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Do You Know Queen Victoria died, after a reign of 62 years, on January 22, 1901

Let's All Boost The International Indoor Skating Meet in St. John, starting Feb. 25, will be big in itself and will keep the city to the forefront for bigger things next year. Everybody help!

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Asquith Declaration Is Setback To Labor Government

TURNKEY DEATH; OTHER STRICKEN

M'DONALD NOW FACED BY PROBLEM

Serious Dilemma Confronts Labor Govt. by Speech From Asquith. A DOUBLE BURDEN Leaders of Other Parties Willing to Give the New Premier a "Chance."

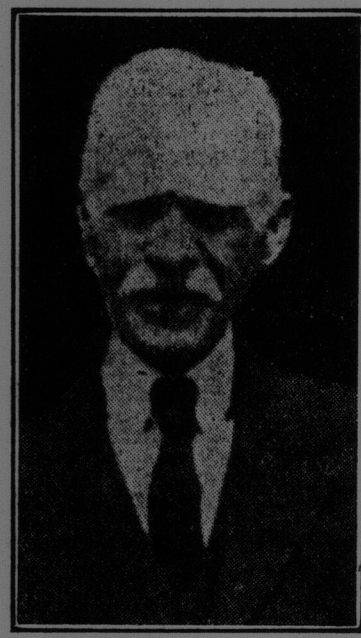
(By Canadian Press.) London, Feb. 14.—At the very outset of his career the Labor government finds itself confronted with a serious dilemma, through former Premier Asquith's declaration in the House of Commons that the administration must reconsider its attitude toward "Poplarism" or lose the support of the Commons. The theory that all citizens have the right to work or to maintenance at public expense has gained this sobriquet of "Poplarism" because of its recent application in Poplar, the metropolitan borough in the East End. Had the incident arisen in a later stage of the government's existence the situation would undoubtedly have been described as a crisis threatening its continuance in office, since both the Liberals and Conservatives are equally opposed to the government's policy in this matter, and it is therefore obvious that a direct motion of want of confidence, if submitted to the House, would have brought the government down. Such an outcome, however, is not expected now, as neither opposition party wishes to oust the new ministers yet and involve the question of a special election. The position, nevertheless, is one of extreme difficulty for the ministry and not without its anxieties for the other parties. The cabinet met late last night and discussed the situation, but whether any definite decision was taken is unknown.

J. R. Clynes, Lord Privy Seal, and deputy leader of the House of Commons, speaking on behalf of the government, has promised the facilities of a special debate on the subject, and it is understood this will take place next week. Meanwhile, there may be developments clearing the way for a settlement. Whether the Daily Herald, London's only Laborite newspaper, speaks for the government in this matter is doubtful, but today it emphatically supports "poplarism."

"All over the country," says the Herald, "the workers are keener about this than about anything else. It is an issue upon which Labor can fight united and confident, and it is a good thing that Asquith called for an encounter upon a field where the workers are so clearly ranged together."

"Poplarism" however is not supported by all the ministers, and it is regarded as certain that means will be sought in the interval before the Commons debate to placate the extremists through some method of parliamentary procedure. While the opposition leaders criticized the Government platform freely there was noticeable throughout the debate a friendly note of moderation and indulgence. Everybody appeared eager to give the new Government the fullest opportunity to make good. This note was emphasized when Mr. Baldwin, turning to the Prime Minister, who looked worn and fatigued, said that his opponents realized his tremendous difficulties and would do or say nothing to embarrass him in his relation with France and other countries. With a sentiment and kindness which seemed to be shared by the rest of the House, the former Premier added: "We all hope that the immense double burden of Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs which he has assumed may not be—as we fear it will be—too much for him."

Jail Official Dies



PRIEST IS HELD IN SHOOTING CASE

Father Grady, in Pittsburgh, Says Killing of Housekeeper Was Accidental. Pittsburgh, Feb. 14.—Miss Anna McDonough, 45, was shot and killed late yesterday in the study of the parish house of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic church, where she was employed as housekeeper. Rev. John J. Grady, pastor of the church, was arrested and is being held on a charge of murder. He admitted the shooting, according to the police, but said it was accidental. Miss Mary McDonough, sister of the dead woman, and Robert Shields, janitor, both living at the parish house, were being held as material witnesses. Under questioning by police, Father Grady is said to have stated that he found a pistol while cleaning a drawer of his desk in the study. While fingering it the priest said the pistol was discharged, according to the police, and that when he turned about in his chair he saw Miss McDonough stagger out of the doorway of the study into the hall. She died in a few minutes. A bullet pierced her right shoulder and police say her dress was burned by powder marks.

