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HAVE PAID IT ALREADY, SAY THE GERMANS

Note to Allied Reparation Commission Received

Asks That Experts Be Named to Decide—Bavarians Refuse to Dissolve Militia Organizations—Some Huns to Be Expelled From Strassburg.

Paris, March 23.—Germany, in her reply today to the recent ultimatum of the Allied reparations commission, refuses to pay the one billion marks gold due on this date and disputes the commission's figures showing a balance of twelve billion marks due May 1.

It is maintained in the German note that the twenty billion marks which the peace treaty provided should be handed over by May 1 have been more than paid.

The note asks that a joint commission of experts fix the value of the German deliveries on reparations account, but declares that in any event it would be impossible for Germany to pay twelve billion marks by May 1.

Paris, March 23.—Decision not to disband militia organizations and the citizen guard in Bavaria has been reached by unanimous vote by the Bavarian government, says a Berlin despatch to the Journal.

March 23.—Expulsion of nearly 1,000 undesirable Germans residing in Strassburg has been decided upon by the authorities there, it is declared in a despatch to the Petit Parisien.

M'DONALD OUT ON BAIL; TAKEN AND FREED AGAIN

Fredericton, N. B., March 23—Edmund W. McDonald, of Vanceboro, Maine, was released this morning under $2,000 bail to appear at the May session of the York county court to face the charge of having 243 bottles of gin stolen from the C. P. R. while in transit in his possession. He was re-arrested on a charge laid by C. P. R. detectives under the prohibition act, that of giving liquor to another person at other than his private dwelling. By a deposit of $210 McDonald once more obtained his release. This case is due for a hearing on next Tuesday.

Mr. Justice Barry gave this order for bail.

LOCAL NEWS

TILL NEXT WEEK.

A case against W. J. Morrisey and Harry A. Ross, charged with operating a stationary boiler without a certificate under the New Brunswick Factories Act, was resumed before Magistrate Ritchie and postponed until next Wednesday.

TO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

A woman, who arrived in the city last night from Moncton, was taken to the Provincial Hospital this morning. She said she belonged to Quebec. An effort is being made to find out something about her relatives.

WHO WROTE IT?

Police Magistrate R. J. Ritchie received an anonymous letter this morning stating that there was "bootlegging" going on in a certain part of the city. He tore it up and said that if persons wished action taken in a matter of this kind they must sign their names.

MISS ELIZABETH NOWLAN.

The death of Miss Elizabeth Nowlan occurred this morning at the Home for Incurables. He death was the culmination of sixteen years of patient suffering. She leaves one brother and one sister. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from O'Neil's undertaking rooms.

HAS ST. JOHN FRIENDS.

William R. E. Wakeley, whose appointment as head of the Nova Scotia commission for the distribution of liquor, at a salary of $6,000, was announced yesterday, is of the firm of W. & C. H. Mitchell of Halifax. He is well known in this city, where he has made a good many visits, as well as throughout the maritime provinces. He is a prominent member of the Halifax council, Knights of Columbus.

CONDENSED NEWS

Toronto meat packers and workmen are at odds over wage reduction.

Important discoveries of ruins of a highly developed Greeco-Roman civilization are reported at Palmyre.

It is now said that the new Greek offensive against the Turks in Asia Minor has been abandoned, at least for the present.

RUSSIAN APPEAL.

Washington, March 23—White House officials said today that President Harding had not received an appeal from the Russian Soviet government that the U. S. resume trade relations with Russia.

A radio yesterday in London from Moscow said such an appeal had been sent to the U. S. president.

CARDINAL GIBBONS REPORTED TODAY TO BE NEAR DEATH

THE SICK CARDINAL.

Baltimore, March 23—Cardinal Gibbons, who suffered a relapse last night was reported to be in a critical condition today. He is conscious only a part of the time and virtually all hope for his recovery has been abandoned by members of his household.

DEATH OF REV. MOTHER PATRICK

Former Superior of St. Patrick's Industrial School and Infirmary Dead After Long, Useful Life.

After a lifetime spent in the service of God, which found its expression in the care of His little ones and in the administering to the sick and infirm, Mother Mary Patrick of the community of the Sisters of Charity, passed away last evening. The last hours of her life were spent in the St. John Infirmary, the institution which was the realization of her plans and in which she was the first superior. She had been ill for nearly two years and although her death was not unexpected, the news of her passing was received with distinct regret by a large host of friends.

