

BRITAIN FACES INCREASED TAXATION DUE TO MINE STRIKE

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CITY SPLIT WITH COUNTY IS THREATENED

WARDEN CONCURS WITH SEPARATION VIEWS OF LANCASTER COUNCILLOR

McCavour Claims Parish Business Interfered With by Urban Members of Municipal Council; Sees Crisis Imminent

FINANCE COMMITTEE IN SESSION

County Treasurer Authorized to Finance Work on Lancaster Highway When Government Decides to pay Share; \$5,000 C. P. R. Payment Is Withheld From Roads Board

THAT matters were approaching a crisis in the relations between the Parish of Lancaster and the City of Saint John and that the Parish business was hampered by the action of city commissioners sitting as members of the Municipal Council, was the opinion expressed this morning by Councillor McCavour at a meeting of the finance committee of the Municipal Council. He said the time had come for a show-down, and this view was heartily concurred in by the city representatives, the warden expressing the view that the city would do well to withdraw from the county altogether.

The county treasurer was authorized to finance the work now being done on the highway from the western end of the bridge to the pavement laid last year, when satisfied that the government of the province had undertaken to pay the cost of the work when it was completed.

The committee refused to authorize the transfer of \$5,000 received from the C. P. R. to the credit of the Lancaster Highway Board, holding it toward the payment of the first interest on the issue of \$240,000 of bonds for paving and sewers in Lancaster.

Hon. R. W. Wigmore, warden, was in the chair, and others present were Councillors White, Bullock, Harding, Prink, Golding, McCavour, Smith, Simpson, O'Donnell and McLeod. Council guaranteeing payment filed with him. The amendment carried. Bills from the House of the Good Shepherd and the Inter-Provincial Home for Young Women, the former amounting to \$187.75, and the latter to \$39.46, were read. These were rendered under an act passed by the Legislature and coming into effect January 1, 1926, by proclamation. The warden said he thought when legislation affecting the municipalities was adopted notice should be sent to them. The amount charged for each inmate is \$2.00 a week and the province pays a like amount. The bills were ordered paid.

RATE TO BE DOUBLED The county secretary notified the committee that after January of next year the rate for the care of pauper inmates would be doubled and the number for which the municipality was liable increased from 100 to 120. The matter was referred to a committee composed of Councillors Harding, Simpson and Prink to report on the settlement of the patients charged to the Eastern Sanatorium Co. had refused to accept the \$8,400 of Lancaster Sewerage bonds on the ground that they were only a liability of the District No. 1 and there was no provision for interest and sinking fund on these bonds. Commissioner Prink said it seemed to him that all that could be done was to secure legislation making the bonds a charge on the parish but any motion should come from one of the Lancaster councillors.

Commissioner Bullock said he thought the time had come when the municipality should not be the guarantor of the bonds issued for purely parish purposes as the municipality involved the city. The city was issuing bonds only for necessary work. MR. McCAVOUR AGAIN Councillor McCavour said he had been listening to lectures on finance ever since he became a member of the council, but he did not see they had done much good. The city members had voted for the advances for the highway in Lancaster. The conditions under which the two first advances had been made had not been carried yet, he said, despite the fact they had supported a third advance of \$60,000, bringing the total up to \$381,000. This was not the time, he declared, to talk of what had been done, but to look to the future. He moved that a bill be prepared and sent to the Legislature.

WARDEN REPLIES The warden said he as one of the city members resented the charge of interference and said that so far as he was concerned he felt the city would be better off if divorced from the county. He was a taxpayer in the county and the burden was becoming very heavy there and more should not be added at present. Commissioner Bullock said that in view of what had taken place recently he was surprised that work had been started on the letter of an employe of the government, as he understood the only letter the Highway Board had was signed by the chief engineer. What they should have was a copy of an order in council, if such had been passed, he declared. Mayor White said what was wanted was an official notice that the government would pay for this work.

AMENDMENT CARRIES It was moved by Councillor Golding that the county treasurer be authorized to pay the amount over to the credit of the highway board. In amendment Mayor White moved that the money be paid over when the county secretary had a copy of the order-in-

Veniot Mentioned At Ottawa As Possible Cabinet Minister

\$350,000 Damage Done By Fire In Aberdeen Home of Lady Cathcart; Gems Saved

British United Press. LONDON, Sept. 16.—Historic Cluny Castle, in Aberdeen, Scotland, was partly destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$350,000. This palatial Scottish residence was the home of Lady Emily Elizabeth Cathcart. Lady Cathcart is the widow of Captain Reginald Cathcart. Assisted by members of her house party and house servants the hostesses rescued valuable pictures, furniture and other family treasures to the lawn. The house party found refuge in nearby cottages. Two wings of the castle and the richly decorated private chapel were destroyed. The fire was believed to have been caused by a defective fuse. After six hours' work, burning extinguished the blaze, which was the thirty-fourth fire to damage the big country estate since January 1, 1925. Seven of these country house parties were estimated today to have sustained an aggregate loss of \$2,137,500.

