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SHOULD PROTECT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

In Matter of Great Oil Strike
in the North—What Is the
Government Doing?

(Montreal Herald.)

ASTOUNDING estimates are now being put forward as to the extent of the oil resources in the Mackenzie River Basin. One expert says it is the richest oil field in the world. Another declares there is enough oil there to meet the world's needs for 600 years. What we do know is that oil in extraordinary quantities has been discovered, and that the great international oil trusts are so convinced of the importance of the discoveries that they are preparing for operations there on a large scale.

If the anticipations are as well founded as they appear to be, Canada has enough wealth in this one resource alone to wipe out the national debt many times over. The federal government has revised the regulations applying to the region in view of the importance of the find. Do those regulations sufficiently safeguard the rights of the people in this great national asset? We hear of plans of great privately-owned monopolies for exploiting Canada's new-found wealth. What are the plans of the government for ensuring that the major portion of the profits shall flow into the national treasury? The power and wealth which would accrue to the dominant in this great oil field are beyond computation. Are our statesmen measuring up to the occasion? We ought to know. No great vested interests should be allowed to arrogate to themselves arbitrary powers where the rights of the people should be secure.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Edmonton—A half dozen or more oil development projects in the Mackenzie fields are now heading up for the coming season, and machinery and supplies are already moving to the end of steel en route to the north as soon as river navigation opens.

The Imperial Oil Company's two all-metal monoplanes have made an initial flight from Peace River to Great Slave Lake, carrying 1,000 pounds of gasoline each for the supply depot at Hay River. They have returned to Peace River, and are now preparing for a first flight to Fort Norman as soon as weather conditions are favorable. Both machines will be used exclusively for the transportation of the company's drills and equipment. Some 900 tons have gone from here for a movement to the oil fields as soon as the Mackenzie River is open for navigation, and there will be more to follow.

The Imperial Oil Company has four new California standard drilling rigs on the way, all to be set up in the Fort Norman field adjacent to its present well, a group of Canadian and Old Country syndicates, represented by the James D. Tait, will also have three or four drills in operation during the season; the Fort Norman Oil Company, which is headed by Joseph M. Aitken, brother of Lord Beaverbrook, promises actual development to begin on its holdings in both Fort Norman and Great Slave Lake fields this summer.

The Eastern interests which J. Junkin of Toronto is representing are said to be arranging for the drilling of a well in close proximity to the Imperial strike at Fort Norman.

MAE MARSH APPEARS IN HIT OF SEASON

"The Little 'Fraid Lady"
Gives Whimsical Star Best
Vehicle of Her Career.

MAE MARSH, the popular, whimsical, emotional actress, took her audience by storm last night at the Unique Theatre, where she appeared in the stellar role of "The Little 'Fraid Lady," a Robertson-Cole super-special picture. Miss Marsh has been absent from the silver sheet for some time and has been devoting her energies to playing the most wonderful role in the world—that of a mother. The audience last night loved her just as they always have. Notwithstanding the fact she has always occupied a most enviable spot in the calendar of stardom, Miss Marsh never before appeared to better advantage. John G. Adolfi, who directed "The Little 'Fraid Lady," is to be congratulated for his excellent work. Altogether, the picture is a smashing hit.

COMPANY 450 YEARS OLD

London Dyers Received Royal Charter
in 1471

London, March 22—This year marks the 450th anniversary of the grant of its charter to the Company of Dyers, which ranks first of the minor guilds of the city. Granted by Henry VI. in 1471, the original charter is almost the only early record of the company which survived the fire of 1666. English dyers are mentioned as a guild in 1188, while the existence of the industry at a still earlier date is shown by a clause in Magna Charter prescribing that there should be only one breadth of dyed cloth throughout England. The Dyers' Company shares with the King and the Victuallers Company the ownership of the swans on the Thames, and the early by-laws of the Company regulated the duties of the swan-herd and his assistants.

HEIFER EXPLODED

Munched Some Dynamite—Farmer Gets
\$125 for Shock.

Trenton, N. J., March 22—New Jersey, through an assembly bill, has awarded to Benjamin F. Hardesty of Hunterdon county \$125 for "shock" and the loss of his pet Jersey heifer. Hardesty was sitting on his front porch last fall admiring the heifer, which was in the road when she "blew up." She was there, then she wasn't. Small pieces were scattered over a big section of country.

Investigation of the mystery led to a belief she had munched some dynamite belonging to the state highways department. He filed a claim and now the state pays.

SAYS HEARTS DO BREAK

London, March 21—Poets and romance writers for ages have been on firm ground when they have pictured broken-hearted swains and maidens. Dr. Slickland Goodall, a noted heart specialist, bears out their contention that hearts do break. But he says joy and not woe or hard work is more frequently the cause of a broken heart.

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MAN NOT GUILTY OF MURDER; WOMAN NOW TO BE TRIED

Body of Babe in Milk Can at
the Bottom of An Old Well.