Mother Patrick was formerly Miss Ellen Mahoney and was born at Melrose, Westmorland county, a daughter of the late Dennis Mahoney. She was about seventy years of age and joined the Sisters of Charity more than forty years ago, entering the Cliff street novitiate. After she had taken her final vows, the St. Patrick's Industrial School was opened and she was sent to take charge at Silver Falls. Under her excellent care and largely owing to her business ability the institution became a great success and many men who are now out in the world making successes of their lives owe a deep debt of gratitude to the mother who looked after them at St. Patrick's when they were there as little orphans. About five years ago the St. John Infirmary was opened in the city and on account of the success she had made at Silver Falls, Mother Patrick was put in charge of this up-to-date hospital and she remained there until her recent illness forced her to retire.

She leaves one brother, Hon. P. G. Mahoney, of Melrose. W. J. Mahoney of this city is a nephew and E. A. Riley of Moncton also is a nephew, while Dr. J. M. Barry of St. John city is a first cousin. A large circle of friends in the city and throughout the province will learn of her death with deep regret but that her life work was of such a high they will have the consolation of feeling however that she leaves behind a world better because she had lived in it.

She was rewarded before her death in knowing that the hospital for which she laid the first plans had progressed to the excellence in which she left it. It was fitting that in her last hours in this world she should be ministered to in the institution which saw its beginning in her hands. Not only those of her own faith, but the whole community will mourn her death.

A requiem high mass was sung this morning in the St. Vincent's convent chapel by Rev. W. M. Duke.

The funeral will take place from the Infirmary, Coburg street, on Thursday morning at 8.30 o'clock.

THE DREW CASE

The case for the prosecution against George Drew was commenced in the circuit court this morning before Judge Crocket. The jury was completed. Dr. W. B. Wallace, crown prosecutor, summed up after which the evidence of several witnesse was taken. Mrs. Evelyn Northrup, mother of the little girls, Dr. F .T. Dunlop and Dr. E. J. Campbell, Dr. D. C. Malcolm, Howard Garnett, Miss Eva Smith, a nurse in the hospital, Arnold Hendrickson, Edward McCann, Miss Nellie McKee were the witnesses this morning. G. H. V. Belyea, K. C., was appointed by the court to defend the prisoner.

The following composed the petit jury: L. W. Nickerson, Charles Osmond, C. W. Colwell, George Sproul, E. P. Sargeant, J. B. Hamm, W. H. Sulis, L. A. Keith, G. H. Magee, M. J. Higgins, R. F. Potts and Thomas J. Hanrahan.

The grand jury found a true bill yesterday afternoon in the case against William Nearin, charged with criminal assault on Beatrice and Jennie Morris.

PERSONAL

Mrs. F. O. Conlon of Fredericton, accompanied by her little daughter, Margaret, arrived in the city last evening and will spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Power, Wentworth street.

R. B. Emerson arrived home today from New York.

Senator Thorne arrived in the city on the Boston train at noon today.

Rev. Myles P. Howland of St. George and Rev. Francis Walker of Riverside, Albert county, are in the city to assist in the Holy Week services in the Cathedral.

KINDERGARTEN MATTER HEARD IN FREDERICTON

St. John Delegation Before Board of Education

Charlotte County Branch Railway Line Statement Before Government—Chance of Flax Industry in Province Being Developed.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., March 23—The provincial board of education this morning heard a delegation of women from St. John, in support of legislation to make it permissible for St. John to add kindergarten training to the free school system. The delegation, which was presented to the board by Messrs. Hayes and Scully, was composed of Mrs. A. F. Robinson, Mrs. W. F. Hatheway, Miss S. Greany and Mrs. Holman. A committee was appointed to consider this matter and report at the next meeting of the board.

A. J. Brooks was awarded the traveling scholarship for school inspectors and will probably attend a summer course in Toronto.

It was decided to have instruction on public health given in the Normal school.

It was decided to ask the census enumerators for the province to take into account the fact that previously children between the ages of five and six were not enumerated and this was accountable for the poor showing made by this province as far as literacy was concerned.