Public Despairs of Result From Cabinet Move END UNEXPECTED Stopping of National Industries Causing Concern to Populace

Leads English Set RESIGNATION OF MEIGHEN DUE IN NEAR FUTURE

Canadian Press. LONDON, Sept. 16.—With the retail price of coal in London approximately \$20 a ton, and coke about \$15 the public is watching, although somewhat despairingly, for some result of the cabinet meeting which discussed yesterday the deadlock between the miners and the mine owners. Premier Baldwin, who had just returned from a holiday on the continent, presided. Hope of a settlement of the dispute between the miners and mine owners, which has now lasted 20 weeks, has been so long deferred that few persons seem to have confidence in predictions made in some quarters of early government action to force the problem. No one apparently expects important developments this week.

ALARMING FIGURES Mentioning the newspapers daily are printing alarming figures showing the tragic effect of the stoppage on national industries. It is contended that the loss in public revenue is likely to involve an increase in the already burdensome taxation early in 1927. Among other results of the strike has been a sharp rise in shipping rates, owing to the demand for foreign coal. The rate on coal from America is considerably higher than that from South America.

SHIP OFFICERS IN COLLISION JAILED French Lieutenant Gets 60 Days and Turk Captain Three Months

Canadian Press. CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 16.—Lieut. Desmons of the French steamer Lotus was sentenced yesterday to 60 days' imprisonment as a result of the collision of the Lotus with the Turkish cargo boat, in which several lives were lost. The court at first sentenced the French officer to one year in jail, but reduced the term on his plea of extenuating circumstances. He has already served 40 days. The captain of the wrecked Turkish boat was sentenced to three months.

King Expected to Have No Trouble Filling Posts BRITISH VIEWS London Papers Take Different Stands on Effect of Byng's Action

Canadian Press. TORONTO, Sept. 16.—The Mail and Empire publishes the following staff despatch from Ottawa this morning: "Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen will at once call his cabinet together, and send his resignation to Lord Byng. He will also notify Mr. King that he has done this. OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—Resignation of the Meighen administration and the formation of another government by Mr. Mackenzie King is expected without much delay. Premier Meighen has made no public pronouncement, but there is every likelihood that this will be the course of events. In the formation of his government Mr. King's task should not be a difficult one. It has been considerably facilitated by the fact that all his old ministers who stood for re-election were returned. With the possible exception of one or two changes, they will, in all probability, be found again in the new government. From Nova Scotia, Paul Hatfield and Col. Ralston are mentioned in political circles, as possibilities, although a seat



A new and charming portrait is presented herewith of the Duchess of Beaufort, one of the most popular members of the younger married set in the English aristocracy. It will be recalled that the present Duchess was formerly Lady Mary Cambridge and was frequently mentioned as the most probable choice for the Prince of Wales.

Manchester To Give Freedom To Premiers

Canadian Press. MANCHESTER, Eng., Sept. 16.—After an acrimonious debate, the Manchester City Council yesterday decided to confer the freedom of the city on the seven Dominion premiers who will visit England in October to attend the Imperial conference. When the proposal was considered by the City Council on September 1, the objections of some members were so great that the meeting broke up in disorder. A labor member denounced the proposal as a "wholesale giving away of the freedom."

RECORD ENROLMENT EXPECTED AT U. N. B.

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N.B., Sept. 16.—The Academic year at the University of New Brunswick today with the appointment of Professor Hickey as its president. The University will have the largest total registration in its history. The freshmen to be admitted this year have been here for some time preparing for their class.

TWO ATTORNEYS, ONE BARRISTER O. K'D

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Sept. 16.—The council of the N. B. Barristers Society held a brief meeting here today. Present were W. P. Jones, K.C., P. J. Hughes, K.C., J. F. F. Winslow, K.C., J. H. P. Teed and C. P. Inches, with Ernest A. McKay acting as secretary. The council decided to postpone the presentation of the portrait of the Chief Justice until November. Votes of thanks to the persons and organizations which assisted in the entertainment of the delegates to the Canadian Bar Association Meeting were passed. It was decided to admit two attorneys, D'Avray West and H. D. Prink, to the Bar of the province; to admit Wm. C. Curvey as barrister, also of Saint John.

