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Port Conference This Morning Helps Clear Up Situation BALWIN TO GUARD BRITISH NAVY

FURTHER CUTS ARE ASKED FOR AT CITY HALL

Definite Decision This Afternoon, with the Outlook This Morning.

REQUESTS MADE

Shipping Men, Lumbermen and Longshoremen Submit Case to Conference.

The port charges matter here is regarded today as clearing up. A request from the steamship men that the rates on grain be reduced to one cent a ton, those on flour to 15 cents a ton, and the reduction on general cargo of five cents a ton, apply to import as well as export traffic, was presented to the members of the Common Council and the port committee this morning.

Those present at the conference were: J. T. Knight, Percy Turcot, H. C. Schofield, Thomas Nagle, A. P. Patterson, D. W. Ledingham, G. L. Warwick, Hon. W. E. Foster, L. V. Lingley and the Mayor and Commissioners.

In calling the meeting to order Mayor Potts said he had supposed the matter of reductions in port rates had been settled with the assent of the council but as there had been a request for another conference he had arranged one.

Hon. Mr. Foster said he had been the one who suggested that the rate apply to imports but he had felt at the time that the reduction given would amount to about the surplus of the harbor department for the year 1923 and he would like to have from the Commissioner of Harbors a statement of just how much the proposed reduction was.

Commissioner Bullock said that on the basis of last year's business the reduction would amount to \$18,525. A. P. Patterson asked if this \$18,500 applied to the whole season or only from January 1 and the commissioner said it applied to the whole season.

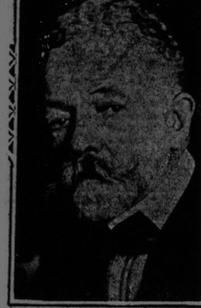
Mr. Patterson then said that, instead of a saving to the steamship people of \$18,000, there was only a saving of about \$15,000. Mayor Potts said that what they lost in this December would be made up next, as the agreement was for one year.

Mr. Patterson said the meeting had been called to deal with matters which had arisen since the resolution was adopted by the council. It had been understood the council was to meet the shipping men half way. The shipping interests had asked for a reduction of \$50,000 and the council had only given them \$15,000.

Commissioner Prink said that in the surplus of \$26,000 there were included the amounts received from rentals and leases and that the revenue for this year was at the present time about \$6,000 behind that of last year.

Cuts Suggested. Percy Turcot said the shipping men had asked to deal with matters which were willing to accept a rate of one cent a ton on grain, 15 cents a ton on flour and 20 cents a ton on general cargo, to apply to both export and import freight. This would mean that the city would be giving up a revenue, based on last year's business, of \$17,000 on grain, \$8,883 on flour, \$3,830 on general cargo.

Suffers Stroke



SENATOR HENRY C. LODGE Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 6.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge suffered a stroke yesterday at the Charlesgate Hospital, where he has been convalescing from an operation. He was still unconscious early today, according to a statement issued by his physician, Dr. John H. Cunningham. The statement said that the condition of Senator Lodge "must be considered critical."

Dr. Cunningham's statement reviewed the history of Senator Lodge's case since July 27 when he submitted to an emergency operation from which he made good recovery. On October 20 a second operation was performed. "The Senator's convalescence was surprisingly good," Dr. Cunningham said. "He was out of bed on the third day and said daily thereafter reading and dictating letters, and the indications were that he would leave the hospital next week with every assurance of being in better health than he had been for some time previous to the operation. There was every indication that he would be present at the opening of Congress on December 1."

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ELOPERS WED IN EASTPORT, MAINE

Massachusetts Police Had Been Searching For Them Since Friday.

North Andover, Mass., Nov. 6.—All that is necessary now to bring the runaway romance of 17-year-old Ivy Davis and 18-year-old Maxwell Mahar to a happy conclusion is the parental blessing. And the local police, who have been searching for the young couple since they disappeared together last Friday afternoon, say that desideratum will be willingly accorded them when they return here in a few days as man and wife.

The girl's parents asked the police Saturday to assist in locating her. She had worked until 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, then she disappeared. She returned home, packed a travelling bag and with \$20 left town with Mahar in an auto owned by the young man's father. They had wanted to be married, but the girl's parents objected because of her youth, and confident that the couple had left to bring their youthful romance to a climax in some convenient Gretna Green, the police were asked to intercept them and prevent the marriage.

Wire Briefs

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 6.—At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia held here this morning O. E. Smith, Halifax merchant, was elected to the directorate.

Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Three men were drowned in Lake Ontario near Cape Vincent early this morning when the steamer Grand Loclie went ashore on Charity Shoals.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 6.—Louis Kraus and Charles Perreault, both of New York, who left here on Friday, October 24, in a 30-foot yacht for St. Lucia, British West Indies, 1,800 miles distant, have cancelled their trip after reaching Provincetown, Mass.

