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The Weather Rain: Then Clearing

4,000 LEAVE ENGLAND FOR CANADA TODAY

RECORD FIGURE IS SCORED BY HOME-SEEKERS

Three Steamers Bringing Large Contingents From Old Land

MANY CALLINGS

Numerous Trades And Professions Included In Ansonia, Doric, Montrose Lists

By HERBERT BAILEY British, Newfoundland

LONDON, March 20—The flow of emigration from the Mother Country to Canada is in full flood. In spite of the fact that spring has hardly commenced, the number of home-leavers reached an extraordinary high figure today, one of the largest contingents that has ever left the British Isles sailing in the Concord liner Ansonia and White Star steamer Doric and the C. P. R. vessel, the Montrose. In these boats there were nearly 4,000 settlers, all determined to make a new home in the Dominion.

This peak load of immigrants so early in the season has given a tremendous momentum to the whole scheme, and it is a splendid advertisement for Canada.

NUMEROUS CALLINGS

The immigrants are drawn from all trades and professions and include policemen, engineers, artists, bank clerks, steel workers, smelter men, postmen, miners, sailors and clerks. There are also included in today's contingent a band of young men, a few of whom are qualified plumbers. Every one of these men has been trained under a short but intensive practical course in their work and all are fully informed of the conditions of their new life.

SELL ENGLISH LAND

Among the passengers on these three vessels is F. R. Henderson, who sold 240 acres of the land in Devonshire two weeks ago, and is taking his family to a farm north of Saskatoon. Robert Neale, who comes from Horfield, near Cheltenham, has just sold 60 acres in Radnorshire and is going to a fruit farm in the district of Yveron, British Columbia. Thomas Hudson, a vegetable grower, who is raising his wife, three sons and a daughter to take up farming near Amberley, Nova Scotia. All of them declare that mixed farming is no longer profitable in England and only a precarious living can be secured there and having no children to think about and get started in life they are turning their faces to Canada and are quite willing to face hard work and are anxious to bring up their families under new conditions and to make them Canadians.

BOXER COMING

Among the new home-seekers is the former heavyweight boxing champion of the British Army, Charles Penwill, who is sailing on the Ansonia. He was for some time sparring partner of Campbell and Backett and has often sparred and boxed with Goddard who was a comrade in the first Coldstream Guards. Penwill is paying his fare to Winnipeg where he intends to go on a farm as soon as the spring operations open up.

AMBITIOUS PLAN

Meanwhile Captain Guest, who was patronage secretary to the treasury in a former government and was secretary of state for air from 1921-1922, planned the plan he recently outlined, and why he wants to send an expeditionary labor force of not less than a quarter of a million men to the Dominion to undertake specific productive work in the new land of their adoption.

WORLD CONSCIENCE HURT, SAYS ASQUITH

Declares Secret Parleys at League Meeting Should Be Probed

GLASGOW, March 20—"The Conscience of the civilized world has been offended" by the secret maneuvering of diplomats at the recent League of Nations meeting, according to the Earl of Oxford and Asquith of Great Britain.

In a speech here, he said that he hoped the British Parliament would demand "complete disclosures of the secret parleys at the league meeting, which recalled the worst days of old diplomatic procedure."

TO ATTEND CONGRESS

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20—Dr. Jorge A. Mitre, director of La Nacion of Buenos Aires, who has been in Europe for a short time sailed today for New York. He is to attend the Pan American Press Congress in Washington next month.

Halifax M. L. A's Charges In House Raises Storm In Crescent Club

Pulp Exports Continue To Grow Larger

Canadian Press MONTREAL, March 20—According to the report issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Co., exports of pulp and paper in February were valued at \$13,296,932, which was an increase of 105,653 compared with the previous month, and \$1,736,362 compared with February, 1925. Exports of wood pulp in February were valued at \$4,123,171, and exports of paper at \$9,246,730 and \$3,945,155 respectively, in January.