IS NOT AWARE THAT PRINCE IS ENGAGED

Grand Marshal Says News Would be Given to Belgian Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept. 16.—The Grand Marshal of the Royal Palace, declared yesterday he was unaware of the engagement between Crown Prince Leopold and Princess Astrid of Sweden. The Belgian press informed of this fact in the morning of any such official news. Prince Leopold, Duke of Brabant, is 25 years old. During the war, he served with the Belgian army and went with the troops to the front. Princess Astrid, who is the daughter of the Duke of Vesterborgland, brother of King Gustav, is 21 years of age.

LAWYERS REFUSE

Italian Government Unable to Get Counsel For Mussolini's Assailant

ROME, Sept. 16.—The government finds it hard to get a lawyer to defend Mussolini's assailant. The prisoner refuses to choose one for himself, and the lawyer who had been assigned to the case rejected the appointment. The chief prosecutor then tried to nominate other lawyers, but all refused the task. Thereupon he nominated Signor Todaro, president of the Bar Association, who is obliged by law to accept the assignment. It is understood he is earnestly seeking to find a substitute to defend the man who tried to bomb Il Duce.

LOUISIANA B L A Z E WRECKS TWO BLOCKS

Damage is Estimated at Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars

HOMER, La., Sept. 16.—Damage estimated at almost three-quarters of a million dollars was caused by a fire which devastated two blocks of buildings in the business section of Homer last night. Combined efforts of the fire departments of Homer, Haynesville, Avacis and Gibbland, and several hundred volunteers were required to gain control of the blaze early today.

VERDICT SAYS ACCIDENT

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Sept. 16.—At an inquest held in Westville last evening, to determine how Thomas Moffat, a Westville miner, found dead at the loading platform near Westville station yesterday morning with a bad cut on his head, met his death, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

N. S. MAN IS KILLED

Aged New Glasgow Resident Walks Into Burning House and Perishes

Canadian Press. NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Sept. 16.—An aged man named Lauchlin Mitchell, 72, lost his life in a fire which broke out in a barn here yesterday morning, destroying three barns, an automobile and badly damaging a house. Mr. Mitchell was aroused and assisted out of the house, but apparently walked back into the house unnoticed, due to the excitement.

Atlantic Flight Is Held Up By Leaking Gasoline Tank

Plane Designer Believes, However, Start Can Be Made Tomorrow

WESTBURY, N. J., Sept. 16.—The New York to Paris flight of Capt. Rene Fonck, French ace, and three companions, has been postponed until tomorrow and perhaps indefinitely, because of a gasoline leak discovered at the last minute. Igor Sikorsky, designer and builder of the huge three-motored biplane gave orders to put the plane back into its hangar when it proved difficult to stop the flow of gasoline, which was leaking at the rate of 10 gallons an hour.

HELD FOR ISSUING FALSE STATEMENT

Quebec Man Remanded in Election Case; Bail Fixed at \$1,000

QUEBEC, Sept. 16.—Gaudais Letarte, of this city, was arraigned before Judge Lachance, in the Court of Sessions on a charge of issuing a false extrajudicial declaration. The accused pleaded not guilty and was remanded for preliminary hearing on September 17. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$1,000. The charge against Letarte was laid by Alderman Pierre Bertrand, M.L.A., who claims that the accused issued a false signed statement in connection with the elections.

MANY NEAR DEATH

Jealous Husband Fires Four Shots Into Grandstand; Woman Slightly Hurt

MARLBOROUGH, Md., Sept. 16.—Only a miracle it is said, accounted for the escape from serious injury of many race fans here when Lawrence D. Pritchett of Tomonlum, M. D., yesterday fired four shots into the crowded grandstands at a man who allegedly had been talking to Mrs. Pritchett. One bullet struck a colored woman in the ankle. The firing caused a panic in the stands during which many women fainted.

SHAW, IN LATEST OUTBURST, CALLS MAN DETESTABLE ANIMAL

Who Instead of Shopping, is Able to Sit at Home and Telephone for Her Groceries. Proof of man's detestation of man is contained in the scowl which greet a newcomer in small compartments of railway cars, according to Shaw. Men must have wives and children, Shaw admitted, and hence, he said, the family instead of the individual was becoming a solitary, misanthropic unit.

Figure In McPherson Case, Due In Court, Is Found Dead

Canadian Press. LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Dr. A. M. Waters, 65, whose name had been brought into the disappearance case of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, committed suicide here yesterday by drinking poison, according to police reports.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, and New York. Columns include location, time, and weather conditions.