Los Angeles, Nov. 6.—With but one death reported yesterday the first in 48 hours, health authorities combating pneumonic plague in Los Angeles are hopeful today that the peak of epidemic had been passed. Twenty-six died since the outbreak and seven others are under treatment.

SAYS EXTRA GRAIN COST HERE NOT DUE TO RAIL CHARGES

Prov. Engineer Says C. N. R. Costs to St. John Not Greater Than Portland.

THE SHORT LINE

Logical Terminus Would be at Port of St. Croix, Says B. M. Hill.

The Times-Star asked Burton M. Hill, Provincial Road Engineer, and director and chief engineer of the Valley Railway, for an interview in the Radio Corporation of America, who also comments of various citizens with reference to same. In his judgment the extra cost of handling grain through St. John Harbor as against Portland Harbor is due entirely to the port facilities and not due to rail haul as owing to the splendid type of construction of the Trans-continental. Grain should be delivered at St. John as cheaply by the Canadian National Railway as can be delivered at Portland and far cheaper than the Canadian Pacific Railway can deliver grain to St. John via this line. The difference in cost is entirely due to the light grades and heavy road-bed of the Trans-continental.

If a short line is to be built through the State of Maine, it will certainly be built to the port of St. Croix, between St. Stephen and St. Andrews. A line can be built from St. Claire to St. Croix with Trans-continental grades for the same cost as a line can be built from St. Claire to Woodstock. While the line to St. Croix would be approximately forty miles longer, the difference in the cost of construction of the section from the head of the Mattawamkeag River to Woodstock against that to St. Croix would approximately offset the extra length in mileage.

The line from St. Claire to the head of the Mattawamkeag would be common to both routes. The economic reason for building to the Port of St. Croix is that this is the only Atlantic port on Canadian territory that can be reached by a shorter rail haul than Portland. The distance from Winnipeg to St. Croix will be about 25 miles less than to Portland.

Port facilities can be developed at St. Croix for approximately one half the cost that they can be developed at St. John. As to the extension of the Valley Railway to Grand Falls, this would not shorten rail haul as the distance from St. John to Grand Falls via Valley would be approximately five miles longer than via McGivney Junction.

Valley Ry. Extension. If the Valley Railway between Centreville and Grand Falls is to be constructed, it could only be done as an electric road in conjunction with the development of Grand Falls. By combining the two projects and using the railway as a market for a certain amount of power, it may be found economical to build this section of the Valley Railway so as to give through connection for the Valley Railway with the trans-continental. I am of the opinion that this proposition is as feasible when the Grand Falls development is undertaken. It would not, however, be of any advantage in the through haulage of grain to St. John as the inferior grades on the Valley Railway would be a detriment, especially where there is no reduction of mileage.

Having in view the above features with reference to the Valley Railway and the building of a short line through the State of Maine, it would seem that the present conditions of rail haul via trans-continental are as favorable for the port of St. John as any that could exist and it is a matter of engagements for a speedy recovery he will re-open his tour in Buffalo, N. Y.

First Negro Judge In U. S. Is Elected

Chicago, Nov. 6.—(United Press)—The first negro ever elected to a municipal judgeship voted into office on the Republican ticket, it developed today.

George has been a lawyer for thirty years and is known in the negro colony as "Lawyer George." He made his campaign on the theory that the interests of the negroes demanded a member of their own race on the bench. "I shall do my best to be just to all," George said. George is tall, with straight hair and a light complexion.

MARGIN IN SENATE WILL BE 3 TO FIVE; 47 IN U. S. HOUSE

Democrats Today Concede Republican Victories in Both Chambers.

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CHOIR MEMBER IS IN GRIP OF POLICE

Hart Taken in Washington—Police Believe Robbery Mystery Solved.

Washington, Nov. 6.—By the arrest of Francis Winfield Hart, 26, member of the choir of Grace Episcopal Church, the Washington police believe they have solved a dozen recent burglaries that netted the wielder of a jemmy loot valued at upward of \$100,000.

TAKES ISSUE WITH MEDICAL JOURNAL

Oxford Vice-Chancellor Denies Increase in Alcohol Use by Students.

Cambridge, Eng., Nov. 5.—A statement in a medical paper alleging a great increase in the use of alcoholics among university graduates is strongly repudiated here, and evidence is adduced to show that there never was a time when undergraduates were so moderate in their drinking as at present. Joseph Wells, vice-chancellor of Oxford University, declares the statement entirely unjustified.

Ill In Chicago. Chicago, Nov. 6.—Otis Skinner, drake actor, is seriously ill in the Drake Hotel.

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REVOLT IS SERIOUS

Garrisons in Rio Grande de Sul Rebel—Uruguay on Alert.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 6.—Dispatches from the Brazilian border indicate that the revolution in Rio Grande de Sul is assuming serious proportions. They say the garrisons at Bago, Lavras and Sao Francisco de Assis have revolted.