CONFERENCES CONTINUE. Montreal, Feb. 14.—Conferences are continuing today at office of the Canadian Railways Board of Adjustment, Number 1. It was said on high authority that questions of interpretation of wage agreements affecting engineers and firemen were still under discussion but that nothing definite had been arrived at and that no statement could be made at the present time.

Wire Briefs

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Six Separatists were killed at Baduerkheim, a town of 7,000 inhabitants, yesterday in an anti-Separatist outbreak, similar to that at Pirmanes.

Rome, Feb. 14.—Ex-Premier Orlando has officially announced his return to active politics in a letter to the Mayor of Palermo. He will be a candidate on Mussolini's coalition ticket.

Gibraltar, Feb. 14.—The crew of the five-masted auxiliary schooner Republica, which was burned at sea, have been rescued by the Spanish steamer Roma. She reports the Republica a total loss.

Geneva, Feb. 14.—A plan has been officially inaugurated to rename "Qual Wilson" an important section of the famous Qual Mount Blanc, on which the palace of the League of Nations is situated.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Communist disorders are reported from Stettin. Dispatches received here say that a party of policemen were fired upon from houses last night one of them being wounded. The police returned the fire, killing one and wounding seven.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 14.—D. D. Spindler, prominent Colechester North farmer, hanged himself in a barn at the rear of his home yesterday afternoon. The cause cannot be ascertained. Mr. Spindler came to Canada from Indiana about ten years ago.

London, Feb. 14.—"I am sorry for you," said Judge Mossop at Huddersfield yesterday when he made an order against a tenant of a residence for possession of the house by the landlord, "but it is not my fault. Parliament has ordered the judges to do their dirty work for them."

NAMED TO BOOST SALE OF TICKETS

Strong Committee Selected for International Skating Meet Here. TAKE OFF COATS Members Start Work Immediately to Make Events Financial Success.

Tickets for the International Indoor Skating Championships to be held in the Arena Feb. 25, 26 and 27, are in the hands of the printers today, and will pass immediately from them into the care of a strong committee which has been organized to take charge of this important phase of the championship meet. Here are the men who will look after this department:—

ROBERT S. SIMS, THOS. E. SIMPSON, WILLIAM H. TURNER, ELMER INGRAHAM. Mr. Sims is the chairman of the committee, and Mr. Simpson is secretary-treasurer. This selection and arrangement were made at a meeting held yesterday, when the complete sale of the tickets and placing them with the people who will attend the races was given over to the gentlemen named. It is in most competent hands. This committee went to work at once with energy, and held a meeting last night and completed plans.

The arena has been divided, for the purpose of the championship meet, into nine reserved seating sections, in addition to the boxes. The reserved sections will be lettered A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, and tickets will be sold for each of these sections. These tickets will cost \$1 for each night. The boxes seats will cost \$1.50 each night. There are four seats in each box, and the boxes will be sold as units, the purchaser taking all four seats. It is hoped that purchasers of boxes and reserved seats will buy for all three nights at once. The general admission tickets will give standing room to the buyer, will cost 50 cents. Selling Depots. The ticket committee will open selling depots in various parts of the city. In each of these will be a plan of the arena, and each depot will have on sale a proportion of the seats in each section, thus affording a full chance for selection no matter which depot a buyer calls at. The box seats will be placed at one central depot.—The Phonograph Salon, King Square—while the reserved and rush seats will be on sale at the following shops:— A. Fred deForest, Prince William street, tobacconist. A. Fred deForest, Charlotte street, tobacconist. R. W. Hawker, 521 Main street, druggist. F. W. Munro, 357 Main street, druggist. E. R. W. Ingraham, Union street, west, druggist. Charles Bailis, King street, tobacconist. H. J. Mowatt, Haymarket square, druggist. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., sporting goods department. Buy Early is Good Advice. In placing the seats on sale in several parts of the city at one time, the committee had in mind the fact that the limited seating capacity at the arena will likely be found below the demand for tickets. With the plans of distribution decided upon, residents of all parts of the city will have an equal chance in the rush for reservations. The committee would have the public know these conditions so that they will be prepared to get their tickets as soon as possible after they are placed on sale which will likely be tomorrow or the next day.