Guelph, Ont., March 22—"Not guilty of murder, but guilty of concealment of birth," was the verdict of the jury here last night in the case of Col. Laughran, who, jointly with Mrs. Nellie Beisel, was charged with murder in connection with the finding of the body of an infant in a milk can, filled with stones, at the bottom of an old well at the rear of the Laughran farm in the township of Maryborough.

Laughran testified that Mrs. Beisel told him she would smother the baby if he would get rid of it; that when they reached the spot at the rear of the farm where the well was located he took the infant from her and put it in the well. The baby was dead at the time, he said, as it made no sound and did not move when he handled it. Evidence was submitted to show that the prisoner was from wrong.

Mrs. Beisel's trial on a charge of murder will be begun today.

ORIGINAL "FATIMA" DIES— WAS BORN IN CAIR, EGYPT

Venice, March 22—Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. Abdo Abelnour, said to have been the original "Fatima," Oriental dancer, at the Chicago and St. Louis world's fair. She was born at Cairo, Egypt, forty-one years ago, and is survived by a husband and a daughter.

TWENTY STRIKES ON

Boston, March 21—Twenty strikes and lockouts exist in Massachusetts at present, according to the state department of labor and industries. The majority are said to be directly traceable to attempts to reduce wages, to establish open shops or to both of these causes. The largest of the labor disputes is that of the Boston building trades.

ACCEPT WAGE CUT.

Boston, March 21—Threatened strike of employees of the Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad, a narrow gauge line, was averted today when the men accepted a wage cut of about fifty-two cents a day. The company had proposed a reduction eighty-seven cents.

WOMAN DIES AS BANDITS BIND HER

Four Robbers Invade Brooklyn Home and Truss Up Two Women, One of Whom Dies of Heart Disease.

New York, March 22—While four robbers, described as Italians, were blindfolding and gagging Mrs. Henrietta De Felice, wife of a wealthy Brooklyn restaurateur, in the home of Mrs. Rosa Mendetto, Brooklyn, Mrs. De Felice died while the robbers were relieving her of from \$2,000 to \$2,500 in money and jewelry.

The robbers, a few minutes before had seized and bound Mrs. Mendetto, who had been chatting with Mrs. De Felice in the dining room of the four-room apartment, but it was not until the arrival of a policeman that he learned that her friend had been frightened to death.

According to the story told to the police by Mrs. Mendetto, the dead woman about a year ago had a quarrel with her husband, Andrew, who keeps a restaurant at 142 Conover Street, in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, and left him and her nine children. Mrs. Mendetto said the pair had amassed money that the quarrel was over the disposition of some real estate.

Mrs. Mendetto explained that ever since she left her family Mrs. De Felice had maintained secrecy about where she lived, but by agreement with her husband received all communications from him at Mrs. Mendetto's home, and on several occasions met him there to discuss their financial affairs. Mrs. Mendetto added that it was well known in the Italian colony that Mrs. De Felice was accustomed to carrying a large amount of money and jewelry.

Soon after 1 o'clock, she said, Mrs. De Felice came to her apartment. They had been talking about five minutes. Mrs. Mendetto said, when the four men entered. Without speaking to either of the women, they began to bind Mrs. Mendetto with ropes, which the robbers had brought with them. Two of the men carried revolvers.

Mrs. De Felice started to scream. Mrs. Mendetto said, when the man who seemed to be the leader of the robbers, clapped his hand over her mouth, and with another bandit, pushed her into the kitchen. Mrs. Mendetto told the detectives she knew nothing more until after the departure of the thieves, for the remaining bandit tossed her arms and legs with the ropes, placed a gag in her mouth, and then threw her on a couch in a bedroom.

As she was being bound, she said, the robbers relieved her of some money and jewelry valued at \$240. After the thieves had left, she said, she pulled off the gag and into the dining room, where she freed herself of her bonds by working the knots against the leg of the table.

Her screams brought the policeman, Dr. Carl Boettlinger, Assistant Medical Examiner, gave it as his opinion that Mrs. De Felice had died from heart disease while the robbers were binding her.

CANADIAN COLONELS AT BOSTON DINNER

Boston, March 22—Three lieutenant-colonels associated with Canadian regiments in the war were speakers at a dinner given last night by the Canadian Club of Boston.

Lt.-Col. F. Brothers of Lynn, formerly of Vancouver, who was aide to Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, said he thought Canadians here should do everything possible to prevent an estrangement between the United States and Canada.

Other speakers included Lt.-Col. John Pringle, of the Seaforth Highlanders, who was chaplain of the first Canadian division, and Lt.-Col. A. A. Durkee, D. S. O.

KING'S CLOCKS KEPT FAST.

Sandringham, Eng., March 21—All the clocks at the country home of King George are kept thirty minutes fast. The reason is unknown. It is surmised it had something to do with daylight saving when King Edward was alive.

ONE HANGMAN EXECUTES 2,260.

Budapest, March 21—George Alexander, one of the four official hangmen, told newspaper men that he alone has put to death 2,260 persons who had been sentenced to death for high treason.

