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PROVINCIAL HYDRO POLICY ATTACKED

MONTREAL GAZETTE SAYS N.B. LIKELY WILL BE BANKRUPT IF HYDRO SCHEME FOLLOWED

Declares That Province Has Been Bitten by Craze For Public Ownership of Public Utilities

COMMENT ON MUSQUASH LAND CLAIMS

Quebec Province Warned to Go Slowly With Bill Providing For Pondage for St. John River Development—Exchange Of Water For Current Is Suggested.

MONTREAL, March 4.—Under the heading of "Quebec, Be On Guard," the Gazette today prints the following editorial:

"The Province of New Brunswick, like some other communities, has been smitten by the craze for public ownership. It has developed a water power on the Musquash River, and left the appraisal of the value of private lands until after its dams have been erected and the plant is in operation. A heavy claim is now pending in the courts. Despite impassioned declaration on behalf of the government that the Musquash is in need of steam standby, it has been admitted during the hearing of the case that the estimates of the engineer who originally had charge have been entirely wrong, and that when the communities to which electric current has been sold are in a position to demand the full amount of their contract, the Musquash will be unable to supply it continuously throughout the year.

Grand Falls Project.

The New Brunswick government has now turned to the development of the Grand Falls, on the St. John River, a project which has been discussed for at least 20 years, but which private owners, who formerly had the right to develop this opportunity, declined to proceed with it on the ground that the expense was prohibitive in view of the revenue which could be derived from its operation. Premier Veniot now proposes to develop this power to the fullest extent. To do this, he requires the right of ponding water and lakes and streams in the State of Maine, and, as well, in the Province of Quebec. For that purpose, there is now a bill before the Legislature of Quebec to incorporate Mr. Veniot and Dr. E. A. Smith, a member of his Hydro Electric Commission, for the purpose of expropriating territory and ponding water in this province.

Suggests Bankruptcy.

"Under the present political regime in New Brunswick the debt of that province has nearly doubled in the last seven years. It is probable that if the Grand Falls exploitation is proceeded with, on the basis proposed by the Premier, the province will virtually be bankrupt within the next 10 years. As there are only a few industries available to take electric current, the chief asset of New Brunswick is its wood, and if Grand Falls were developed to its full capacity, the power generated could denude the province of its forest growth within a very few years. There are no other enterprises except pulp and paper mills which can be founded on the natural products of New Brunswick, and therefore the market is extremely limited.

Exchange Proposed.

"Probably the most fortunate thing for New Brunswick would be if the Legislature of Quebec should require as a condition of giving the rights asked for, that this province receive, on the basis of equality of cost with all others, a proportion of the electric power developed, it is only right that she should reserve to herself some proportion of that which she helps to create, and it is most desirable that the bill now before the Legislature having in view the diversion of Quebec water be carefully scrutinized.

VENIOT REPLIES

FREDERICTON, March. 4—In the course of comment upon statements in an editorial headed "Quebec be on guard," in the Montreal Gazette today, Premier Veniot stated that private companies were attempting to gain control of the potential water power at Grand Falls, on the St. John for hydro development.

Has Private Offers.

"Instead of private companies refusing to go on with the development as the Gazette states, I have offers from different companies in my possession in which they have told me as Premier of this province that they are prepared to put up the necessary capital to carry out the development," said the Premier, "but the proviso was made that control of the Grand Falls should be handed over by the province. That I would not agree to. They wanted to gain control, but our policy is not to allow control of Grand Falls to pass out of the hands of the people again."

Says Market Ample.

"There is ample market now in view for carrying on the successful development of Grand Falls to the extreme limit," said the Premier. "I only wish that we were going to have an opportunity to develop as much power again as there is at Grand Falls. Hydro development, under the policy which we have adopted, instead of driving New Brunswick into bankruptcy in 10 years as the Gazette says, will be the saviour of New Brunswick.

"The references to the financial position of this province and the hydro development which has been carried out at Musquash are based upon statements which are so far from the facts that it would waste altogether too much time to go over that article and correct them all," continued the Premier. "When the proper time comes, I will place the full details before the legislature and the people of this province."

BODY WILL LEAVE TORONTO TONIGHT

Remains of Hon. Wm. Pugsley Being Brought Here—Late Governor Lauded.

TORONTO, March 4.—The body of Hon. Mr. Pugsley will leave Toronto for St. John, N. B., tonight.