World News In Short Metre

ST. CATHARINES, Ont.—Alfred S. Woodruff, well-known manufacturer, who had been in poor health for some years, died this morning, aged 71 years.

NEWARK, N. J.—Harold "Red" Grange announced he is planning to take his professional football team to Europe as one of two teams planning a continental tour.

NEW YORK—Physicians found guilty of practicing medicine without a license in this state on ground of "moral turpitude" the secretary of the State Medical Society announced.

HONOLULU—An earth disturbance last several seconds, accompanied by a miniature tidal wave, frightened residents of the Hawaiian Islands at 10:30 p. m. yesterday. No damage was reported.

PHILADELPHIA—In a will executed before he committed suicide, David D. Ritter left his widow \$1 of his \$15,000 estate, suggesting that she purchase a rope to hang herself. She had "nagged him for 25 years," the will said.

JERUSALEM—A plan for harnessing the electrical energy hitherto lost at the dam known as the Hibernia dam, near London, Ontario, has been approved. If properly exploited, it is declared, the lake can produce a maximum of 350,000 horse-power.

BROTHERS FINED FOR DEER SLAYING

Vilbert and Garius Colpitts Assessed \$50 Each at Salisbury

Special to The Times-Star SALISBURY, N. B., March 19—Vilbert and Garius Colpitts, of Colpitts, Alberta county, were each fined \$50 by Magistrate J. E. Foster today for the slaying of one deer and having another one in captivity.

The action was brought by the game warden for Albert county, Jonathan Smith. The case opened on Tuesday, 16th inst, and adjourned until today. T. T. Goodwin, of Moncton, handled the case for the accused, and E. C. Rice, of Pettitford, for the prosecution. The case attracted much interest and the court room was packed.

BOILER EXPLODES; 16 KILLED, 17 HURT

Two Also Missing in Tragedy at Birmingham, Alabama, Iron Works

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 20—At least 16 men were killed and 17 others injured in an explosion that wrecked furnace No. 2, of the Woodward Iron Company, ten miles West of Birmingham today.

The full extent of the casualties was not known until additional bodies were removed from the debris, and in addition to the 16 identified dead, two negro workers were buried in the debris. It was feared they were missing in the rubble.

Amend Agriculture Act of P. E. Island

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., March 20—At yesterday's session of the legislature the reports of the agricultural and public works departments were tabled. The second reading was given to a bill to amend the agricultural act further. It provides that in all cases of purchase by farmers' institutes, aided by the government, that animals for breeding purposes must be selected, registered and pedigreed. The bill was agreed to.

MARoons TO GET BONUS

MONTREAL, March 20—A Pittsburgh special to the Herald says that each member of the Montreal Maroons will be given a \$1,000 cash bonus if the team wins the Stanley cup. For each goal scored in the championship series each member of the team will get \$10.

CHAMBERLAIN IS BLAMED FOR 'GENEVA FIASCO'

Pessimistic Washington Reports Cause Stir In London

PAPER COMMENT

Express Say Continuation of "Farce of League" is Useless

Canadian Press LONDON, March 20—A stir has been caused in official and diplomatic circles by despatches from the United States saying that Ambassador Houghton has made pessimistic observations at Washington regarding the situation in Europe.

(Such despatches caused the issuance at Washington yesterday of the following statement: "The Department of State announces that neither Ambassador Houghton nor Minister Gibson has divulged to any unofficial person the nature of their reports to the President or Secretary Kellogg.")

Stories as Mr. Houghton's views in London officials were none too hopeful of the outcome of a preliminary conference on disarmament under the auspices of the League of Nations.

CHAMBERLAIN BLAMED

Commenting on Ambassador Houghton's visit to Washington, the Daily Chronicle, which opposes the government, blames Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, for the "Geneva Farce" and adds:

"Unless Chamberlain can place his conduct in quite a different light there is every reason to fear that the Coolidge administration hitherto has been drawing visibly nearer in sympathy with Great Britain and the League of Nations, will draw sharply away again from both."