SIR ALGERNON WEST DEAD IN LONDON

London, March 21—Sir Algernon West, secretary to William E. Gladstone, when the latter was British premier, died here this morning.

Sir Algernon was born April 4, 1832, and was educated at Oxford University. He served as chairman of the board of inland revenue on the prison commission, and was vice chairman of the licensing commission. He was the author of several books.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY CONFERENCE IN GENEVA

Geneva, March 4—(Associated Press by mail.)—The second international railwaymen's conference will be held here in April next. Twelve countries were represented at the first conference in London last October and their delegates were kept thirty minutes fast. The reason is unknown. It is surmised it had something to do with daylight saving when King Edward was alive.

Fewer Divorces in New York.

New York, March 21—In Chicago there were 980 divorces decreed in January and 1,000 in February. New York had 178 in January and 207 in February. St. Louis had 372 decrees in January and 538 in February.

One must wear Tooke collar to be in. Collar purchasing, however, must not be style, and in the collar, the stamina of the collar is the most important factor. The collar must be made of the finest materials, and must be made in the most perfect manner. The collar must be made of the finest materials, and must be made in the most perfect manner.

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Business Statement, December 31, 1920

Assets	-	\$980,913,087.17
Larger than those of any other Company in the World.		
Increase in Assets during 1920	-	\$116,091,262.62
Larger than that of any other Company in the World.		
Liabilities	-	\$947,465,234.24
Surplus	-	\$33,447,852.93
Ordinary (annual premium) Life Insurance paid for in 1920	-	\$1,062,389,920
More than has ever been placed in one year by any Company in the World.		
Industrial (weekly premium) Insurance paid for in 1920	-	\$589,560,231
More than has ever been placed in one year by any Company in the World.		
Total Insurance placed and paid for in 1920	-	\$1,651,950,151
The largest amount placed in one year by any Company in the World.		
Gain in Insurance in Force in 1920	-	\$1,036,360,080
More than has ever been gained in one year by any Company in the World.		
The Company GAINED more insurance in force both in 1919 and in 1920 than any other Company WROTE.	-	
Total Amount of Outstanding Insurance	-	\$6,380,012,514
Larger than that of any other Company in the World.		
Number of Policies in Force December 31, 1920	-	23,899,997
Larger than that of any other Company in America.		
Gain in Number of Outstanding Policies	-	2,129,326
More than any Company in the World has ever gained in one year.		
Number of Claims paid in 1920	-	312,689
Averaging one claim paid for every 28 seconds of each business day of 8 hours.		
Amount paid to Policy-holders in 1920	-	\$81,257,393.70
Payments to policy-holders averaged \$56.86 a minute of each business day of 8 hours.		
Reduction in general mortality at ages 1 to 74 in 9 years, 22.7 per cent.	-	
Typhoid reduction, 72 per cent.; Tuberculosis, 40 per cent.; Heart disease over 19 per cent.; Bright's disease, nearly 27 per cent.; Infectious diseases of children, over 28 per cent.		
In general reduction and for each principal cause of death this is far greater than that shown by statistics of the Registration Area of the United States.		
Death Rate for 1920 on the Industrial business lowest in history of Company.	-	
Dividends declared payable to Policy-holders in 1921, nearly	-	\$11,000,000
Metropolitan Nurses made 1,625,271 visits in 1920, free of charge to sick Industrial Policy-holders, and 14,667 visits to persons insured under Group policies.	-	
Metropolitan men distributed over Eighteen Millions of pieces of literature on health—	-	
Bringing the total distribution to over 213,000,000 exclusive of Company's health magazine, of which over 18,000,000 are annually distributed.		

IN CANADA

Metropolitan has more outstanding insurance in force than any other company	-	\$407,757,217
Metropolitan placed in 1920 more than any other company	-	\$123,016,735
Metropolitan placed more Ordinary (annual premium) than any other company	-	\$79,522,621
Metropolitan gained more insurance than any other company	-	\$71,563,227
Metropolitan has more Canadian securities on deposit with Dominion Government and Canadian trustees than any other company	-	\$47,065,933.05
Metropolitan has over \$51,000,000 invested in Canadian bonds.	-	
Metropolitan's total investment in Canada, Dec. 31, 1920, over	-	\$62,000,000

This amount added to the sum paid in death claims, matured endowments, dividends and other payments to policy-holders, and in addition thereto payments to Canadians for administration expenses since the Metropolitan commenced business in Canada November, 1885, exceeds by \$29,000,000 the amount received by the Company in premiums from Canadian policy-holders.

Metropolitan paid Canadian policy-holders in 1920	-	\$4,309,648.12
Metropolitan nurses, largely in cooperation with the Victorian Order of Nurses, paid 187,545 visits free of charge in 1920 in Canada—and the Company distributed 2,680,000 pieces of health literature in Canada in 1920	-	
Number of Metropolitan policies in force in Canada	-	1,587,479

EXCHANGE

Canadian policy-holders of the Metropolitan are in no way affected by the rates of exchange between the two countries, because all premiums on policies in force in Canada are payable in Canadian funds.

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