

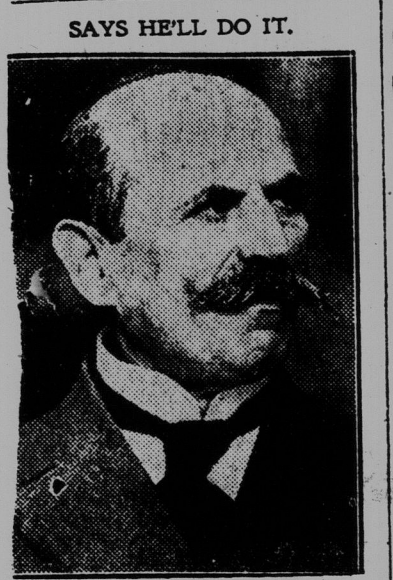
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SAYS HE'LL DO IT.



Here Schiller, German imperial minister of justice, who has said in an interview that those committed to war crimes will be tried by him at Leipzig.

## ENGINEER'S CASE

OFF TILL MARCH 31

Fredericton, March 24.—In the police court yesterday afternoon Wm. Grant, N. B. engineer, who was in charge of the yard engine at New Brunswick on the night of Jan. 29 when a rail was made in a carload of Kentucky rye whiskey which has resulted in about a dozen other employees being given sentences of six months in the York county jail, appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick. While the others had been charged with stealing from the C. N. R., the charge in his case was changed to that of receiving stolen goods, to which he pleaded guilty and was remanded until March 31 for sentence.

## THE POSTAL CLERKS

Ottawa, March 24.—W. J. Cantwell, president of the Dominion Postal Clerks, in his annual report to the union here yesterday dealt at length with the disappointment consequent on publication of the proposed salary schedule for the post office service. The classification, he said, had not met the requirements of the service that was represented by the delegates and this was needed not only by employees but responsible officers of the department. Christian Selver of Victoria, president of the Amalgamated Postal Workers of the West, appealed for affiliation of the society he represents with the Dominion Postal Clerks.

The matter will be again discussed today.

## FRANCE MAY PUT THE

BRANDY ON LUXURIES

Paris, March 24.—Sharp declines in the value of the franc as compared with the American dollar and the British pound sterling yesterday, while the German mark made appreciable gains, have provoked fresh discussions of the exchange situation, and a renewal of talk of rigid restrictions on imports as a means to check the depreciation of the franc.

Financial authorities are of the opinion that restrictions afford the only immediate remedy, and predict an early prohibition of imports of such luxuries and articles which might be described as superfluous.

## TODAY AT THE

G. W. V. A CONVENTION

Montreal, March 24.—At the opening this morning of the third day of the G. W. V. A. convention the nomination of officers was held at the first item of business for this afternoon.

Considerable time was lost in getting the discussion of the resolution on the resolution, which was opened when the chairman of the committee, Mr. Jenkins of Ontario, read with the regular motion the widely discussed Calgary resolution calling for the additional payment of \$1 a day to men who served on a battlefield front over Siberia, eighty cents a day for service in Great Britain or Siberia only, and fifty cents a day for service in Canada only, and a cash bonus of \$1,500 in a lump sum to widows, etc.

## Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents

## MARRIAGES

CHOUCHER-THOMPSON.—In Montreal on March 17th, 1920 by Rev. John Currie, William Fraser Chouchier of Montreal formerly of Halifax, N. S., to Annie Mabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Thompson, St. John, N. B.

## DEATHS

McMANUS.—In this city, on March 24, 1920, John McManus, leaving his wife and one brother to mourn.

Funeral on Friday morning at 7.45 o'clock from his late residence, 969 Haymarket square, to Cathedral for requiem high mass at 8 o'clock. Friends invited.

NEAL.—On March 23 at his residence 174 Bridge street George A. Neal, leaving his wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn.

Funeral Thursday afternoon at 2.30 from his late residence. Interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

MILES.—Suddenly in New York on March 23, George Murray, only son of the late Fred D. and Ida M. Miles, leaving a wife and one son.

No funeral.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. John Corbett and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy shown them in their recent sad bereavement.

## St. John Bils Held Over For Information

Fixed Valuation of Corona Company Limited to Ten Years—Soon be Paying \$4 Day for Highway Labor—Budget This Afternoon.

Fredericton, N. B., March 24.—(Special.)—The committee of the legislature, consisting of Mr. Mudge and Mr. Melanson, mover and seconder of the reply, and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, representing the executive council, waited on His Honor the lieutenant-governor last night, after the arrival of the late train, and presented to him the reply to the speech from the throne. This is the final formality which leaves the way open for the presentation of the budget and the opening of the debate thereon, which will take place this afternoon.

