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TWENTY PAGES—ONE CENT

HON. SIDNEY FISHER DEAD

Was Member of the Laurier Cabinet
Prominent As a Successful Farmer As Well As In Political Life—Had Spoken in St. John.

Ottawa, April 9.—Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture in the Laurier administration, died this morning at his residence, No. 4 Range Road, at half past two o'clock. He had been ill for a long time.

The Hon. Sidney Arthur Fisher was a son of the late Arthur Fisher, M. D., L. R. C. E. (Edin.) and Susanne Corse Fisher of Montreal.

Returning to Canada, he devoted himself to farming and the Alva Farm, Knowlton, Que., owned and cultivated by him personally for many years.

He served on numerous public bodies and royal commissions, and in politics he was a well known figure for many years.

He unsuccessfully contested the constituency of Brome, Que., in 1880 for the federal house, but was elected in 1882 and represented the constituency from that time to 1891, when he was defeated by a majority of one vote.

Since he retired from active politics he still kept in close touch with the Liberal national organization and had been one of its chief advisers.

LOCAL NEWS

BOY SCOUT DRIVE

Members of the Rotary Club have collected \$1,898.70 in their drive for the provincial council of the Boy Scouts Association.

STILL ALARM

A still alarm was rung in this afternoon for a fire in the residence of George B. Oland, 188 Douglas avenue.

PANTRY SALE

A pantry sale was held in the Imperial Theatre lobby this afternoon under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of St. David's church.

MR. POWELL HOME

H. A. Powell, K. C., returned home today from Washington where he was attending conferences of the International Waterways Commission.

C. P. R. MATTERS

J. M. Woodman, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, and W. J. Pickett, master mechanic, returned home today after having accompanied A. Price, general manager of the eastern lines, as far as Brownville.

POWER MEETING

A meeting at which the Kempt report on the cost of steam power here will be discussed, will be held at city hall this afternoon.

AUTO RECOVERED

A five passenger Ford car, owned by H. O. Evans, was stolen from Sydney last night and was found near North about midnight.

MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

Mayor Schofield said this afternoon, after visiting the memorial workshop in Water street, that there is an excellent opportunity to expand the work of the shop by taking on the washing of automobiles.

Recruiting for Defence In Labor Crisis; Railway Men Not Unanimous

SOME CHALLENGE EXECUTIVE RIGHT TO CALL STRIKE WITHOUT BALLOT

Two Hour Conference With Lloyd George Brings No Announcement—Press Views of Coal Strike Situation.

London, April 9.—The government proclamation calling up army and navy reserves for service during the strike invited "loyal citizens," including those serving with territorial forces, capable of bearing arms and between the ages of eighteen and forty to report at the nearest territorial drill hall for the purpose of being commissioned or attached to temporary military service with the regular army.

London, April 9.—Recruiting of volunteer workers and "safety units" was eagerly begun by the government today, and other plans were perfected to meet the threat of a widespread industrial tie up next Tuesday growing out of the miners' strike, and involving directly approximately 2,000,000 workers.

Meanwhile, however, reports from various parts of England, Scotland and Wales indicate that the Triple Alliance executive board may have more to do than the mere issuance of its strike decree in order to bring about a general cessation of work by the railwaymen and the transport workers, who with the miners make up the membership of this big labor organization.

From Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Edinburgh and several other important localities of the National Union of Railwaymen comes word that the rank and file are challenging the right of the railwaymen's national executive body to call a strike without balloting by the men.

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The general purport of these messages from important centres was that the railwaymen and transport workers do not present a solid front on the strike issue. This, it was commented on by observers of developments, may account for the silence which the labor leaders maintained after a conference which they had this morning with Lloyd George.

After two hours spent by the delegates of the railwaysmen and the transport workers with the premier, their only statement for the press was that a "deputation" might return to Downing street later in the day.

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The Daily Graphic says United States citizens in England are flooding steamship companies with applications for berth in the United States.

A revolutionary tide is surging up and carrying it with it, one of the leading figures of the Triple Alliance of labor in the Daily Mail's special labor correspondent last night.

The newspaper declares this may be taken as an explanation of the miners' point blank refusal of Lloyd George's proposal first to discuss the safety of mines affected by the strike, although many responsible labor chief personally profess anxiety to arrive at a peaceful solution of the situation.