Words of Praise.

TORONTO, Ont., March 4—"The most imperturbable politician that ever came out of New Brunswick or any other province of Canada," was the way one writer once described Hon. Wm. Pugsley, whose death took place here last night. His genial, mild manner dismayed his opponents, and many a situation was saved by his smooth approach and tactful advice. As Minister of Public Works, in the Laurier administration, he showed himself to be an able executive and a capable parliamentarian. It was not, however, till he found himself on the opposition side, with real fighting to be done, that Mr. Pugsley displayed those qualities which made him the terror of the opposing party and the idol of his own.

(For account of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's death, see first page, second section.)

STATE SECRETARY TO MEET HERRIOT

Chamberlain Will Stop Few Hours in Paris on Way to Genoa.

PARIS, March 4.—Premier Herriot and Austen Chamberlain, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will meet in Paris, Saturday for a few hours while Mr. Chamberlain is here on his way to Geneva. This was agreed upon in principle, today, although the details of the meeting have not yet been worked out.

The meeting between the French Premier and the British Foreign Secretary would presumably be for discussion of the Allied attitude toward Germany in connection with the military control mission's disarmament report, and the question of Franco-Belgian security, the evacuation of the Cologne area and kindred matters.

Economy and Lower Taxation Features of Coolidge Address

CITY NOT UNDER UTILITIES BOARD

CHIEF JUSTICE GIVES RULING IN COURT TODAY

Hydro Commission Is Given Right to Sell Appliances

4 POINTS DECIDED

Leave to Sell Current in Lancaster and Simonds Denied City For Present

The right of the City of St. John to engage in the sale of electrical appliances in competition with the New Brunswick Power Company, Ltd., was upheld by Sir J. Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice, in his judgment delivered this morning on an injunction application made by the company several months ago. The city's right to sell and distribute electric light, heat and power in the parishes of Lancaster and Simonds was denied until authority for such sale has been granted under the N. B. Electric Power Act, the Chief Justice ruled in his judgment.

Four counts were involved in the application for injunction, two being granted the Power Company and the other two denied. No order was made as to costs, each side bearing its own.

West Side Interference.

The first point involved was the question of alleged interference by the city with the wires, transformers and meters of the company at Sand Point, West St. John. On this count, Chief Justice Hazen said an injunction will be granted to restrain the defendant from cutting or otherwise interfering with any of the wires of the company leading from Union or Protection streets to external portions of the warehouses, wharves and structures owned by the city there. Such injunction, however, His Honor ordered, is not to interfere with the right of the city to give reasonable notice to the company to remove its wires from the structures.

Business In County.

An injunction restraining the city from doing business in the parishes of Lancaster and Simonds until authority had been obtained under the N. B. Electric Power Act was granted by the Chief Justice on the second count, but on the third point, that respecting the city's right to sell electrical appliances, His Honor decided against the company, and no injuncetion will be issued.

Not Under Utilities.

An interesting point was decided in this judgment when Chief Justice Hazen ruled that the city did not come under the control of the Public Utilities Board in its hydro business. This decision is of far-reaching importance in the province in those parts where municipal-owned hydro enterprises are being conducted. The company contended that the city was required to make a return of its business to the Board of Public Utilities, but His Honor disagreed with this contention and ruled the city was not under the board's jurisdiction.

The case arose last fall, when the company applied to Mr. Justice Grimmer for an interim injunction in the matter, and this was granted. Motion to make permanent this injunction was argued by Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., representing the city, and Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., representing the Power Company, before Chief Justice Hazen in January.

Suicides In Vienna Many

VIENNA, March 4.—The wave of self-destruction attributed to the general distress prevalent in Vienna reached a new high peak in February. One hundred and seventy suicides or attempted suicides were reported to the authorities during the month.

ASK SUSPENSION OF GREAT LAKE LAWS

Agriculture Council Would Sidetrack Canadian Boats When Rates Discriminatory.

TORONTO, Ont., March 4.—As the result of a decision reached at yesterday's session here, the Canadian Council of Agriculture, when it interviews the Dominion Government, this week, will urge the suspension of the shipping laws on the Great Lakes in order to permit American vessels to carry grain between Canadian ports "at times when Canadian vessels discriminate against Canadian ports by charging higher rates from Fort William to Georgian Bay ports, than from Fort William to Buffalo, the latter being a greater distance." A motion to this effect, adopted by the Manitoba convention and passed on to the council for consideration, was approved.

