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PRINCE WILLIAM STREET LOT TAKEN

J.F. Gleeson Has Option on Large Property Next to Customs House

May Be Five Story Warehouse Erected There—Armstrong and Bruce Get Large West Side Tract—Today's News of Real Estate

One of the most important of recent transactions in city real estate was put through today by J. F. Gleeson, who has secured an option from the Messrs Hamilton of Halifax, through their solicitor, J. Roy Campbell, on the large block adjoining and to the north of the Customs House. The property faces three streets, Prince William, Duke and Water. The only buildings on it are the office and warehouse of Edward Lantlam. It is understood that plans are being considered for the erection of a five story warehouse by local and outside capitalists.

One man who is anxious to erect a three story building and store is afraid to speak to the owner of the lot on which he has had his eye for some time for fear that the price will be jumped beyond what he can pay. Another citizen who has been looking for a central location on which to build a new residence confesses that he has given up the idea for the present in the hope that owners will come down to more reasonable figures.

DUEL COSTS COUNT

"LACE AT VATICAN"

Pope May Issue Manifesto Against Practice of Duelling

Home, March 18.—The Pope has accepted the resignation of Count Pecci, nephew of the late Pope Leo XIII, who recently challenged Prince Albert to a duel, in support of the practice of duelling.

Several fashionable women in the large audience shrieked hysterically when they saw Mr. Moore fall upon his wife's shoulder, as he returned to his seat, and expired in her arms.

It looked for a moment as though a panic would ensue, but the leader of the choir saved the situation by starting the hymn on the programme, which, oddly, was "Jesus call us."

WEATHER BULLETIN

Table with columns: Max, Min, Dir, Vel. Rows for Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, etc.

Forecast—Strong southwest winds; mostly fair and mild; Tuesday, westerly winds; fair and mild.

STEAMER ASHORE, TWO DROWNED

London, March 18.—The German Steamer Aegaeus which sailed from Rangoon for Hamburg on February 17, is ashore near Cava Point, Morocco, according to advices received here. Two persons are reported drowned, but the others were rescued from the steamer and landed at Cava. The vessel is badly damaged.

MINER POLITICIAN DELIVERING A STRIKE SPEECH AT THE PIT HEAD



This scene typifies much of the kind of thing which brought about the revolt of the miners. Politics at the pit head, with miners themselves as speakers, is a feature of the agitator. The minimum wage is regarded by many miners as but a stage in a revolution, which is hoped will result in an industrial democracy and the supremacy of labor.—By Arthur Garra, in The London Graphic.

BIRD ROCK IS THE SCENE OF DEATH AGAIN

Third Light House Keeper To Give up His Life On Grim Precipice

Spoken of in Commons

Hon. R. Lemieux Brings up, at First Morning Session, Request of Bereaved Father for Body of His Son Killed on Duty

(Special to Times) Ottawa, March 18.—For the third time death has visited the lighthouse station perched on the grim black precipice of Bird Rock in the St. Lawrence Gulf just beyond the rim of the Magdalen Islands group.

When the commons met in their first morning sitting today, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux rose with the request of the father of the dead lighthouse keeper, that a government vessel be sent to carry his son's body back to the Magdalen Islands for burial.

"It would be an act of humanity," he said, "when I was a member of the government I was anxious to have something done to have the post made less dangerous."

Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine, said that he had received news of the accident only on Saturday morning, and had given orders that a government vessel proceed as soon as to take the body, if possible, to Bird Rock in a sheer precipice rising out of the sea. No vessel can land save small boats whose occupants were formerly swung to the top of the rock in a basket lifted by a crane. Of late years a rude elevator has been installed. A fall from the cliff means certain death.

Communication with the outer world is possible in winter only across the ice to the Magdalen where there is a wireless Marconi station. A small station may now be installed on top of the rock.

FRENCH CANADIANS OF MANITOBA IN CONFERENCE

Winnipeg, Man., March 18.—A general conference of the French-Canadians of Manitoba will be held in St. Boniface on March 23. It will be attended by the Bishop of Regina, and other notable persons, and will have for its principal object the rallying of French-speaking people of the province with a view to taking part in the congress of next June in Quebec. Several important topics are also up for discussion. These include the bilingual school.

EXECUTION IN AUBURN

Auburn, N. Y., March 18.—From a wedding party to the electric chair tells the story of Dominic Di Pasquale, who died in the electric chair this morning, exactly one year after his conviction. To the last he fought against death in the chair, and tried to hang himself in his cell early on Friday morning. He was discovered, cut down and revived, and closely guarded until this morning.

When the final summons came he refused to leave the condemned row but when shoved by two guards, stepped into the chamber and walked to the chair alone. When the current was sent through his body, in the words of Electrician Davis, he proved to be a "high resistance man," requiring 1,870 volts at eight amperes. Two contacts were necessary, and in eight minutes he was pronounced dead.