Fredericton, N. B., March 24.—If the city and county councils of St. John wish to secure the passage of legislation and in the form submitted, it would appear that it may be necessary to have delegations on hand every time a local bill appears before a committee. Three St. John bills, two from the county and one from the city were before the municipal committee of the legislature at the first meeting of that body this morning. The two county bills were allowed to stand over for further information, and the city bill, that providing for a fixed valuation on the property of the Corona Co., was amended by reducing the period of fixed assessment from twenty to ten years. Mr. Tilley wanted the latter bill thrown out entirely. Mr. Potts championed the bill, saying that he always was in favor of encouraging industries, but it was on his report that the period of years was reduced.

The municipalities committee met at 10 a.m. in the absence of the chairman and on motion of Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Robinson took the chair. A bill to authorize the town of Chatham to issue debentures in the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of extending water and sewerage systems and to extend its permanent streets, was reported. The bill to provide police protection for the city of St. John and declare a part of the parish of Lancaster a police district, was taken up. On motion of Mr. Baxter the provision for submitting the establishment of a police district to the voters of the district was struck out. The bill was reported with amendments.

The bill to enable the municipality of the city and county of St. John to secure sites for industrial purposes was allowed to stand over until next Wednesday in order that representatives of the parish might express certain sections.

The bill to fix the valuation for assessment purposes of the Corona Co., Ltd., an act to clear up the situation, for twenty years, was taken up. Hon. Mr. Veniot protested against any valuation of \$1 a day to men who served on a battlefield front over Siberia, eighty cents a day for service in Great Britain or Siberia only, and fifty cents a day for service in Canada only, and a cash bonus of \$1,500 in a lump sum to widows, etc.

Mr. Tilley thought the valuation should be left to the assessors. He thought the bill should be reported adversely.

Mr. Potts' motion that the period be reduced from twenty to ten years was declared carried. Mr. Tilley, Mr. Baxter and Mr. Sweeney voting contra.

The bill was reported as amended. A bill to authorize the town council of the town of Milltown to fix the valuation of the property of Canadian Cotton Ltd. for the purpose of assessment of rates and taxes at \$600,000 for a period of ten years, was reported with amendments.

Public Accounts. The public accounts committee of the legislature assembled held its first meeting this morning and organized, Mr. Mudge being re-elected chairman and J. B. Dickson secretary. Besides the chairman the members present were Messrs. Leger (Westmorland), Mearns, Jones and Pinder.

The session was rather tame, opposition criticism being confined to a few disparaging remarks on the part of Mr. Pinder on highway work for the county of York. Mr. Smith (Carleton) who is usually depended upon to furnish the heavy part of the criticism, was not present.

Mr. Leger, commenting upon the statement of bond sales, said that the provincial bonds might be disposed of in a more popular manner, as were the various Victory Loans.

Mr. James agreed with him, but Mr. Mearns said he doubted if it could be done.

## GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

## VAMPING LESSONS AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Constance Talmadge Will Show Nifty Girls the Latest Wrinkles in Flirting.

Go to the Imperial tonight if you want a new laugh-thrill, a thrill that has a dash of love sentiment in it, a double quantity of wholesome fun and a piquant twist to keep you guessing for a while. "The Virtuous Vamp," which is the eleventh-hour looking for the mid-week, is one of the comedy successes of the year. It replaces "Fair and Warmer" because it is better picture, a rare-fire laugh-getter and picture of outstanding merit. The orchestra will cut loose in latest New York jazz melodies; ragtime will vie with moony ballads and—oh, what's the use of spelling the beans, come and see it.

## GREAT COMEDY DRAMA TONIGHT

Those who have not as yet secured tickets for the great comedy drama "What Happened to Jones?" which is to be presented tonight and tomorrow evening at St. Vincent's Auditorium, under the auspices of St. Peter's Dramatic Club, can do so this evening at the box office. There will be specialties and popular selections by St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. orchestra.

## CHAPLAIN HOOPER ACKNOWLEDGES AID TO HIS FUND

To the Editor of the Times:—Sir, \$21.50 received from the Garrison Mess is a contribution to my "Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund," which I am deeply grateful for. I am deeply grateful for the aid of the members of the Garrison Mess, the members of the Garrison Mess, the members of the Garrison Mess.

Major E. B. Hooper, Garrison Mess, 111, Col. S. Collins. Sailed March 24.

## OPPOSERS OF PAVING BILL ARE CALLED TO MEET

FATHER O'NEIL IS VERY ILL

The condition of Rev. A. J. O'Neill, who has been seriously ill at his home in West St. John, was said at noon today to be critical. Later he showed slight signs of improvement but his condition was still serious.

## LATE SHIPPING PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived March 24. Coastwise—St. John, 111, G. S. Collins. Sailed March 24. Furness liner Cornish Port for Antwerp.