Apprehension as to the effect of a nation wide strike on the chances of the labor party at the next general election is expressed, and it is suggested that this year may play a part in the conversations to be held between government officials and leaders of the workingmen.

The Daily Graphic suspects that the forces of labor are "indulging in their old tactics of sabre rattling."

The London Times says: "The business has been mismanaged throughout by all parties concerned. The government has been too hasty, and the mine owners have demanded unreasonable and sudden wage reductions, causing the mass of neutral opinion to swing in favor of the revolutionary labor wing."

Speech of J. H. Thomas. London, April 9.—J. H. Thomas, M. P. and secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen in a speech in Harrow last night, appealed earnestly to all men to unite in finding a way to reach an honorable peace in the strike situation.

He said that falling, the outbreak would be as desperate as it was in Easter, 1917. "The only difference then," Mr. Thomas asserted, "was we were fighting against an external enemy, while a conflict now would be a war between the people themselves."

The speaker said the coal mine owners were criminally responsible for the crises for never before had the employers given notice of discharge to punpnen, Neither the miners, the railwaymen nor the transport workers wanted revolution.

FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD ON FLOOR

Hungarian in Fredericton With Throat Cut

Told Strange Tale of Killing Man—Capital Assessment Is Increased By \$38,000 to \$248,000.

Fredericton, N. B., April 9.—John Matajow, a Hungarian, aged about fifty years, was found in the York Hotel last night with his throat cut with a razor.

A fellow boarder named Charles Kelch, found him lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Dr. Vanwart gave first aid and the man was taken to Victoria Hospital.

An investment of \$300 made by the man had caused him considerable anxiety recently and he had engaged a lawyer to try to recover the money.

Matajow had been telling confused stories about himself. One was that last winter while employed with Fraser Companies Limited in the lumber woods near Magaguadavic he had murdered a man and buried the body in the snow.

The Fredericton assessment for 1921 has been fixed at \$248,000, an increase of \$38,000 over last year. To prevent the increase being any larger much work intended this year will have to be curtailed or abandoned.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "they have dug up two temples in Thessaly more than two thousand years old."

"Yes," said Hiram, "and I suppose them old fellows was as bigoted in their own minds as we be today."

"No," said Hiram, "it is one of man's privileges to believe that he knows it all. Why should he not avail himself of it, and be happy?"

"Well," said Hiram, "I s'pose it won't make no difference to the generation that's up his work after a few thousand years 'n' wonders what it was all about. Still, I would think that after a feller had noted around the ruins of some of them old civilizations for a spell, 'n' thought it all over, he'd kinda feel as if maybe the last word hadn't been said yet."

"No," said Hiram, "it's a good 'ol easier to like to believe 'n' the hulk cheese. But I s'pose to think sometimes about what's gone afore—'n' what's comin' after. It's good ballast—yes, sir."

Expect Ten for the Bowling Tournament

Rickard May Tell Today When Big Fight Will Be Staged—Wamby's Understudy Also Out of Game—Late Sport News.

Fredericton, April 9.—Only four formal entries have been filed for the New Brunswick and Maine candlepin championship tournament which will open here on Tuesday, April 26, but it is expected there will be at least six and possibly as many as eight or ten teams when entries close, April 11.

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NEW BRUNSWICK HAD TWO FAILURES

Dun's Report Shows Forty-one in Canada This Week; Increase of Five.

Toronto, April 9.—An increase of five is shown in the number of failures throughout the Dominion by R. G. Dun & Company's weekly report. The total for the week ended yesterday was forty-one, as compared with thirty-six last week.

Ontario has nineteen, the greatest number of any of the provinces, followed by Quebec with ten and Saskatchewan with seven. Alberta is fourth on the list with three, New Brunswick had two, while Manitoba, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island have clean sheets.

Estimate of U. S. Reparations Commission Chairman—Conditional Cancellation of Inter-Allied Debts.

Washington, April 9.—Fifteen billion, as the sum Germany is able and probably willing to pay in reparations is estimated by B. M. Baruch, chairman of the U. S. reparations commission. Mr. Baruch, who took a large part in drafting the economic sections of the peace treaty, also suggests, with terms, a conditional cancellation of inter-allied indebtedness.