MARCONI'S PLANS

Signor G. Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraph, is now on his way to New York from England by the Lusitania and will arrive in Cape Breton in April, on a visit of inspection and for experiments. Mr. Wetmore, manager of the Glace Bay station, is to leave for England this month to take a post in one of the stations there.

FORTY HOURS

The Forty Hours Devotion exercises will be begun in the Cathedral on Friday morning and will continue until Sunday night.

RATHER STARTLING IS LATEST PARIS FASHION

New York, March 18.—The Paris dressmakers' most startling contribution to my lady's wardrobe this year, is to be a new skirt—very narrow, with a slit at the side extending well above the knee. A trade announcement has regarding the new skirt, says: "If the dressmaker's stocking, made of silk network, with very large meshes, is to be worn with the dress, it is said, the effect will be striking."

TWENTY-FIVE MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION

San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—It is believed twenty-five men were killed by the explosion of a locomotive boiler in the Southern Pacific roundhouse here this forenoon. Many more were injured.

Most of the dead and injured were strike breakers who took the places of Southern Pacific abolition, who went on strike here several months ago. So farfully managed were some of the bodies that probably they can never be fully identified.

MINIMUM WAGES BILL TOMORROW

London, March 18.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the government would introduce a minimum wage bill for miners tomorrow.

He will ask the house to read it a second time on Wednesday, and complete the remaining stages on Thursday.

Demain, France, March 18.—A large number of coal miners in this district of the department of the Nord voted today to go on strike in spite of the decision of the French National Miners' Federation against such a step. The union officials are trying to prevent the spread of the movement. The region includes Anzin, the centre of the greatest French coal field.

MAYOR FRINK GETS PLAN OF THE WORKS AT COURTENAY BAY

Plans of the harbor works in Courtenay Bay, which are to be undertaken by the federal government under their contract with Norton Griffiths & Co., have been received by Mayor Frink. The plans, which were prepared by Chief Engineer LeFleur of the public works department show a channel 500 feet wide to be dredged from the harbor and opening into a basin which extends from Barrack Point across to the Municipal Home. On the western side of the bay a strip from 300 to 500 feet in width extending from Union street to Broad is shown filled in outside the rail-way tracks, and beyond this at the entrance to the bay are the two new piers 1,000 feet long. These give four berths, 700, 700, 800 and 1,000 feet long. The breakwater and the dry dock, the plans for which are still under discussion, are shown in their original positions, the breakwater extending from the point to the south of the Municipal Home, and the dock in the cove to the north of this point. Other blue prints show the details of construction of the piers, break-water, etc.

NEW OFFICIAL FOR TRAINS ON I. C. RAILWAY

Ticket Collector on Expresses to Relieve Conductor of Part of Duty

Pay to be \$100 a Month

System to be Tried First in Quebec Province After First of April—Conductor Will Have Duty Only of Looking After Train

(Special to Times) Montreal, N. B., March 18.—It is said that the I. C. R. after April 1, will adopt a system in vogue on other roads whereby conductors will be relieved of the work of collecting tickets on express trains. This means that an additional official called a ticket-collector will be placed on the trains. His duty will be to collect all the "area" tickets. He will be expected to be posted on information required by the travelling public. The conductor of the train will be relieved of collecting fares and tickets, and his sole duty will be to look after the train.

The new system will not be adopted on all trains for the present, but will first be tried in Quebec after the change of time table. The new official will likely be placed on all express trains if the system proves a success. Several appointments, it is understood, have been made from those employed in the audit files of the I. C. R. The pay will be \$100 a month.

PLUMBERS TO HOLD CONVENTION HERE

On April 8 and 9 there will be a convention here of plumbers from twenty New Brunswick for the purpose of organizing a Master Plumbers' Association. It is expected that there will be about fifty delegates present. The new association will be affiliated with the National Plumbers' Association of Canada and the United States.

DR. J. W. DANIEL, SENATOR

Leaves For Ottawa to be Sworn In—Today's Fredericton News

Fredericton, N. B., March 18.—(Special)—Dr. J. W. Daniel is here today and is being congratulated on his appointment to the senate. He will leave for Ottawa this evening to be sworn in.

A large number of citizens attended the funeral of Leonard Bellevue which took place this morning. The body was taken to St. Dunstan's church, where Rev. Father Carney celebrated high mass of requiem. Interment was made in the Hermitage. The funeral included a cross from the provincial government. Officials of the departmental buildings and the male students of the Normal school attended.

George Hayes, of St. Mary's, arrested on Saturday evening on charge of creating a disturbance, was this morning remanded until Thursday. He is charged with attempting to assault James D. Blair, postmaster of St. Mary's.

Voting on church union took place in the Methodist church yesterday. The result will be announced tomorrow. It is believed the vote went heavily for union.