## MARINE NOTES.

The Furness liner Cornish Port sailed at 1 o'clock this morning for Antwerp. The Manchester Mariner is due in port this afternoon from Manchester and is expected to leave for London.

The Carriage Head is due to reach port at 6 o'clock this afternoon from Belfast. She will load out for the east and Dublin.

done, as the patriotic motive would be lacking. In the matter of loans under the housing act, Mr. Jones expressed the opinion that in about fifteen years houses built under the act would have a value considerably below their cost, as building operations were being carried on at the peak of high prices for both material and labor.

Discussion from this switched to cost of labor and Mr. Mudge said that the province shortly would be paying \$4 a day for ordinary labor on the highways. Mr. Jones said that was right and the worst feature was that a fair day's work was not done.

Mr. Pinder said that this could be avoided to some extent by doing highway construction by contract. Mr. Mudge said that no government, federal or provincial, ever got a fair return for money expended.

This set Mr. Pinder off on a tirade against a road supervisor in the parish of Southamptown, York county. He alleged that the road crew was working little more than six hours a day.

Mr. Leger said that the work was not done that way in Westmorland. Mr. Pinder returned to the attack with a general statement that conditions were fifty per cent worse than under the former administration.

Mr. Mearns said there was a general disposition on the part of the department of public works to get good men. Mr. Leger said that as a general thing the work of the department was better than ever before. Under the former government he had seen some intended for bridge-work deposited on the ice in a river, allowed to sink through the ice and afterwards recovered by divers.

Mr. Jones remarked that the little county of Sonbury had not fared so badly, as \$12,000 was expended on ordinary highways.

Mr. Mearns responded that he was busy all the time. The committee passed the pages of the report up to that on the Price, Waterhouse Audit. Although this was not under consideration, it induced a few preliminary growls from Mr. Pinder. The committee adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning.

## New German Cabinet Matter of Few Hours

Independent Socialists Believed Sure of Several Places—Heavy Fighting Since Noon Yesterday Before Wesel on Bank of Rhine.

Copenhagen, March 24.—Formation of a new German cabinet is a matter of only a few hours, and Independent Socialists are sure of getting several important portfolios, according to telegrams from Berlin this morning.

Gas, water and electric service has not been resumed in Berlin and the tramways are still idle, as the Independent Socialists have assumed a waiting attitude. They are said to be dissatisfied with the government's "soft methods toward traitors" while armed Spartacists simply stood against the wall.

Coblenz, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Heavy fighting has been going on since noon yesterday before Wesel, on the lower Rhine bank, where the Reds have attempted to wipe out the stand of the Reichswehr. The Reds are trying to get through communication with Holland in order to secure foodstuffs. Troop movements to surround Essen are already in progress. In Thuringia the Soviet government is said to have appointed a foreign minister and to be preparing to declare war on the Reich.

Wesel, March 24.—(Via Berlin)—6,000 government troops, reinforced by armed countrymen, had to skirmish with communist guards numbering about 15,000 near here last night. Reports state that sixty-two were killed and upwards of 100 wounded.

Berlin, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in Saxony, Silesia and Chemnitz as well as in Thuringia, remains unchanged. Leipzig is reported to be generally quiet, the revolting forces have begun to disband and the commanding general has issued a proclamation threatening extreme measures against further attempts at disorder.

In Berlin the situation is tranquil except for a few unimportant collisions in the northeastern quarter where the lack of provisions is badly felt. There is no indication of further trouble.

Request to Allies. Paris, March 24.—(Havas).—Following up the request of the German government for the recall of German troops in the Ruhr district, German officers have arranged to present to the representatives of the Allies. It is understood that they will ask permission for the state government to send 100,000 soldiers or police into that territory.

Berlin, March 24.—Latest despatches from Halle say that after very stubborn fighting the city has been taken by the Allies. The workers retired to the environs of Halle. Passenger traffic to and from Halle has been resumed.

London, March 24.—The Bauer government has come to terms with the extreme left at the cost of sweeping concessions, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the London Times. A purely Socialist cabinet is to be formed which will try to re-establish order and hold general elections. The Reichswehr troops will be immediately withdrawn and Berlin workmen's guards formed.

POPULAR ISSUES JUMP TODAY IN WALL STREET

New York, March 24.—(Wall Street).—Further substantial gains in popular issues marked the opening of the today's session on the New York stock exchange. In the first minutes Crude Oil rose 1 1/2 points, General Motors 6 1/2 points, and other popular issues. Other metals, steel, railway equipments and affiliated shares, notably oils, were higher by one to two points. Ralls of the investment and speculative division also joined in the general advance. Most of the leaders in the steel, equipment and automobile groups held or increased initial advances and representative oils strengthened on heavy buying of Texas Company and Mexican and Pan-American Petroleum. Rock Island and New Haven were added to the active and strong rally. Reading extended its rise. Trading diminished before noon when General Motors led another irregular reversal. Call money opened at 7 per cent.