18 WERE KILLED

Fatalities in 288 Accidents on Canadian Railways in January This Year. Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Canadian Press.)—In 288 accidents reported on Canadian railways during January 18 persons were killed and 322 injured. Two of the killed were passengers and seven employees. Six of the fatalities occurred at railway crossings. Out of 19 crossings accidents, automobiles were involved 14 times resulting in four persons being killed and 21 injured.

Boy Is Punished, Mother Complains. North Bay, Ont., Feb. 14.—Rev. Father Marchand of St. Vincent de Paul church, North Bay, yesterday faced a police court charge of assault laid by the mother of a pupil of St. Mary's school. The case was adjourned till Saturday. The boy, it is reported, bears several black and blue marks. It is alleged he was being punished for escaping from pupils' parade to church and violently assaulted his lady teacher, knocking her to the floor. During the attack students in the room sat motionless. Father Marchand came along and, it is said, gave the boy a sound thrashing.

SMELT FISHING SEASON EXTENDED

Hon. John Morrissey Gets Word From Marine Department at Ottawa. (Special to The Times.) Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 14.—Hon. John Morrissey today received a telegram from the Department of Marine and Fisheries informing him that a request of the smelt fishermen for ten days' extension of the fishing season had been granted. This means that the season that would have closed tomorrow will be re-opened until the twenty-fifth inst.

Was 38 Years Road Inspector

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 14.—Alexander Sinclair, road inspector for the municipality of St. Mary's, Guysborough County, since 1886, and dean of the staff on the Provincial Highway Board for the province, has resigned.

Death Threat Is Sent to Judge

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 14.—County Judge William F. Bleakley announced in court he had received an abusive "Black Hand" letter threatening him with death if he found Dominick Deora, 32 years old, guilty of first degree assault. As a public answer, the court raised Deora's bail from \$5,000 to \$10,000, which Deora could not furnish, whereupon he was committed to jail to await trial. "Joe" Williams, a negro of Tarrytown, at whom Deora is charged with having emptied a shotgun, was asked by Judge Bleakley if, as reported, he had been offered \$150 to disappear and not testify as complaining witness against Deora. "Yes, I got it," answered Williams. "I spent it, your honor."

800 CASES ARE CONFISCATED

Ontario Court Makes Order Relative to Lot Worth \$30,000. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 14.—Liquor of an estimated value of \$30,000 was ordered confiscated by Magistrate Gundy yesterday on request of Inspector Mousseau. The liquor was seized nearly a month ago. The shipment arrived here consigned to Vital Benoit of Petite Cote and was marked "for export." Charges against Benoit, the Labatt Brewing Co. of London, Neil Murphy and Albert Eyon, for having liquor illegally in their possession, were withdrawn. The consignment totalled more than 800 cases.

WOULD PUT JAPAN ON QUOTA BASIS

Secretary Hughes Decrees Proposals of Bill Singleton Out Japanese for Exclusion. Washington, Feb. 14.—Proposals of the Johnson immigration bill which "singles out Japanese immigrants for exclusion" are inconsistent with the treaty of 1921 and should be eliminated, Secretary Hughes informed Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee in a letter made public at the state department. "I believe such legislative action would largely undo the work of the Washington conference on limitation of immigration, which so greatly improved our relations with Japan," Mr. Hughes warned Representative Singleton. As a substitute for the exclusion proposals the secretary suggested that Japan be placed on the same quota as other nations and that the immigrant certificate plan now in the bill to provide for selection abroad be made applicable to Japanese nationals.

Overseas Reporters Get Commons Place

London, Feb. 14.—(Canadian Press cable)—Ten seats in the members' gallery of the House of Commons are to be reserved every day in future for representatives of Dominion and foreign newspapers. This will enable the overseas press to report the debates. In pre-war days the newspapermen from the dominions were able to secure only an ordinary ticket for the strangers' gallery.

"Cafe Bandits" Get \$2,000 in Hold-Up

New York, Feb. 14.—Brooklyn's "safe bandits" staged another raid early today, holding up twenty-three diners in two restaurants and escaping with \$2,000. The bandits, five in number, are the same who on last Sunday morning engaged in two sensational restaurant hold-ups in which they obtained \$3,800.

Ulster's Former Chief Of Staff Is Dead

Belfast, Feb. 14.—Brig-General Sir Wm. Hackett-Pain, chief of staff of the Ulster Volunteers during the stormy pre-war days, died yesterday on the island of Wight. During the war he commanded the Ulster brigade and had charge of the Belfast district at the time of the Dublin uprising. Later he represented the South Derry division in the Imperial parliament.

