freighter sailed from Baltimore December 28 for Queenstown, Ireland.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The disturbance which was over the Maritime Provinces yesterday has moved northeastward to Labrador. Another shallow low area is passing eastward over Northern Ontario, while pressure continues high over the greater part of the United States. The weather is fair in nearly all parts of the Dominion, cold in Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valley, and moderate elsewhere.

Fair and Cold.

FORECASTS. MARITIME—Fresh westerly winds, fair. Moderately cold to night. Friday, southwest winds, fair with moderate temperature.

NEW ENGLAND—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; warmer Friday, fresh possibly west and southwest winds.

Temperatures. Lowest Highest during 24 hours. Yesterday night.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Rows include Victoria (48-60), Calgary (24-42), Edmonton (20-38), Winnipeg (28-48), Toronto (23-32), Montreal (26-42), Saint John (18-42), and Halifax (24-40).