BIG JUMP TODAY IN ABTIBI STOCKS

Montreal, March 24.—Following the announcement in the annual statement of the Abitibi Pulp & Paper Company that the common stock would go on a thirty per cent basis, that stock jumped from 80 last night to 350 at the opening sales this morning and then rose to 325 on one sale in the first fifteen minutes.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION. A conference was held yesterday afternoon by L. W. Gill, Canadian director of technical education, Fletcher Peacock, director of vocational education for New Brunswick, and Dr. F. H. Sexton of Halifax, director of vocational training for Nova Scotia, for the purpose of discussing the appointment of the dominion grant. Owing to the condition of Mr. Gill's health, no definite steps were taken. Mr. Peacock left for his home in Fredericton this morning. Dr. Sexton left for Halifax last night.

Clydebank Won. London, March 24.—(Canadian Associated Press).—A Scottish league game today between Clyde and Clydebank resulted in a win for the latter club by 5 to 0.

## ADJUTANT FOR BISLEY.

Major T. F. Elmit, D. S. O., of Ottawa, who has been appointed adjutant of the Canadian rifle team which will take part in the National Rifle Association matches at Bialley, England, in July.

## LOCAL NEWS

THE TRAINS. The Boston train was an hour late arriving in the city this afternoon and the Montreal train one hour and ten minutes behind scheduled time.

## TWO SENTENCED.

In the circuit court this morning Ada Diamond, who was found guilty yesterday on a charge of theft, was sentenced to twenty days in the county jail. The Morris case was postponed until Friday at 10 a.m. on account of the illness of the counsel acting for the accused.

Albert Ritchie, charged with breaking and entering and stealing, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

## UTILITIES COMMISSION.

The New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission opened its sessions in the N. B. government rooms this morning. An application was read from the New York and Carleton Telephone Company, asking for an increase in rates. A hearing was set for Wednesday, April 28 in St. John. Application is now being heard by the commission. By mutual consent the hearing of the N. B. Telephone application was set over until April 7.

## JOHN McMANUS.

Many friends in this city and elsewhere will regret to hear of the death of John McManus which took place early this morning at his residence, 393 Haymarket square, of the age of sixty-two years. He was well known in St. John having conducted a boot and shoe business for several years, retiring about two years ago. Besides his wife he leaves one brother, Dennis of Ellsworth, Maine. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones. The funeral will take place on Friday morning.

## BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of William H. Cameron took place this afternoon from the home of his wife, Mrs. Cameron, 100 St. James street, west side, took place this afternoon from her father's residence. Service was conducted by Rev. W. B. Robinson, assisted by Rev. J. H. Jenner and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Miss Hazel Irene Morrison took place this afternoon from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, Prospect Point, Douglas avenue. Service was conducted by Rev. H. L. Eason and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Alice J. L. Fawcett, daughter of Robert Fawcett, St. James street, west side, took place this afternoon from her father's residence. Service was conducted by Rev. W. B. Robinson, assisted by Rev. J. H. Jenner and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

Fredericton, N. B., March 24.—(Special.)—The partnership between Robert J. Ritchie, Stephen John Ritchie, Francis Struan Ritchie and Annie J. Ritchie, all of St. John, under the name of Great Eastern Garage Company, has been dissolved. The business will be continued under an incorporated company to be known as The Great Eastern Garage Company.

Anselme M. Leger and Marcel A. Leger of Shediac have formed a partnership with A. M. Leger & Fils, to carry on business as jewellers, watchmakers and opticians.

Alexander Robinson Campbell and Alexander Herbert Campbell of St. John have formed a partnership as custom tailors as A. H. Campbell & Son.

Wilbur Loggie, Leonard A. Murray, Stafford Anderson, J. Gordon Anderson and Bruce C. Morrison, all of Alnwick, Northumberland county, are to be incorporated as Alnwick Rural Telephone Company, Limited.

The Law Brokerage Company, Ltd., of St. John, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. High Sheriff A. A. Wilson is assignee.

## CANNOT COMPETE WITH THE C. P. R. WITHOUT LINES OF STEAMSHIPS

(Continued from page 1) be operated in connection with the steamship line which would carry goods to their foreign destination so that the through rates could be controlled by the government. It was not fair to ask the government to attempt to compete with the Canadian Pacific Railway, which had that advantage.

On request of the opposition leader, who said that there was no desire to obstruct, but that more information was desired, the item was finally allowed to stand. Mr. King had tried earlier to have Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, give an assurance on behalf of the government that in future public tenders would be called on all contracts over \$2,000. He said the marine department had not lived up to this clause of the statutes.

The House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

## St. John Clergymen.

Fredericton, March 24.—Rev. Isaac Brindley of St. John, Baptist, has been registered to solemnize marriage.