$80,000 FIRE LOSS

Toronto Baptist Church Burns—Sunday School and Memorial Hall Damaged.

TORONTO, March 4.—Early this morning, First Avenue Baptist church, in the east end of the city was destroyed by fire, with an estimated loss of $80,000. A modern Sunday school and a recently erected war memorial hall were badly damaged.

FANATICS KILLED

Seven Solorums in Philippines Die in Clash With Constabulary.

MANILA, March 4.—Seven fanatics known as Solorums, were killed near San Jose, province of Nueva Ecija, in a fight with constabulary. Three of the constabulary were wounded. Reinforcements have been sent to the scene to prevent further outbreaks. Agrarian troubles have been the cause of many clashes recently.

SAILORS BURNED

Eight U. S. Tars Injured When Powder Explodes in Barracks.

HONOLULU, March 4.—Eight enlisted men of the United States army were seriously burned, three perhaps fatally, as a result of an explosion at Schofield barracks, near here yesterday. men were loading shells in preparation for the forthcoming army and navy manoeuvres, when some powder exploded, burning all of them.

FORMS NEW CABINET

Ismet Pasha Takes Over Duties of Angora Government Which Resigned.

LONDON, March 4.—An agency despatch from Constantinople says Ismet Pasha has formed a cabinet to succeed that which resigned yesterday with Tewfik Rushdi Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, on the population's exchange commission, as minister of foreign affairs. Redjeb Bey becomes Minister of National Defence, and Hassan, the deputy for Trebizonde, Minister of Finance. The ministers of Marine, Interior, and Commerce are retained.

Thugs Rob Him of Whole Stock

CHICAGO, March 4. — Joseph Walimovsky has closed the doors of his modest jewelry shop in South Chicago, which he has operated for more than 23 years, and is looking for a job. The shop was looted of its entire stock yesterday, for the second time within three months.

"It has ruined me," the wrinkled old man told the police. "Now I'll have to earn a living as a laborer."

WRESTLER IS NAMED TO SUCCEED EBERT

Former Mat Artist Nominated Candidate For President of Reich.

BERLIN, March 4.—(United Press)—Ernst Thaelman, a deputy in the Reichstag and a former wrestler and prize fighter, has been nominated as Communist candidate for president of the Reich to succeed the late President Ebert whose funeral services took place today.

OXFORD EARL MAKES HIS MAIDEN SPEECH

Asquith Discusses International Questions of Security in House of Lords.

LONDON, March 4.—The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, formerly H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister, made his maiden speech in the House of Lords yesterday. He cautioned the allies against occupying the Rhineland indefinitely, when they had expected to keep troops there for a strictly limited time. France's feeling of insecurity at the present time, he said, afforded grounds for approving a comprehensive international pact in the interest not only of French security, but of the security of Europe and the whole world. That, he argued, was the most urgent need of the international world today.

SEEKS CONCILIATION

Trotsky Opens Negotiations With Communist Party Central Committee.

LONDON, March 4.—(United Press)—Leon Trotsky, former Soviet army leader, has opened negotiations for conciliation with the central committee of the Communist party, according to word from Helsingfors, quoting a dispatch received there from Moscow.

CLASH IN BERLIN

Communists and Republicans Indulge in Scrap Just Before Ebert's Funeral.

BERLIN, March 4—(United Press)—Communists and members of the Republican Reichsbanner organization clashed in Unter-Den-Linden-Strasse at noon shortly before President Ebert's funeral. There was sharp fighting for a few moments, but the police dispersed the rival factions without bloodshed.

Japan Passes New Suffrage Measure

TOKIO, March 4.—The lower House last night by a large majority passed the manhood suffrage act, fixing the voting age at 25 and abolishing property-holding qualifications.