CALLS LEAGUE FARCE

The Daily Express says that it is useless and perilous to prolong "The Farce of the League of Nations."

"America, which founded the League," it adds, "foresees the complications and the difficulties that will attend the late British government might do worse than to give serious consideration to such a step."

From Geneva comes word that the Council of the League of Nations has decided to request the United States to participate in a conference concerning United States membership in the World Court with reservations.

AT PARTING OF WAYS

Countess and Earl Carroll at Break Over Ashes of Love

WASHINGTON, March 20—Countess Cathcart and Earl Carroll appear to be at the parting of the ways in their week-old venture as star and producer respectively of the countess' play, "Ashes of Love."

Carroll, who put on the play here last Monday, said in New York that he had sold his interest in it to the countess because she insisted upon an immediate presentation of it in Broadway.

At the same time, announcement credited to the countess was made here that she had asked Mr. Carroll to close down the show and conclude his New York engagement, and that he said "he would think it over."

The Countess was represented as being already tired of the footlights, while Carroll said she is seeking a theatre in New York for his play.

Swedish Naval Band Heard At Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., March 20—A few Haligonians were given an opportunity today to hear the Royal Swedish naval band which arrived from Gotenhburg on the Swedish American liner Drottningholm which was in port a few hours en route to New York. The band, consisting of 36 picked members, will make two month tour of the United States.

Three cabin and 123 third class passengers landed here.

Linon Maker For 74 Years Dead In Erin

BELFAST, March 20—David Ross, known as the father of the Irish linen trade, is dead here, aged 91, after 74 years in business.

World Press Meet Planned For May 31

GENEVA, March 20—The projected international press conference by the Chateau League of Nations delegation was advanced a step today, when the league selected Geneva as the place and May 31 as the time for a meeting of the representatives of the newspaper agencies.

The meeting of the agency representatives is to be followed by gatherings of newspaper proprietors and working journalists. Each group will study problems especially interesting to them, and a general committee of all the groups will frame the final agenda of the International Press Conference to be held at Geneva in September.

DEHYDRATION OF BLUEBERRIES IS PROPOSED

Federal Officials To Investigate Possibilities In N. B.

APPLE QUESTION

Present Costs of Plant And Fruit Not Low Enough At Present

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, March 20—In connection with the conference here yesterday between representatives of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture on the matter of the establishment of a dehydrating plant in New Brunswick for apples and small fruit, it is announced that the Federal representatives have agreed to investigate the feasibility of dehydrating blueberries. This is the most abundant New Brunswick small fruit and grows wild. No attempt at dehydration in connection with it has been made in either the United States or Canada.

Dehydration of apples and the manufacture of cider on a commercial scale were discussed.

COSTS TOO HIGH

With the cost of the smallest dehydrating plant and the price at which apples should be dehydrated or turned into cider taken into consideration, there was nothing which the Federal representatives could present which would justify the apple growers as the average price offered for their product is much higher.

If a large increase in the production of apples should take place in New Brunswick dehydration could be placed on a practical basis.

When Mrs. Gertrude M. Hayden, of Prince Edward Island, died of pneumonia, authorities discovered that even her husband did not know the identity of the children except one.

The child, Barbara O'Connor, a year and a half old, was taken from the city home yesterday by a woman who was understood by Mrs. O'Connor, of Boston.

Of the remaining three, one is a six-month-old baby named Elsie, whose last name is believed to be Blom. Hayden thinks its parents live in Boston, but he is not sure. Another child is a boy of four who answers to the call of "Sonny."

N. S. Steel And Coal Annual March 31

MONTREAL, March 20—The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited, will be held in Halifax March 31.