After Lower Rates On Alberta Coal

London, Ont., Feb. 14.—The finance committee of the city council has decided to approach the Dominion Railway Board requesting that body to see if rates on Alberta coal can be reduced to allow that fuel to be used in Ontario.

WILL MAKE LONDON SAFE FROM RAIDS

Efforts are Made to Protect British Capital From Bombing. LAND PURCHASED New Types of Planes Carrying Unique Devices are Being Built.

BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.) London, Feb. 14.—Huge plans to make London the most efficiently protected city in the world against air raids have been perfected within the last few days. Yesterday arrangements were completed for the purchase of land enough to establish a ring of aerodromes around the city. New types of planes capable of carrying new devices to enable movements to be made in combination by groups of planes at night and capable also of attaining an extraordinary speed which until now has been regarded as only in the range of the fantastic are now being built in considerable quantities while delicate sound instruments capable of detecting the approach of aircraft at hitherto unheard of distances have also been perfected.

DECLARES MEXICAN REBELLION IS OVER

Secretary Says Virtually Ended—Rebel Forces in Disorderly Retreat. Queretaro, Mexico, Feb. 14.—Errique Estrada's rebellious forces are continuing in disorderly retreat after the decisive reverse suffered at Ocotlán, while the scattered remnants of the Vera Cruz insurrectionary army are fleeing northward into the Tuxpan petroleum region and southward in the direction of Oaxaca to gain the Isthmian States, according to the declarations of Gen. Serrano, secretary of war, and Gen. Juan Andreu Almazan.

Just Misses Radio Word of Engagement

Marlboro, Mass., Feb. 14.—Miss Louise Loud Osgood of this city, took her car for her radio phone call at just the wrong time, for she failed to hear her sweetheart's voice in Richmond Hill, N. Y., announcing their engagement. Frank M. Osgood would probably be listening at her home here, she missed it, but a Marlboro friend heard it and telephoned her to find out if it was true. Miss Osgood admitted it was true and congratulations followed.

Was 120 Years Old

Jugo-Slavia Resident Was Thrice Married, Left Son Aged Seventeen. Vienna, Feb. 14.—Yussuf Maca Mochmetan is dead at Yagoulatza, Jugo-Slavia, at the age of 120, according to a Belgrade message. Yussuf married thrice, and one of his surviving sons is only 17 years of age.

Pilot Was Given Trip to New York

New York, Feb. 14.—Pilot Dempsey of Halifax arrived here yesterday on the steamer Bergensford. The vessel called at Halifax on her way to New York from Christiana and Pilot Dempsey was engaged to take her out of the harbor. A heavy snowstorm prevented him from being dropped to the pilot boat.

DeValera Money Case on March 11

Dublin, Feb. 14.—The master of the rolls has fixed March 11 as the date for the trial of the action against Eamon De Valera and others to prevent them from withdrawing from a Dublin bank funds collected in the U. S. for the Dail.

Speaking of Sisters—



There are 35 sets of sisters at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., and classmates say the prettiest of them all are the Bosley sisters, Emily (upper left) and Katherine (upper right) of Buffalo, N. Y., Emily's a Junior and Katherine a senior. Among the beauties in the Freshman class are Ruth and Eleanor Moaks (lower left to right) of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fourteen Bodies Are Taken From Ruins of Building in Germany

Pirmanes, Feb. 14.—Fourteen badly mutilated bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Beziirksamt, or Government building and two of the wounded died last night, bringing to 16 the total number of Separatists known to be dead in consequence of Tuesday's massacre. Forty Separatists are known to have been inside the building at the time it was attacked. Seven of the remaining 24 are receiving hospital treatment, some being seriously wounded, but the others are unaccounted for. The special investigating committee appointed by the Inter-Allied Rhine-land commission at Coblenz arrived at 11 a. m. today. It is composed of Col. Darbonneau, French; Commandant Harms, Belgian, and Captain Berry, British. Traffic over all the Rhine bridges in the Palatinat has been stopped and the German police placed under the orders of the occupation authorities. Persons known to have participated in the attack on the Beziirksamt will be tried before a court martial at Dueseldorf.