Record Gold Cargo Reaches Australia

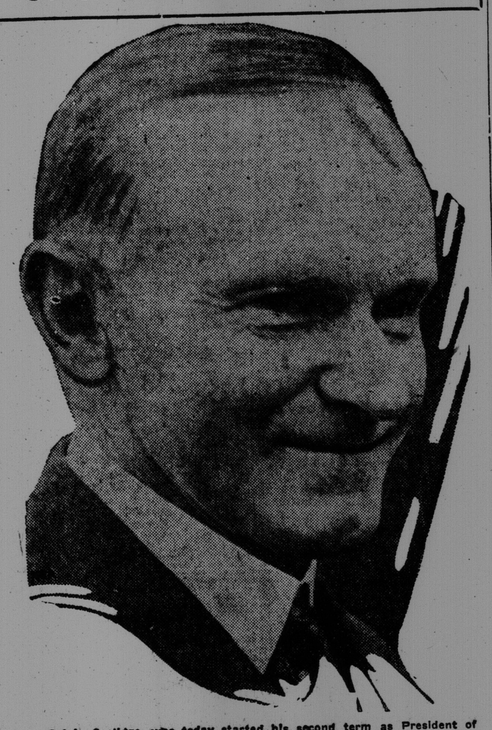
SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 4.—The steamship Sonoma arrived here today with a record shipment of gold from America. She had on board 800 boxes, valued at £2,500,000. The Sonoma sailed from San Francisco on Feb. 10.

FAVOR WORLD COURT

U. S. Congress, However, Agrees to Harding and Coolidge Reservations.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The House yesterday placed itself overwhelmingly on record in favor of "early adherence" by the United States to the world court, "with the reservations recommended by President Harding, and Presdient Coolidge." No opposition was expressed to the resolution, which was brought up by Representative Burton, Republican, Ohio, and requires neither Senate nor Presidential approval.

U. S. President Sworn In



Calvin Coolidge, who today started his second term as President of the United States, and, with Charles G. Dawes, vice president, took the oath of office.

SAYS IT WOULD BE PAINFUL SURPRISE

Preston Comments on Reported Withdrawal of Grant to Peterson.

OTTAWA, March 3—W. T. R. Preston, who investigated the alleged North Atlantic Shipping Combine, today referred to an announcement in the British House that the guarantee promised by the British Government to the Petersen line had been withdrawn. "If," said Mr. Preston, "the Government is going to withhold a loan which had been provided by an arrangement between Petersen and that Government, to assist the former in the construction of certain ships, for the alleged reason that the shipping combine complains that he proposes to enter into a competition with other British steamship lines, whereas he is assisting in carrying out the well defined policy of the Canadian Government, it presents a situation on the part of the British Government which will be a painful surprise to the Canadian public."

TWO NEW THEATRES FOR NEW YORK SOON

Also Hotel Planned For Times Square Section—$7,500,000 Involved.

NEW YORK, March 4.—A hotel and two theatres, representing an investment of $7,500,000, will be erected in the Times Square section, as the result of the sale of an Eighth avenue block front. The property involved is the entire block front on the east side of Eighth avenue from 44th to 45th streets.

OPPOSE ALL TARIFF

British Labor Party Re-affirms Decision on Matter of Goods Exchange.

LONDON, March 4.—At a meeting of the parliamentary Labor party today, the members re-affirmed their strong opposition to all forms of tariff. A committee was appointed to suggest methods for dealing with the exchange of goods manufactured under "sweated conditions, by means other

High Lights In Coolidge Policy

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Following are the outstanding features of the Coolidge policy, as revealed in the President's inaugural address today:

Promotion of international peace "through friendliness and goodwill, through mutual understanding, and mutual forbearance."

Opposition to a policy of competitive armaments.

Encouragement of, and participation in, frequent international conferences.

Adherence to the permanent Court of International Justice.

Non-interference in the political affairs of the Old World.

Maintenance of the United States "position of political detachment and independence."

Opposition to any form of public ownership.

Economy in public expenditure.

Reduction and reform of taxation.

Opposition to high rates on big incomes in order "not to destroy those who have already secured success, but to create conditions under which everyone will have a better chance to be successful."

Continuation of the policy of "restrictive immigration and a protective tariff."

Toleration as "the fundamental precept of liberty."

Development of waterways and natural resources.

10,000 BOMBS FOUND

Gas-filled Missiles Were Property of Private Austrian Firm.

VIENNA, March 4.—The Neue Freie Preisse learns that the inter-allied military commission has discovered 10,000 bombs filled with asphyxiating gases in the Blumau powder works. Investigation, however, revealed that the bombs were the property of a private firm, not of the Austrian government.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT IS CARRIED OUT

Promotion of Peace Is Stressed by Country's Leader

FOR WORLD COURT

Voices Opposition to Policy Of Competitive Armaments

WASHINGTON, March 4—Calvin Coolidge came today to the beginning of a four-year term as President of the United States by direct and overwhelming mandate of the people.