SETTELL RELEASED

Former Secretary to Late Sir Adam Beck Out on Parole Today

Canadian Press TORONTO, March 20—E. Clarence Settell, former private secretary to the late Sir Adam Beck, serving a three year term in Portsmouth penitentiary for theft from the Ontario Hydro Commission, will be released on ticket of leave today, the Toronto Star announces, on authority of Warden Ponsford of the penitentiary, who was interviewed on long distance telephone. Settell served about 15 months of his sentence.

Frog Skin Is Used To Restore Sight

United Press LONDON, March 20—Nine-year old Alfred Hore, of Sheppard's Bush, looks out at the world through frog skin. His eye was injured by the explosion of a fire-cracker, and a surgeon West London Hospital grafted a bit of the skin on Alfred's eyeball. It is believed that the operation will save the eye.

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MONCTON, N. B., March 20—The body of the late Joseph LeBlanc who died in the Hotel Dieu Hospital here Thursday was sent yesterday by Moncton Undertaking Co. Ltd. to his former home at Ste Anne de Kent, where interment will take place Sunday afternoon.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—A shallow depression is moving eastward across the New England States, and pressure is quite low over the northwestern portion of the continent, while a moderate high area covers the lake region and middle western states. Snow or rain has fallen in Ontario and western Quebec, also near the Bay of Fundy, while in the western provinces the weather has been fair and mild.

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DR. STEEVES DIES AT FREDERICTON

Well Known Dentist Passes Away Today After Brief Illness

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, March 20—William Henry Steeves, D. D. S., died early this morning at his home, 17 Lansdowne street, after a brief illness. The deceased was aged 80 years. About three weeks ago while walking to Victoria Hospital in a storm to perform services in connection with the Dental Clinic, in which he was keenly interested, Dr. Steeves caught a heavy cold. Complications set in and early this week his condition became such that there was little hope for his recovery.

30 YEARS IN CAPITAL

The deceased was a son of Dr. James T. Steeves, who for some time was superintendent of the Provincial Hospital at Fairville. He had practiced as a dentist in Fredericton about 30 years.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter of W. Walter Clark, former chief of police in Saint John, now a resident of Fredericton; one daughter, Mrs. J. Gibson Merritt; one son, W. Darrell D. Steeves, of Detroit, and two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Houghton, of Boston, and Mrs. George J. Dibble, of Saint John.

Service will be held at the late home of the deceased, 17 Lansdowne street, at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning for interment.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BROOKLYN BUILDING

Gas Company Boiler Bursts; No Casualties Are Reported

United Press BROOKLYN, March 20—A terrific explosion occurred in a two-story frame building immediately adjoining a large gas storage tank of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company here today. The building immediately burst into flames.

By daring work, however, firemen extinguished the blaze. Then they entered the wrecked building and announced that there was no trace of a person who was believed to have been killed or injured. The burning of a boiler in the building which housed the gas pumping station for the gas tank is given as the cause of the explosion. Five firemen were killed in an explosion in the same pumping plant during a fire several years ago.

LIEUT. HINTON ILL

Condition of Noted American Flyer is Reported as Dangerous

Canadian Press NEW YORK, March 20—Lieut. Walter Hinton, one of the three occupants of a United States Navy balloon blown into Northern Ontario, near Moose factory, 250 miles from the nearest railway, in 1920, is dangerously ill here, suffering from heart trouble.

Lieut. Hinton was pilot of the N. C. 4 in the trans-Atlantic flight in 1919. His plane was the only one of three to complete the journey. After the United States entered the war, Lieut. Hinton was assigned to Halifax, N. S., as a flier to watch for German submarines.

Recently he commanded a seaplane with the Alexander Hamilton Rice expedition to the head waters of the Amazon. He contracted jungle fever.

Col. Coolidge Buried In Old Cemetery

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 20—There were no pall bearers at the funeral of Colonel John C. Coolidge here this afternoon, but six body bearers chosen from among National Guardsmen now on duty here, carried the casket of the late colonel to the old cemetery for resting place in the ancient cemetery on a hillside where the President's mother, sister and son, Calvin are at rest.

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