A large delegation ,chiefly from Charlotte county, waited upon the government today to press for the building of a branch line of railway from Pennfield station on the Shore Line to Letang, passing through the villages of Beaver Harbor, Dead Men's Harbor and Black's Harbor, the length of the branch to be eight miles.

Included in the delegation were: Lewis Connors, president of Connors Brothers, Ltd., and the Maritime Steamship Company, Ltd., and J. J. Hayes Doone of Blacks' Harbor; Neil Cross and Captain William Kelson of Beaver Harbor, E. C. Justuson of Pennfield, Joseph Gaskill of Grand Manan and Alex. Wilson of the Wilson Box Company, St. John.

The delegates said that the proposed line would serve the wealthiest fishing district of the province and would also open up a district containing extensive mineral deposits, including lime, copper, silicon and peat. It also was mentioned that kelp deposits in that vicinity might form the basis of an extensive potash industry. Consideration was promised.

Warden Beecher Hawkins of Pennfield, who was to have been a member of the delegation had one of his ribs broken by the kick of a horse while on his way to this city. He could not accompany the delegation any farther than St. John.

Harvey Mitchell, deputy Minister of Agriculture, announced this morning that James Bremer, formerly district representative of the Department of Agriculture for the North Shore Counties, had accepted reappointment with the department and would be used as district representative in location not yet determined. Mr. Bremer, after leaving the New Brunswick department went to P. E. Island where he had charge of an extensive stock farm.

Major General Sir E. Morrison and Col. J. Houliston, of Ottawa, accompained by Lieut. Col. A. H. H. Powell, and Major A. J. Lawson of St. John, arrived here this morning to inspect military property and look into other matters in connection with the militia.

Fredericton, N. B., March 23—Max Hudson, manager of the Eastern Flax and Seed Co. Ltd., of Shediac, N. B. has been here in consultation with the minister of agriculture, in connection with the expanding of the flax growing industry of that company at Upper Abougoggin, Westmoreland county. The company was considering putting in equipment to manufacture the fibre into linen yarn at the Maritime Linen Mills at Moncton have agreed to take the whole output of yarn. If experiment this year succeed the amount of land seeded yext year would show a big increase.

SAYS CITY FOLKS LAZY.

John Best, M. P. for Dufferin, who told Parliament city people were lazy and lay abed too long.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, March 23—Opening: Wheat,—March, $1.51 3-4; May, $1.48½. Corn—May, 66 3-4c.; July, 69c. Oats—May, 41c.; July, 42 3-4c.

As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-here!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, "I see a woman up there in Toronto says she's wearin' a blouse that cost five dollars in Noo York an' fifteen dollars in Toronto. D'you s'pose that's so?"

"Here in St. John," said the reporter, "you may pay fifty cents a peck for potatoes, or twenty-five cents—according to where you buy. I dare say the New York-Toronto story may be true. But what about it?"

"Nothin'", said Hiram, "I jist wanted to know. Sir Henry Drayton he blamed the wimmin' fer buyin' stuff from the States an' they're gittin' back at him, an' I guess they ain't makin' too bad a fist of it—nuther. But about them there petaters—we kin sell petaters out to the Settlement fer a dollar a bar'l—we been doin' it. Now kin you tell me who gits the other four dollars if they're sold fer fifty cents a peck?"

"You have no right to ask such questions," said the reporter. "The people have no more right to pry into the price of things and who gets the profit than they have to ask about the way the money is spent on the government railroads. We must take these things on faith. Parliament says so."

"Well," said Hiram, "when my gover'ment gits into power we'll know, or somethin'll drop—By Hen!"

SAYS THE STOLEN MILK WAS FOR KING GEORGE

New York, March 23—(Canadian Press)—According to Detective Fallon of Hoboken, 129 cases of condensed milk, stolen from a Hoboken pier on Feb. 8, were consigned to King George V.

No explanation as to why the royal purchaser should come as far as the United States for a supply of condensed milk, was forthcoming.

THE BIG FIGHT

New York, March 23. — (Canadian Press.)—A conference was held here this morning between Tex Rickard, boxing promoter, and Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, regarding the Carpentier-Dempsey bout. Both refuse to make any statement.

Local sport writers this morning declare it is now practically certain that Montreal is out of the running. Jersey City, on July 2, is talked of.