With him came Charles G. Dawes, to fill the office of Vice-president, left vacant 19 months ago when Calvin Coolidge first took the presidential oath in the family homestead in Vermont, upon the death of Warren G. Harding.

Simple Ceremony.

The ceremony of inauguration, exemplifying the tasks of both men and the frugal policy they have pledged themselves to pursue in the conduct of the nation's affairs, was arranged at the President's direction, on the simplest scale in a century, beginning about 11 a.m., with the 68th Congress entering its last hour, and continuing for almost four hours.

President's Address.

In his inaugural address Mr. Coolidge dedicated himself and his administration to the lightening of the tax burden at home and to the promotion of peace through mutual understandings with the nations of the world.

These two purposes were outlined in high relief by Mr. Coolidge just after he had taken his second oath of office as President of the United States.

Dividing his attention almost equally between affairs and home and problems abroad, and between things accomplished and achievements hoped for, Mr. Coolidge spoke with assurance as to the future, declaring that because of action already taken, an era of prosperity lay ahead and a firmer courage and a higher hope inspired the heart of all humanity.

Accord with this purpose, he asserted, demands the conduct of government along certain definite lines.

These lines in the field of domestic affairs point, first, to the exercise of greater economy in government, and, second, to reduction of taxation, he continued. The recent election, he said, had demonstrated that "the policy that stands out with the greatest clearness is that of economy in public expenditure, with reduction and reform of taxation."

Economy and Taxation.

"I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people," he continued. "The men and women of this country who toil are the ones who bear the cost of government. Every dollar that we carelessly waste means that their life will be so much the more meagre. Every dollar that we prudently save means that their life will be so much more abundant."

The practice of such economy, he declared, has brought the time when there can be further tax reduction and "when, unless we wish to hamper the people in their right to earn a living, we must have tax reform." He declared his opposition to extremely high tax rates because "they produce little or no revenue, because they are bad for the country, and, finally, because they are wrong."

"The verdict of the country has been given on this question," he added.

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—A shallow depression is passing eastward over Northern Ontario, and another of greater depth covers northwestern Canada. The weather continues mild in the western provinces, and has become milder in Ontario and Quebec.

Milder; Snow Probable.

MARITIME — Moderate south and southwest winds, fair, becoming milder. Thursday—Moderate winds, cloudy and probably light snow.

NEW ENGLAND — Unsettled tonight; slightly warmer in east, and south portion. Thursday—Fair, fresh southwest and west winds.

Temperatures

TORONTO, March 4.—

	8 a.m.	Yesterday	Lowest night	Highest during
Victoria	42	46	42	
Calgary	26	44	26	
Edmonton	26	42	22	
Winnipeg	6	26	6	
Toronto	32	26	26	
Montreal	22	14	14	
St. John	18	24	12	
Halifax	26	32	14	
New York	30	28	24	

N.Y. Hotel Bans High School Parties Because of Drinking

NEW YORK, March 4.—Because of excessive drinking among 200 juveniles attending a high school fraternity dance at the Hotel Belleclaire recently the management announced last night, that no further bookings for dances of school societies would be received.

"Drinking was general," Walter Guzzardi President of the hotel corporation said, "in spite of every effort of the hotel management, to enforce the law. After the departure of the guests, 25 empty flasks and bottles, which had contained a wide variety of liquors, were found on the premises."

THE Telegraph-Journal and Evening Times-Star are offering $25.00 to the woman in New Brunswick who bakes the best loaf of Raisin Bread. For full particulars turn to pages 12 and 13 of this issue.

Legless War Veteran Coming Here on 5,000 Mile Journey

Special to The Times-Star.

MONTREAL, March 3—Distance has no terrors for Ernest Roe, legless war veteran confined to a wheel chair, who is in this city today in the course of a journey of nearly 5,000 miles from Winnipeg to Bournemouth, England, and who has undertaken the trip alone but that he has with him in his care his two small boys, Eugene, aged 4, and Gordon, aged one year and a bit.

He was maimed by a shell at Ypres on May 28, 1916. He will sail with his kiddies on the Canadian Pacific liner Marburn from St. John on Thursday next.