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FEARS MONEY OF INVESTORS LOST

Affairs of Union Assurance Co. Are Discussed in London

BRITISH SHAREHOLDERS

Chairman of Meeting Makes Strong Statements and Criticizes Administration Both in London and Toronto—An Appeal to Canada's Finance Minister to Investigate

(Canadian Press)

London, July 29.—A meeting of the British shareholders of the Union Assurance Company was held yesterday. A. M. DeBeck presiding. The chairman said the committee had earnestly endeavored to bring about a reconstruction but without success. He criticized several members of the London advisory board and condemned the administration of the company both here and in Toronto.

The directors, he said, had only £20 invested in the company and the National Agency Company, which had guaranteed the dividend for three years, had not enough money of its own to pay a dividend for six months.

He outlined the steps which had been taken through the Canadian solicitors to prevent the National Agency Company from parting with its assets, and said that at the same time, Pollman Evans and other directors collected £120,000 from the British shareholders investments were such that the insurance departments of the dominion made representations regarding their doubtful value.

Call on Mr. White to Investigate. Efforts were being made to get the finance minister of the dominion to investigate thoroughly the company's affairs and to punish those to whom punishment was due. As matters stood, he considered the shareholders' money entirely lost. He intimated that legal proceedings might be taken against the directors collectively and individually.

A resolution was unanimously passed appealing to the Canadian minister of finance to take all possible action in order to cause the government inquiry to be held into the affairs of the company and particularly as to the prospectus issued to British shareholders in 1910.

IN CHINA. Peking, July 29.—The province of Hunan seceded from the Peking government on July 28, according to a consular report just received here. The strength of the Hunan forces at present on the border of the province is estimated to amounting to about 1,500 to 2,000 men.

General Li Yuan-Heng, vice-president of the republic, who is conducting operations in Central China from Wu-Chang declared recently that his forces were capable of dealing with the revolt in both Kiang-Si and Hunan, but today's reports announce also that the defeat of a small body of troops on the Han River above Wu-Chang.

It is impossible to draw a border line between the rebellious and loyal provinces for many cities in the rebel provinces declare themselves loyal and some of the cities in the loyal provinces have gone over to the rebels. It is known, however, that important rebel forces are operating in the provinces of Kiang-Si, Kiang-Si, Nuan-Hwei, Hunan, Fokien and Kwang-Tung. Four of these southern provinces—Kwei-Chow, Kwang-Si, Yun-Kan and Che-Kiang—although surrounded by seceders, remain loyal, but Ho-Nan in the north is believed to be loyal only because of its geographical position. In the meantime active hostilities continue on the borders of Mongolia and Tibet and also in the western province of Sinkiang or Chinese Turkestan.

WOULD EXTEND SCHOOL SYSTEM IN BRITAIN. Washington, July 29.—In a bulletin advocating the extension of the school system in federal and state prisons, the United States Bureau of Education Monday, announced that out of sixty-five prisons in the United States and Canada reporting to it, forty-four maintain classes in which both academic and trade subjects are taught.

A. C. Hill, of the New York State Education department, who prepared the bulletin at the request of the bureau, believes the movement will be extended until every correctional institution will afford educational advantages to its involuntary guests.

Creditors Not Worrying, Says Manager Dineen

Caveat Today at Instance of King and McDonald—The Dredge Situation at Eastport

None of our creditors are worrying about the amounts we owe them; those holding some of the largest claims are not taking any legal proceedings and most of those who are doing so are taking this course merely as a precaution to protect their interests in the legal tangle. Most of them were in the legal tangle when they have their caveats lifted today if we asked them to do so.

This was the statement made by E. J. Dineen, manager of the Norton Griffiths Dredging Company this morning, when asked if any steps are being taken to settle the claims and secure the release of their tug, the "Betty D," which is now under arrest several times over. The latest claim to come before the courts is that of King & McDonald, wholesale grocers, for \$245 for goods sold and delivered. On application by their solicitor, L. A. Conlon, a caveat against the "Betty D" was issued this morning to protect their claim.

Among other creditors of the city of St. John has a claim for about \$100,000 for water supplied, wharfages, etc. So far no legal steps have been taken by the city to enforce the claims.