George Haas, who has for some years been connected with the McMurray firm, will leave tomorrow for Sackatoon to locate.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairy-men's Association will open in the Opera House this evening.

C. A. Squires and J. B. McKee of Ottawa, who were in St. John over Sunday crossed the bay this morning to Digby.

MINERS WANT TO GO BACK TO WORK

Pressure Being Brought by Other Men Forced Into Idleness

Meanwhile There is Talk of Even Greater Trouble, a Nation Wide Industrial Strike—Freight Rates on Atlantic to Go Up

(Canadian Press) London, March 18.—Many of the British miners now on strike will return to the pits in the course of this week, according to the opinion expressed in some quarters where it is believed that by Monday next operations will be in full swing in the collieries in many parts of the country. The men's leaders, however, have informed the government that there will be no resumption of work until the minimum wages bill for underground workers has passed through parliament.

In spite of the declaration of the men's leaders there are indications that the miners are string of their holiday and are anxious to start earning regular wages again. This is particularly true of those districts where the prolongation of the strike has made necessary a reduction in the amount of the strike pay drawn from the miners' unions by the men. Besides this there is much pressure being brought to bear on the miners by other trades unions forced out of work by the shortage of coal.

The loss to the trades union funds last week, including those of the miners' unions, amounted to \$1,500,000. Saturday, paid their members \$450,000. There has been a further curtailment of the railway passenger services this morning, while still more factories have joined those already closed. A hundred steam

trawlers are laid up at the fishing port of Grimsby owing to the shortage of coal. Talk of General Strike There is some talk today of a general strike throughout the country during May, but this may be due to the fact that a series of trades union congresses will convene then. These may possibly lead to widespread stoppages in some industries. Besides the miners more than 1,000,000 men in other trades have been thrown out of work owing to lack of fuel to run the factories. An increase in the prices of necessities consequent on the stoppage of freight shipments, has caused much distress to the workers' families. The action of the government in introducing legislation providing for a minimum wage for miners is criticized in some quarters, and is likely to lead to a considerable amount of opposition.

TO JUMP FREIGHT RATES

New York, March 18.—Trans-Atlantic freight rates are to be heavily increased as a result of the British and German coal strikes. According to Berlin dispatches today, a conference of Hamburg and Bremen shipping interests yesterday decided to increase the carrying charges ten per cent to distant ports and fifteen per cent for coasting service. This advance is to cover the increased cost of coal and will continue in force until fuel is again obtainable at normal prices.

MILLIONS WENT DOWN WITH STEAMER OCEANA

Hope of Recovering \$3,750,000 in Bullion—Death List Seventeen

New York, March 18.—A cable from London says:—The Peninsular and Oriental Line steamship Oceana, which was sunk Saturday in the English channel, remains today in the same position, and there is every hope that it will be possible to recover the \$3,750,000 in bullion which she carried.

All hope that some of the seventeen persons thrown into the water from a capsized boat have been rescued by a passing ship, has been given up.

It was learned later that seven of the passengers and three Europeans of the crew of the Oceana were drowned while being rescued, after the collision with the German bark Flamingo. The Peninsular & Oriental Company today says that several Lascars belonging to the crew were also drowned. Their number is not known, but only a few of them were seen to have capsized small boat.

ATTEMPTED MURDER IS CHARGE AGAINST TORONTO WIFE BEATER

Toronto, March 17.—After beating his wife almost to death this morning, James Andrew walked into Wilton avenue police station and gave himself up. He is now charged with attempted murder, while his victim, a woman fifty-two years of age, is in a critical condition in the general hospital.

She has nine large cuts on her head and is also badly bruised about the body.

QUEEN MOTHER SENDS SHAMROCKS TO GUARDS

New York, March 18.—A London cable says:—"In connection with the commemoration of St. Patrick's anniversary, the Irish Guards yesterday wore sprigs of shamrock presented to them by Queen Mother Alexandra."

"The guards paraded in front of Waterloo barracks and at the Tower of London they received the shamrocks from their commanding officer on behalf of the queen mother."

MOUNTAIN SIEGE TO BEGIN TODAY

Dynamite May be Used to Drive Outlaws From Their Hiding Place

Hillsville, Va., March 18.—Search for the membership of the Allen clan, whom the constable of Virginia is determined to bring to justice for the murder of five of its citizens, including the officers of the local county circuit court, began in earnest today. Eight picked men remained on the mountain side all night, guarding the approach to Devil's Den, the stronghold in which the fugitive outlaws are believed to be hiding, prepared to make a last stand. Early today the detachment was joined by the posse of seventy-five detectives and citizen volunteers, who had rested overnight in Hillsville, after an exhaustive day yesterday. Plans probably will be laid for a systematic siege. It has been suggested that dynamite be used to clean out the citadel.