A great number of refugees have crossed the border into Uruguay. The Uruguayan Government has asked parliament to provide funds to aid the distressed refugees and has sent troops to the frontier to shelter them. Uruguayan troops also have been dispatched to the border to see that neutrality is observed.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 6.—Despatches here from newspaper correspondents on the Argentine-Brazilian border say the rebels in Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil, have commenced a strong attack on the town of Itaguai, and that a strong attack upon Alegrete was repulsed. A train carrying 70 rebels dead or wounded has returned to Uruguay.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 6.—(United Press)—John Peoples, a prohibition agent has a \$250,000 heartache, according to a suit for alienation of affections on file here against Herman F. Proffer, manufacturer.

Before he got married, Peoples charges, he and Proffer were rivals for the girl's hand. One afternoon they met at the girl's home. "You're intruding," Proffer told Peoples, according to the suit. "I'm not," Peoples replied. "We're engaged." "Well, so are we," Proffer retorted. They agreed that the courting should continue until one or the other won. The agreement provided that as soon as one triumphed the other would yield and abandon the courting.

Finds Child After 3 Years



A three-year search for the child her estranged husband spirited away has ended for Mrs. Lea Zlorce in Philadelphia. She found her daughter, Anita, now 7, living there with her paternal grandparents. The search had started in Seattle. Juvenile courts of Chicago, New York, Seattle, Brooklyn and Philadelphia had cooperated in it.

WOMAN DUG POST HOLES; ALL FILLED

Chicago, Nov. 6.—(United News)—Mrs. Mary Kasper dug holes in her back yard. She explained that they were post-holes, and husbands of the neighborhood remarked they wished they had wises who were handy around the garden.

CLAIMS IMMUNITY

Former Liquor Controller of Newfoundland is Now on Trial.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 6.—In the case of the Crown versus J. T. Meaney, former liquor controller, and now on trial in respect of shortages discovered in the department, Attorney-General W. J. Higgins and former Attorney-General W. B. Warren were called as witnesses yesterday. In protesting against his trial, Meaney asserted that he had been promised immunity from prosecution when he gave evidence against Sir Richard Squires before the Walker Commission.

FAILS TO LIVE UP TO COURTING AGREEMENT

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Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and over the western prairies while a trough of low pressure extends northeast and southwest across the Great Lakes. From Lake Superior westward the weather is decidedly cold, while from Lake Huron eastward it is quite mild.

Forecasts:— Fair and Mild. Maritime—Fresh to strong southwest winds fair and mild today and Friday.

NEW CABINET WILL LIKELY STRENGTHEN FOREIGN POLICIES

Premier Will Take Steps to Prevent Encroachments on Naval Power.

THE NEW CABINET

Forecasts Differ as to Inclusion of Lord Curzon and Churchill.

By HARRY BAILEY. (British United Press.) London, Nov. 6.—Stanley Baldwin's foreign policy will differ in two important essentials from that of his predecessor, the British United Press is able to announce on the highest authority.

Toward Russia the new Premier will present a firm front insisting that all treaties now in force be unequivocally respected as a proof of good faith before there is any further development in the relationship between the two nations.

Russian Recognition. There are a number of Conservatives who think that Baldwin should give official recognition to Russia without making any loan if the soviet government were willing to accept such an agreement but the mandate of the country given to Baldwin at the recent election was so emphatic that the Premier is hardly likely to accede to their wishes just now, although it is freely admitted that Russia cannot be isolated for ever.

League of Nations. The new Prime Minister will also scrutinize all engagements entered into by Britain under the League of Nations reflecting those encroachments upon the absolute right to dispose of the movements of the British fleet which are a serious menace to imperial sea power. Baldwin recognizes that the support of France is still necessary if the British fleet is to be either rejected or modified until it is innocuous. Baldwin recognizes that the support of France is still necessary if the British fleet is to be either rejected or modified until it is innocuous.

Probable New Ministry.

The correspondent said that the new ministry would include:—Mr. Curzon. Lord Chancellor—Viscount Cave. Foreign Secretary—Austen Chamberlain. Secretary for the Colonies—Colonel L. S. Amery. Secretary for India—Lord Birkenhead. Secretary of State for Air—Sir Samuel Hoare.

First Lord of the Admiralty or Minister for Health—Sir William Joynson-Hicks. Chamberlain of the Exchequer—Neville Chamberlain.

Leaders of the House of Lords is considered a "lame" post for Marquis Curzon, who had much to do with building up a vigorous imperial policy during several terms as Foreign Secretary.

Correspondents who saw Curzon yesterday with Baldwin yesterday said the Premier seemed fustered and angry.

Meanwhile, the busiest party in London was young Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the late Lord MacDonald, who was superintending removal of her father's belongings from No. 10 Downing street to their former home in Hampstead.

Below zero.