As one of the terms he suggests, for instance, instead of cancelling outright any part of the indebtedness, which U. S. conditionally cancelled the amount spent by Great Britain in the United States for munitions during the war, this sum to be a demand liability without interest and to be collected in case the United States becomes involved in a future war.

He also proposes that the cancellation of indebtedness might be made a means of levelling preferential tariff barriers.

CHECK CASE IN POLICE COURT

George L. White was in the police court this morning, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by passing a worthless check for \$22. Herbert Dickenson, a commission agent, said he engaged the accused as a salesman and he had been employed only a few days when he said that he was waiting to have his account of \$600 in the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, transferred and until the money was in his hands he would give him a check for \$22.

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GREEK NATION IS MUCH DEPRESSED

Men Slow in Rallying to the Colors

Some Flat Refusals Reported—Evidence of Feeling Against Constantine—Notes of Alarm and Pessimism Among the People.

Athens, April 9.—Reverses suffered by Greek forces in Anatolia, and the casualties inflicted upon them by the Turkish Nationals, have caused a great depression here. There is a decided note of alarm and pessimism noticeable here among all classes of Greeks.

The first wounded soldiers arriving here would not speak, their lips having been sealed by the government.

Cabinet councils are held almost hourly, and King Constantine is reported to have abandoned his plan for a trip to the front.

Mobilization is proceeding slowly, it being reported that only twenty-five out of every hundred men have answered the call to the colors. It is said that in many parts of Greece there have been flat refusals on the part of reservists to report for military duty.

In some localities in Greece and in Crete pictures of King Constantine are reported to have been burned.

Confidential advices received by Allied legations here indicate that the Greek officers in Anatolia, the majority of whom are Royalists, who were reinstated in their commands at the instance of Constantine, showed lack of leadership, resource and initiative in the fighting. The supply service of the army is being severely criticized and the intelligence work is condemned as weak and inefficient.

DEFERRED TILL NEXT SESSION

Matter of New Pension Plan for New Brunswick Teachers.

Fredericton, N. B., April 9.—The N. B. Teachers' Association's plan for more adequate retiring pensions under a scheme whereby each teacher was to pay a percentage of their salary into the fund, has not been accepted by the government.

In a letter which Premier Foster has sent out the government's position has been outlined, and it is to be expected that some further explanations and information are required, which has caused a determination to have the matter stand over until the next session of the legislature.

If the facts are as set forth by the teachers of the province, I have not the slightest doubt that your bill for teachers' pensions will then be readily agreed to," concludes a letter which the premier has sent to W. J. S. Myles, principal of the St. John High School, who headed the delegation which appeared before the government. Copies of the letter have been sent to all members of the legislature.

A COLD WAVE

Washington, April 9.—Another cold spell is expected in the eastern section of the continent tonight, so the weather bureau said today.

Temperatures will be lower generally except on the Florida peninsula, accompanied by fair weather east of the Mississippi and on the upper lake region and upper Ohio valley.

BOXING BAN STILL ON IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., April 9.—The police ban on professional boxing in Halifax has Robinson had been matched to meet here but had not been listed. Mike McFlague and Geo. on April 20, but Chief Hanrahan says the bout will not take place.

FOUND GUILTY IN SLAVERY CASE

Covington, Ga., April 9.—John E. Williams, plantation owner, was found guilty by a jury here today of murder in connection with the Jasper county peonage cases. The jury recommended mercy.

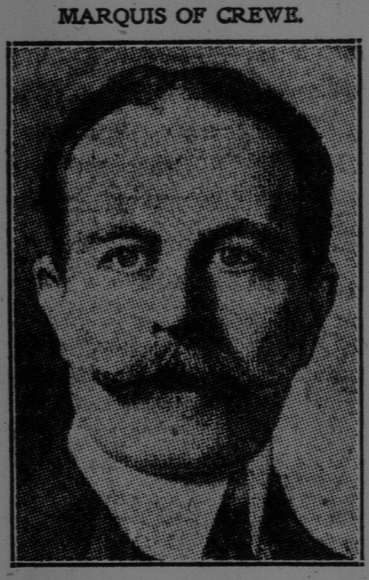
The verdict carries with it automatically a life imprisonment sentence.