THE UTILITIES COMMISSION IN SESSION

An application by the Woodstock Electric Railway Light and Power Co., for the issue of $50,000 worth of bonds to cover the cost of additional construction, was approved by the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission in session here this morning. J. D. P. Lewin presided in the absence of the chairman, A. B. Connell, K. C., and Felix Michaud, the other member of the board was present.

On behalf of the Citizens' Gas Co., St. Stephen, L. F. Mills applied for permission to increase their rates. The matter will be taken up here on April 27.

In the matter of an application by the Bathurst Electric and Water Power Co., Ltd., for permission to increase the common stock issue to $2,000,000 and bonds to $150,000, H. C. Ramsey, of Bathurst, read a statement by the Bathurst Lumber Co., which is developing at Grand Falls on the Nepisiguit, to the effect that $1,136,617 had already been expended on the development at Great Falls, and this company had paid $118,000 to the Bathurst Electric & Water Power Co. for the developments on the Tetagouche. It was estimated that at least $600,000 would be required to complete the Grand Falls development.

Mr. Lewin said that the commission would require evidence of officials of the company substantiating these statements so as the case was adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the eastern half of the continent and the weather is fine throughout the dominion.

Fine, Warmer.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fine and rather cold. Thursday, moderate winds, fair and with stationary or a little higher temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fine and rather cold today and on Thursday.

New England—Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday, cloudy and warmer; moderate east and southeast winds.

NEW MEMBER OF N. S. GOVERNMENT

James C. Torey, M. P. P. for Guysboro, is Taken in Without Portfolio.

Halifax, N. S., March 23—James C. Torey, superintendent of agencies of the Sun Life Assurance Company, Montreal, and member of the legislative assembly of Nova Scotia for Guysboro, has been appointed a member of the government without portfolio. He was first elected for Guysboro in 1911 and was re-elected at succeeding general elections in 1916 and 1920.

PUT MURDER ON BOOTLEGGERS OR BURGLARS

Buffalo, N. Y., March 23—Proceeding on the theory that Luther P. Graves, a Buffalo society man, was shot dead on last Thursday midnight by bootleggers or cellar burglars who were working in the vicinity of his North street home, police last night declared that they had made rapid progress toward a solution of the murder mystery. One of the five suspects detained was partly identified as one of two men seen running away from the scene of the murder after the shots were fired.

KING AMENDMENT IS LOST BY 38

Motion for Full Information of the Operation of the C. N. R.

Ottawa, March 23—(Canadian Press)—Yesterday in the house of commons, Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, leader of the opposition, moved in amendment to a motion to go into supply that full information should be given on the operation of the C. N. R., excepting only confidential documents.

The amendment was defeated, 117 to 79. The debate was keen, the premier, Sir George Foster, Hon. T. A. Crerar, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. A. K. MacLean and others taking part. The progressives split almost evenly on the vote.

Sir George Foster said that a trade treaty with France had been consummated in January. Delay in bringing the treaty down was caused by the change in the French government.

Hon. Mr. Meighen tabled correspondence between the government and the Ontario provincial government regarding the Lake of the Woods control bill.

The house went into supply on department of trade and commerce estimates. Items covering salaries and contingencies were carried.

ESCAPED PRISONER IS FOUND COVERED UP IN A BABY CARRIAGE

New York, March 23—Uncovering a twin baby carriage in the basement of a Washington Heights apartment house early today, police found John Riddell, said to have escaped on Feb. 13 from Auburn prison, where he was serving five years for burglary.

Two other men in the basement were arrested charged with recent thefts in the house, and the janitor was taken in custody charged with harboring a fugitive from justice.

CHATS WITH DOCTOR AS HIS APPENDIX IS CUT OUT

Galt, Ont., March 23—A patient in the hospital here was operated on for appendicits with local anaesthesisa administered instead of a general anaesthtic, and chatted with the operating surgeon throughout.

When the operation was completed he asked to see the wound, and sat up on the operating table and viewed it. Then he asked for a cigarette. He was smoking it when removed from the operating room. His condition is reported as favorable.

SOME MINES IN CAPE BRETON HAVE RESUMED.

Sydney, N. S., March 23—Seven collieries of the Dominion Coal Company resumed operations yesterday after a complete shut down of three days. The remainder of the company's mines were still idle but would probably work today so as to make an equal division of available work among the miners of the district. The output yesterday was 6,100 tons, about half the normal quantity.