An Eastport letter in the Bangor Commercial says:— "An attachment was placed on the tug Muscollage and the dredge McMartin on Saturday for the claims aggregating \$102,000 and a keeper was placed in charge. The attachment grows out of a general mix-up in the affairs of the Norton Griffiths Dredging Co., Ltd., now under contract to dredge

WITH AVERAGE CROP WEST WILL ABOUT BREAK EVEN. Admittedly a great deal depends on what the west has an average crop, they will just about break even," said the general manager of one of the banks in Montreal yesterday. He was discussing the effect of the western crop on the financial situation. "If the west has a bumper crop, which, however, does not seem probable from present indications they will be able to pay off some of the indebtedness which they have been piling up for years.

If the west has a poor crop, the burden will fall heavily on the east. But we are preparing to carry it. "There is nothing alarming in the situation. They are finding it hard to get hold of money now in the west and it will take more than an average crop to relieve the situation to any great extent. An average crop would see them over another year, leave the situation next fall about the same as it is now, and then there can be too much boomeraging and flourishing.

"We, down east are in the same situation as the American States some years ago. They had to absorb their western states, and carry them over stringently, but with an average crop there is nothing to occasion alarm."

SALE OF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY PROPOSED. Home Would Buy The Nova Scotia—Shareholders to Meet on Next Tuesday. The sale of the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Company, which is represented in this city by James W. Day, to the Home Insurance Company of New York is under consideration and the shareholders will be asked to give their decision at a special meeting on next Tuesday.

BOY INJURED. Raymond Cunningham, four year old son of John Cunningham of No. 5 Engine house in Main street, while running across the street about ten o'clock this morning tripped and fell striking his forehead on the curb in front of Perry's blacksmith shop. The boy was picked up by the driver of W. H. Dunham's delivery wagon and taken to E. J. MacIntyre's drug store where Dr. C. M. Pratt was summoned to attend him. He found him to be suffering from a deep cut in his forehead. The lad was afterwards removed to his home, 206 Main street, and it is hoped that he will soon be able to get out again.

C. P. R. STEAMERS. The S. S. Lake Manitoba, which left Liverpool on July 9, arrived at Quebec at 5:30 this morning. The Mount Temple, which left Antwerp on July 16, arrived at Quebec at 8:45 this morning.

THE BATTLE LINE. S. S. Seltia, Captain Hatfield, arrived at Buenos Ayres on July 19 from Antwerp.

CROCKET HAS TO WAIT FOR JUDGESHIP

Act Not Yet Proclaimed And No Appointment Can Be Made—New Professor For U. N. B.

Frederickton, N. B., July 29.—Although O. S. Crockett, M. P., has promise of the supreme court judgeship it looks now as if there would be some delay over delivery. The act passed by the legislature last session creating an additional judgeship was to have been proclaimed on July 2 but there was a hitch, said to be due to Mr. Crockett's activity, and nothing was done. It is understood that Mr. Hazen has promised Mr. Crockett the first judgeship and the understanding is that Attorney General Grimmerman, and to the "regency" which will be created by the early retirement of Chief Justice Barker.

The knowing ones say that the failure of the attorney-general to proclaim the supreme court act is due to dissatisfaction over the proposal to make Mr. Crockett's senior on the bench. Until the act is proclaimed no appointment can be made.

Dr. Robert A. Hall, a graduate of Chicago University and recently on the staff of the North Carolina University has been appointed to the chair of chemistry at the University of New Brunswick in succession to Professor Carson. This section during the last few days and several arrests have been made.

ANOTHER LOCAL CLASH WITH THE INTERCOLONIAL. Balkans Representatives Meeting In Bucharest—Sofia Invested. (Canadian Press) Bucharest, July 29.—The conference of the representatives of the Greeks, Serbians, Montenegrins and Bulgarians will begin here today. The delegates from Greece, Serbia and Montenegro will refuse to discuss the terms of peace if the Bulgarians have not full powers to negotiate an agreement.