DIED AS RELEASED

Snow Shoveller Pinned Between Wheels of Freight Car Near Montreal. Montreal, Feb. 14.—Pinned for nearly thirty minutes between two wheels of a freight car half a mile east of the Montreal West Station while his companions worked frantically to jack up the car, Joseph Octino died on the tracks yesterday afternoon. He had fallen between two cars and one of the wheels came to a stop over the upper part of his legs. Just as he was being released he died. Octino was one of a gang of snow shovellers.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 14.—A moderate depression is moving eastward across Ontario accompanied by light snow, while a pronounced area of high pressure and colder weather has come in over the western provinces from the northward. The weather has been fair and cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Forecasts: Light Snow. Maritime—Moderate winds, fair today, somewhat higher temperature with light snow tonight and Friday. Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cold today, light local snowfalls or flurries tonight and on Friday. New England—Light snow this afternoon or tonight, warmer to night; Friday, generally fair, warmer. In Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts, moderate shifting winds, becoming fresh west and northwesterly. Toronto, Feb. 14.—Temperatures: Highest during night, 46; lowest, 32. Victoria ... 40 46 33 Kamloops ... 32 38 32 Calgary ... 14 30 12 Edmonton ... 12 28 12 Winnipeg ... 8 38 8 Montreal ... 4 10 6 St. John ... 4 12 6 St. John ... 12 24 28 Halifax ... 15 26 16 New York ... 15 26 16

S. CLIFFORD SUCCUMBS SUDDENLY

Dies Few Hours After Suffering a Stroke of Paralysis. CUNNINGHAM ILL Found Unconscious on Jail Floor—His Condition is Critical.

Tragedy followed close upon the heels of tragedy at the St. John County Jail last night and this morning and within a few hours after one of the turnkeys had passed away following a paralytic stroke late last night, another was found stricken by a similar ailment on the floor of the jail office soon after eight o'clock this morning. Today Samuel Clifford who for more than forty years had filled the office of turnkey, lies dead at his home, 142 St. James street, and his associate, William J. Cunningham, on night duty at the jail, is in a critical condition at the home of his sister-in-law, with whom he resides, at 271 Charlotte street. Both men were popular officials and the fact that both were stricken within a few hours of each other has brought depression and sorrow to their many friends and their fellow officials.

In Usual Health. Both were apparently in their usual good health last evening. Mr. Clifford, who was on duty with Frank Bowes, the third turnkey, left the jail about 9.30 for his home and Mr. Cunningham came on duty soon afterwards, taking over from Mr. Bowes for the night. Mr. Clifford went to his home and after supper made a short visit to his wife's niece, Miss Myrtle Fox, who resides in Carmarthen street. Between eight and nine o'clock he again returned home to his wife who on finding that her niece was alone went out to spend a short time with her. On her return home she was shocked to find her husband lying unconscious on the floor near the kitchen stove which apparently he had been fixing. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but the stricken man never regained consciousness and passed away a few minutes before five o'clock this morning.

Co-Worker Stricken. Mr. Cunningham was in his ordinary good spirits when he took over his duties last night and he was not informed of the death of Mr. Clifford. He had been taken ill suddenly. This morning, however, Mr. Clifford's son, Deputy Sheriff Armstrong Clifford, attempted to get in touch with Mr. Clifford by telephone, but there was no response to his repeated calls. It was soon after this that Turnkey Frank Bowes went on duty and entering the jail office he was horrified to find Mr. Cunningham lying on the floor alongside a couch on which it was usual for him to rest during the night. A bruise on the side of his head indicated where he had struck the floor when he fell from the couch after being stricken. Mr. Bowes called the ambulance and had the unconscious man removed to the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham, 271 Charlotte street.

The Late Turnkey. The late Mr. Clifford is survived by his wife, who was formerly Mrs. Finn, whose maiden name was Miss Marie Copeland; three sons, Armstrong B. Clifford, deputy sheriff of St. John County; S. L. Clifford, druggist of Dalhousie, N. B.; and Kenneth B. Clifford, at home; one step-son, J. Willard Finn of Toronto; one daughter, Mrs. J. Taylor Bond of Toronto; one brother, John J. Clifford of Oshawa, Ont.; and one sister, Mrs. John Anderson of West St. John. Constable Is Acting. Sheriff Wilson announced this morning that Constable Thomas X. Gibbons would act temporarily as turnkey until a permanent appointment as successor to Mr. Clifford was made. Samuel Clifford filled the post of turnkey for nearly 42 years, and during that period has held the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was appointed to the (Continued on page 2, third column)