TOWBOAT EMPLOYES MAY GO ON STRIKE

New York, March 23.—Plans for an immediate strike of employes aboard ocean-going towboats, in protest against wage cuts placed in effect on March 1, were being held in abeyance today by the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association pending approval of its national executive committee.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, March 23—Only quietness prevailed on the local stock market during the early trading this morning, and nothing worthy of special comment occurred. Abitibi was up a quarter point at 43, while Brompton was down a quarter at 35 3-4. Breweries was also stronger by a quarter at 37 3-4. Riordon and Spanish River were unchanged at 112 and 77 respectively.

EXCHANGE TODAY.

New York, March 23—Sterling exchange steady. Demand, 3.90. Cable, 3.91 5-8. Canadian dollars 12 3-16 per cent discount.

JUDGE FITZGERALD OF CHARLOTTETOWN DEAD; AGED 74

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 23—Hon. R. R. Fitzgerald, D.C.L., a judge of the supreme court since 1892, died last night, aged 74. R. R. Fitzgerald of Peace River, Alta., and G. D. Fitzgerald of Charlottetown are sons, and Mrs. Herbert Shaw of Montreal, Mrs. Bowman of London, Ont., Mrs. Hutchinson of New Liscard, Toronto, and Miss Agnes Fitzgerald, Charlottetown, daughters.

CIVIL SERVANTS AND THE BONUS

President of Ottawa Association Says the Arguments Against Increase Not Sound

Ottawa, March 23.—"Like the flowers that bloom in spring, reasons being advanced for not raising the civil service bonus have nothing to do with the case," so T. R. L. MacInnes, president of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa, said in a statement on the bonus last evening.

"The civil service bonus was fixed in 1919. There is still a marked increase in the cost of living since then, which will certainly not be wiped out this year. A decline of prices in a few months cannot offset this. So far as the basis of the bonus is concerned, there has been no decrease in the cost, and, on the contrary, an increase is noted.

"It was stated that the classification has raised salaries in the service. In a few cases there have been increases, but a large bulk of positions were classified lower than before.

"Reduction is no argument to apply to civil servants' salaries. Labor department reports show an increase of 150 per cent. since 1908, and some increases of as high as 300 per cent. Civil service salaries are approximately the same as they were in 1908.

"The bonus only amounts to thirty per cent. of their wage. Present prices would have to be cut in salf to restore these salaries to their old value."

N. Y. POST KNOCKS THE TARIFF BILL

New York, March 23—The New York Evening Post says:

"President Harding's two-inch tariff bill did not last two days. If two inches of tariff is good, ten inches is better, and so last session's agregious emergency bill bobs up and is promptly placed first on the programme for the sixty-seventh congress.

"Republican leaders who do not believe in flat prosperity are perfectly well aware that the bill is a mere bit of stage play. If a prohibitive tariff had been laid on wheat six months ago, it might have helped the farmers a little by keeping out Canadian imports. But it is too late to do that. The Canadian wheat has crossed the border. Wool growers will not benefit from the bill. Wool is stored up in vast quantities awaiting consumption. Why, then, the emergency tariff bill?

"It is not hard to see why the farmer favors it. He has been hit hard by the fall in prices and like anyone in such circumstances is inclined to grasp at any form of relief. Tariffs on his products cannot make his condition worse and he has been assured over and over again that the tariff was the magic that made America rich. Why not try the magic now?

"The position of the politicians is equally plain. If the farmer wants an emergency tariff, why not give it to him? Well, the scheme is not absolutely perfect. It forgets the ultimate consumer. An important member of the administration, Mr. Hoover, is advising the farmer to look more hopefully to an agency like the war finance committee and to efforts to set goods moving than to an emergency tariff."

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning a case against Leo Martin, charged with obtaining money under false pretences, was resumed. Kenneth Raymond, manager of the Royal Hotel, said the accused was at the hotel from January 26 until February 3. He told of a check for $10 signed by the accused, having been charged up to the company on the grounds that there was no funds. The accused was put on the stand and said he had money in the bank at Ottawa. He is a returned soldier and was wounded, he said. The case was postponed for a further hearing. C. S. Hannington appeared for the prosecution and G. Earle Logan for the defence.