Sofia Invested. Belgrade, Serbia, July 29.—The investment of Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, is complete the last connecting link of the railway having been cut by the Serbian troops. The Bulgarian forces concentrated in Sofia as well as the inhabitants of the capital are threatened with famine and complete starvation. Rumors are being spread that Roumanian troops are on the march to the opening of the railroad line running from Yarna on the Black Sea to Sofia in order that provisions may be brought into the city. It is expected that Roumanian will consent to this arrangement.

IN MEXICO. GUAYMAS, Mexico, July 29.—The insurgent investment of Guaymas was resumed yesterday and a second column of 2,000 men, half of them Yaquis, Federal gunboats in the harbor shelled insurgent positions all yesterday.

VACCINATION. For the best vaccination for children in the Board of Health rooms again this morning half a dozen little ones presented themselves. So far about thirty have been vaccinated. The Board of Health officials say that it does not seem to be generally known that the vaccination is obligatory before a child can be enrolled as a pupil. The free vaccination is held every Monday and Tuesday morning between half past nine and half past eleven o'clock.

C. P. R. MEN. A. R. Price, assistant general manager of the C. P. R., spent yesterday making an inspection as much of the line in this division as he could cover in one day. Accompanied by H. C. Groat, acting general superintendent he went as far as Aroostook Junction and returned to Montreal last night.

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Use "The Want Ad Way"

TEN BUILDINGS IN MATAPEDIA BURN; CHURCH INCLUDED; LOSS \$30,000 TO \$40,000

(Special To Times) Dalhousie, N. B., July 29.—The prosperous little village of Matapedia, which recently was connected with the New Brunswick side by a fine passenger bridge erected over the Restigouche river by the government, was visited by a disastrous fire last evening. Ten buildings were destroyed including the Catholic chapel, the Restigouche Hotel, Ferguson's Hotel, Gillis' store the Dorion store and the post office.

The loss is between \$80,000 and \$40,000 and the insurance is light. Lightning during a heavy storm caused the fire. Matapedia being the junction of the Bay Chaleurs Railway, great inconvenience will be felt by the traveling public, by the loss of the two big hotels. The Campbellton fire brigade with out-lets was rushed to the scene of the fire over the I. C. R., fourteen miles but the fire had made such headway that nothing could be done.

FALLS DOWN HOTEL LIGHT SHAFT TO DEATH

Pittsburg, Pa., July 29.—People in the Colonial Annex Hotel were aroused at daybreak by the sound of crashing glass and when employees hastened to the banquet room they found aged forty, on the floor. He had fallen from a window of his room seventy-five feet down a light shaft and crashed through a skylight. Edwards registered at the hotel soon after last midnight. He was a Pittsburg business man.

WIVES OF C. P. R. MEN AND DAUGHTERS, TOO, WILL LEARN FIRST AID

Car Now at Fairville For Three Weeks Stay; Then Bay Shore and City. A first aid instruction car with a complete equipment for instruction purposes arrived at Fairville yesterday and will remain for three weeks to give the employees of the C. P. R. an opportunity to attend lectures which will be given by officials accompanying the car, and of taking the examinations for their certificates.

After its visit to Fairville the car will be stationed at Bay Shore for three weeks and then will be brought into the city where it will remain for a fortnight. The C. P. R. Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association has been very active in effort to fit all the employees of the company, and especially the train crews, to deal with emergencies in case of accidents and the work of the special ambulance car, which has been held all along the line. Their efforts are not confined to the men, however, and the announcement is made that special ladies classes for the instruction of wives, daughters and other relatives of employees will be organized with lectures each Wednesday afternoon and evening.

MR. GUTELIUS DECLINES TO DISCUSS ULTIMATUM

The Labor Situation on the Intercolonial as Viewed in Moncton Today. (Special To Times) Moncton, N. B., July 29.—The ultimatum which was issued by Grand President Member of the C. B. R. E., was received by Mr. Gutelius, general manager of the I. C. R., but he refused to talk to your correspondent when interviewed this morning. The general opinion is here that the I. C. R. clerks will not strike as only about twenty per cent. of the 2,000 employees belong to the union and although they are dissatisfied they do not want a strike.

There is nothing new with the trainmen. It was announced this morning that William G. Lee, grand president of the B. of R. T. had been telegraphed for and he is expected to arrive this week. Strike is talked about and they intend holding a meeting this evening. They are thoroughly dissatisfied and they have the sympathy of the citizens regardless of politics.