BACK TO 12-HOUR SYSTEM

Winnipeg, April 9.—The twenty-four hour system of recording arrival and departure of Canadian National trains through the medium of the bulletin board is to be abolished and the twelve-hour system introduced. This change has been made in view of the fact that passengers have experienced considerable difficulty recently in determining the time of arrival and departure.

TRAFFIC CASE

W. E. Gunter was in the police court this morning on a charge of exceeding the speed limit in Mill street, falling to sound his automobile horn at the C. N. crossing and also refusing to stop when signalled to do so. The evidence of Policemen McNamee and McNeil was taken and the accused was fined \$20.



MARQUIS OF CREWE

Liberal leader in the House of Lords, who urges the British government to take the most active steps possible to secure a settlement of the miners' strike.

SIR ARTHUR WINS ON SECOND TRIAL

Boscawen Captures Taunton Seat in British By-Election.

London, April 9.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Sir Arthur Griffiths Boscawen, coalitionist Unionist, has been elected for Taunton. He sought re-election at Dudley upon accepting the portfolio of minister of agriculture, but was defeated by a labor candidate.

The Taunton seat was made vacant by the resignation of Lieut. Col. Dennis Coles, coalitionist Liberal. Sir Arthur's opponent was James Lannon, labor. The voting stood, Sir Arthur 12,994; James Lannon, 8,290.

C. P. R. TO OPERATE INTERCOLONIAL?

Quebec, April 9.—(Canadian Press)—Runners are current in railroad circles here that the Canadian government is about to turn over the intercolonial railroad to the C. P. R. for operation.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF UNION FUNDS IN N. S. IS CHARGED

Sydney Mines, N. S., April 9.—Charged with misappropriating funds of Local No. 4 of the United Mine Workers of District 26 to the extent of \$600, George Hillier, financial secretary of No. 4, was arraigned in the police court in Florence yesterday afternoon. The case was adjourned pending an audit of Hillier's books.

R. K. WILLS OF ST. JOHN TO BE U. N. B. VALENTINIAN

Fredericton, N. B., April 9.—R. K. Wills of St. John has been elected valetudinarian of the 1921 class of the U. N. B. Joseph Sears of Barkers Point, York county, declined the honor. Mr. Wills is an engineering student. He was graduated by St. John High School and entered U. N. B. in 1918. Two years later he enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery at St. John and was wounded at Arras, while serving with the 12th Siege Battery.

QUEBEC VETERANS PLAN MEMORIAL

Quebec, April 9.—The Great War Veterans of Quebec have been granted permission by the city council to place a memorial cross in Montemil Market Square, close by St. John's Gate, as a tribute to Quebecers who fell in the great war.

It is intended to place beneath it a quantity of earth from Ypres and Vimy Ridge.

It is hoped to get Gen. Foch, if he comes to Quebec this summer, to turn the first sod for the memorial.

VIMY ANNIVERSARY

It was on April 9, 1917, four years ago today, that the Canadian troops stormed and wrested from the Hun his positions on Vimy Ridge. In the early hours of the morning they followed a barrage from their own artillery up the shell-battered slopes, and before nightfall had the much coveted promontory in their possession. Clusters of white crosses in the vicinity of La Targette, Les Tillouls and Neuville Vitasse mark the last resting places of many Canadian men who fell that day, brave St. John soldiers among them.

POTATOES 18 CENTS BUSHEL

Traverse City, Mich., April 9.—Potatoes are selling for eighteen cents a bushel on the market here, the lowest price reached in many years. It is due to the receipt of thousands of bushels growers have been holding for higher prices since last fall.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, April 9.—Opening: Wheat, May, 1.83 3/4; July, 1.11 3/4. Corn, May, 60 1/2; July, 68 5/8. Oats, May, 37 1/2; July, 38 7/8.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, N. B. It is a daily director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was centred in Michigan yesterday has passed to the lower St. Lawrence Valley and high pressure from the west is now spreading over the local lakes. The weather is showery in Quebec and the maritime provinces, and is becoming cooler in Ontario and continues cold in the western provinces.

Mostly Fair; Cooler. Maritime.—Strong winds and moderate gales, southwest to northwest; showery. Sunday, strong westerly winds; mostly fair, becoming cooler. Gulf and North Shore.—Strong winds and moderate gales from westward; showery. Sunday westerly winds; somewhat cooler. New England.—Generally fair and much colder tonight and Sunday; fresh to strong northwest winds.