Chester Ford was charged with stealing rope, valued at $80, from James Kerrigan, West St. John. The case was postponed for witnesses.

Two men charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and were remanded.

LAUGHRAN GIVEN TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Guelph, Ont., March 23. — Colonel Laughran, convicted of "concealment of birth," was yesterday sentenced to two years in Portsmouth penitentiary. The case of Mrs. Beisel, mother of the child and charged with murder, may be left over till the next assizes.

MRS. SUSAN McKINLEY.

Early this morning the death of Susan, widow of Edward McKinley, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McHugh, 114 Somerset street, with whom she had made her home for the last two years. Besides this daughter she leaves two brothers, Dennis and Albert, and one sister, Mrs. John McKinley, all of Riverside, Albert county. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. McHugh.

BIG IRISH DAY IN BRITISH HOUSE IS LOOKED FOR

Attacks on Policy by Liberals and Labor

Asquith, Clynes and Lloyd George Expected to Speak—Wires Between Belfast and Dublin Cut Last Night.

London, March 23—Independent Liberals and Laborites were expected to make a joint attack upon the government's Irish policy today. It was understood that they intended to press their arguments for a renewal of peace negotiations at the point where they were interrupted last December, and also were ready to insist that the government waive its demand that Sinn Feiners surrender their arms before the peace parleys were commenced.

Premier Lloyd George was prepared, it was said, to reply to addresses by H. H. Asquith and John Robert Clynes, both of whom were to speak during the day.

Belfast, March 23—Two brothers named McClean successfully held their house near Monaghan yesterday against an attack of two hundred Sinn Feiners. Every window was shattered.

The brothers used revolvers and shotguns with such effect that the besiegers were foiled in the attempt to burn the building and adjacent buildings.

Belfast, March 23—The telegraph wires between Belfast and Dublin were cut last night. The authorities today expressed belief that this act was in preparation for possible Sinn Fein activity during Easter week.

Madison, Wis., March 23—Senator Lafollette announced today that he contemplated a trip to Ireland to "study the Irish question at close range." He said that several other senators also were planning to make the trip.

SPY SYSTEM ON THIS RAILROAD

Heated Discussion Over Difficulties Between Management and Employes.

Chicago, March 23—General W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania lines, testified before the railroad labor board yesterday that his road "maintained an extensive spy and espionage system among its employes," and that it had little arsenals at various points where guns and ammunition were kept.

Charges that the Pennsylvania road was fighting for the open shop and that the road maintained a spy system before the war, were the subject of heated discussion.

Brigadier-General Atterbury charged the unions with attempting to force the closed shop, and Frank P. Walsh, labor attorney, retaliated with the declaration that the Pennsylvania had maintained spies and arsenals to take care of labor troubles.

The whole day's testimony revolved about General Atterbury's stand that he could negotiate agreements with his own employes, but that no just and reasonable agreement applicable to the entire country could be written by anybody.

He also maintained the right of the minority to a voice, and charged the unions with assuming to represent all employes and using coercion in attempting to make them join the union.

FITZ RANDOLPH CASE ENDED

Fredericton, N. B., March 23—The charge of non-support prefered against Charles Fitz-Randolph, has been withdrawn by Peter J. Hughes, solicitor for Mrs. Fitz-Randloph, following the completion of an agreement under which monthly payments sufficient to provide suitable maintenance for Mrs. Fitz-Randloph and her three children who reside with her here.

RIVER NOTES

A prominent river steamship captain said this morning that he did not expect navagation to open on the river for another week or ten days. He said that the majority of the steamers would be ready before that time.

There was considerable activity about Indiantown this morning, Workmen being busy putting on finishing touches preparatory to the opening of the season.

Some parties arrived down from points along the Kennebecasis yesterday in motor boats and report the ice out as far as Sandy Point.

The main river is open as far as Public Landing according to reports reaching Indiantown this morning.

The ferry steamer Maggie Miller is undergoing repairs, which will be completed in a week or ten days. She is not expected to go on the Millidgeville-Bayswater and Summerville route for another two weeks.

OCEAN LIMITED.

Moncton, N. B., March 23—Railway officials in Moncton, commenting on a rumor published in Halifax, that the Ocean Limited is to be discontinued, said they have no knowledge of any such intention.