INGOT WORTH \$20,000 STOLEN

Taken Case and All From Place in Ghent Exhibition. Brussels, July 29.—An ingot of gold shown in a glass case in the Belgian colonial palace of the Ghent exhibition yesterday, was missed from the exhibition. It is valued at \$20,000. There is no clue to the thief, who took the case as well as the ingot.

GEOLOGISTS ARE IN ALBERT COUNTY TODAY

Moncton, N. B., July 29.—A special I. C. R. train with the visiting geologists arrived here last evening from Nova Scotia. They visited the I. C. R. works this morning and left for Albert county to visit the oil and gas fields and shale works. They will continue on their journey this evening by special train for St. John. They greatly praise the treatment accorded them by the I. C. R.

SAYS MULHALL IS "LIAR AND BLACKMAILER"

Washington, July 29.—Majority leader Oscar Underwood, of the house today denounced Martin M. Mulhall, alleged lobbyist, for the National Association of Manufacturers, as "a liar and a blackmailer." Mr. Underwood appeared before the senate lobby committee to deny that Mulhall had ever talked to him about legislation before congress.

After one look at the witness, he said: "I never saw him before in my life."

VERY BAD NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA

Labor Trouble Has Most Threatening Aspect. BUSINESS IS STAGNANT. Plans of Strikers Put Government to Large Expense to Safeguard Property—Fear of Serious Trouble With the Natives a Bad Feature.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL WEDS CLERK IN HIS OFFICE

Thomas Carmody and Miss Flynn Were Married Today. Albany, N. Y., July 29.—Attorney General Thomas Carmody and Miss Agnes E. Flynn were married this morning in St. Joseph's church by Right Rev. Mgr. O'Conroy. There were no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Carmody after the ceremony for the Adirondack. Miss Flynn was financial clerk in the attorney-general's office until yesterday when she resigned.

BRANDON CUTS DOWN CITY WORK BECAUSE OF MONEY SCARCITY

Brandon, Man., July 29.—Owing to the financial stringency the city council has closed down all municipal work and dismissed 200 men. At a meeting of the city council, the commercial bureau was instructed to suspend business and send a telegram to the Labor Day celebration making a grant towards Labor Day celebration was deferred owing to the same cause.

WOMEN POLICE FOR CHICAGO

City Council Decides to Appoint Ten For Beaches and Dance Halls. Chicago, July 29.—Women police for Chicago were assured last night when the city council passed an ordinance creating places for them on the force. Mayor Harrison will at once name ten patrol women for duty at the beaches, dance halls and other places, where it is believed they will be more efficient than men.

ESCAPE WATER PERILS ONLY TO BE KILLED ON SHORE BY A THUNDERBOLT

Ogdensburg, N. Y., July 29.—An electrical storm which swept this section during the night, caught Patrick McCarty and George O'Connor of this city in a skiff on the lake, and as they stepped ashore a thunderbolt struck O'Connor, killing him instantly, and mortally injuring McCarty.

Who Gives You the Poorest Service?

Is it the merchant who has the brightest store, the most attractive things to sell you, a polite and intelligent sales force to serve you and an all round general, home-like, welcome atmosphere awaiting you in his shop—and then tells you about it in his advertising?

Is it from that kind of merchant that you receive poor service? It is not probable.

The chances are ten to one that the poorest service and the least satisfaction come the shops where business is done under antiquated conditions; where the merchandise is badly chosen and badly displayed; where salespeople are not well-informed and courteous and obliging; and where the merchant either has nothing much of interest to advertise or else "doesn't believe in advertising."

There MAY be exceptions but, if so, they indicate the rule. The best service comes from the business that has so much confidence in its methods and its merchandise that it is a part of its splendid service to tell you about it.

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Heavy thunderstorms occurred yesterday in Quebec and light showers were nearly general in the maritime provinces during the night, while in Ontario the weather has been fine and very warm. It has been fine and warm in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and cool and showery in Alberta.

Fair and Warm. Maritime—Light to moderate winds, a few local showers today, but generally fair and warm today and on Wednesday.