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As Investigators Prepare To Probe Company Finances, L. R. Steel Dies Suddenly

HEAD OF CHAIN STORE CORPORATION PASSES AWAY ON TRAIN NEAR TOLEDO Disposed of \$20,000,000 Stock in Enterprise Since 1919—Some Costly Investments Followed by Distress—Action Taken Under "Blue Sky" Law.

(By Canadian Press) Buffalo, N. Y., March 22.—L. R. Steel, head of the L. R. Steel Corporation, died suddenly early today on a west-bound train, according to a telephone message from his home.

The body was taken from the train at Toledo. Mrs. Steel was advised of her husband's death in a long distance telephone message from Toledo. Heart disease is believed to be the cause of death.

Steel's death came on the eve of investigations into the stock selling and other financial methods of his promotions by county and state authorities. Carl Sherman, state attorney general, yesterday notified the receivers that he desired to make a thorough examination of the books of the various steel corporations and District Attorney Moore announced last night that an account of reports of gross extravagance in the handling of the \$20,000,000 invested by the corporation.

It is not believed here that Mr. Steel's death will affect the status of Canadian shareholders. The question of the disposition of the Canadian assets did not rest with Steel, but with the receiver appointed yesterday. Steel was born in Middletown, Pa., in 1878. He was employed by a chain store corporation in 1918, when he conceived the idea of branching out for himself.

Spectacular Rise. The rise of the Steel financial star was rapid. Starting with a small capital in 1919, Steel personally directing advertising and stock selling campaigns, disposed of more than \$20,000,000 in L. R. Steel, Incorporated, and its various subsidiaries. As the money poured in new corporations were founded, chief among them being the L. R. Steel Service Corporation which had to do with stock sales, the L. R. Steel Realty Development, handling all leases and real estate owned by the various branches and other interlocking corporations, both in Canada and the United States.

DEATH OF LORD SANDERSON IS ANNOUNCED TODAY

London, March 22.—The death is announced of Lord Sanderson. Baron Sanderson, Thomas Henry Sanderson, was born in 1841, and entered the foreign office in 1869. He served on the Alabama arbitration in 1871, was assistant under secretary for foreign affairs in 1889 and permanent under secretary in 1894-1905.

THE U. S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA

No Interference With Internal Policy, Says Secretary Hughes—Against Discussion of Soviet Recognition Yet.

(By Canadian Press) Washington, March 22.—In a comprehensive covering the United States policy towards Russia, Secretary Hughes yesterday outlined the attitude of the statement of the State Department as one of non-interference with Russia's internal concerns but determination not to enter into discussions leading to recognition of the Soviet Government until it has established itself on a sound basis for international intercourse.

M'TIGUE MAY LAND AT HALIFAX

Cablegram to this Effect Received by W. P. Buckley—Sails for New York in June.

Halifax, N. S., March 22.—W. P. Buckley, ardent supporter of Mike McTigue and his strongest backer when the light-heavyweight champion was fighting here a few years ago, received a cablegram from the boxer in Dublin last night hinting at the possibility of his visiting Halifax on his way back to New York. The communication read as follows: "Sailing for America in June on Cunard boat. May land in Halifax. Best regards. "MIKE."

NO HOPE OF HELP FROM FOREIGNERS

Germans Find They Must Look After Improvement of Mark Themselves.

Berlin, March 22.—Up to the time of the Ruhr invasion it was still thought in Germany that the mark could be successfully improved and stabilized with the help of foreign financial groups, but the Germans now have found that they must help themselves. This is the explanation of Germany's new fifty million dollar treasury bond issue as given by Max Warburg, of Hamburg, leading German banker, in an article in the Allgemeine Zeitung.

NEW INDIAN COMMANDER

London, March 22.—(Canadian Press).—Lieutenant-General Sir George Kirkpatrick has been appointed general officer commanding the western command in India. Gen. Kirkpatrick is a son of the late Sir George A. Kirkpatrick, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

PRINCESS MARY AND HER SON



The first picture to reach Canada of Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles with her son, who is to be christened on Palm Sunday at St. Mary's chapel, Goldborough. He will receive the names of George Henry Hubert.

THE BELGIANS TAKE STEPS TO CONTROL EXPORTS FROM RUHR

Troops Occupy Krupp Harbor on the Rhine—Difficult to Control Smuggling of Money from Berlin—French Seize Currency.

(Canadian Press Cable) Dusseldorf, March 22.—Belgian troops have occupied Krupp Harbor, at Hoch Emmerich, on the Rhine, near Dusseldorf, for the purpose of controlling exports from the Ruhr, and the collection of ten per cent. tax on goods shipped.

GAGNON SPEAKS OF PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Says Suggestion in Legislature Came as Surprise—Would Entertain the Offer Under Certain Conditions.

(Special to The Times) Fredericton, March 22.—Asked this morning regarding the recommendation made yesterday by the delegation from the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance that he be appointed to replace J. B. Hawthorn, chief inspector under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, L. A. Gagnon, chief game warden of the province, said that as he sat in the gallery yesterday the suggestion came to him like a bolt out of the blue.

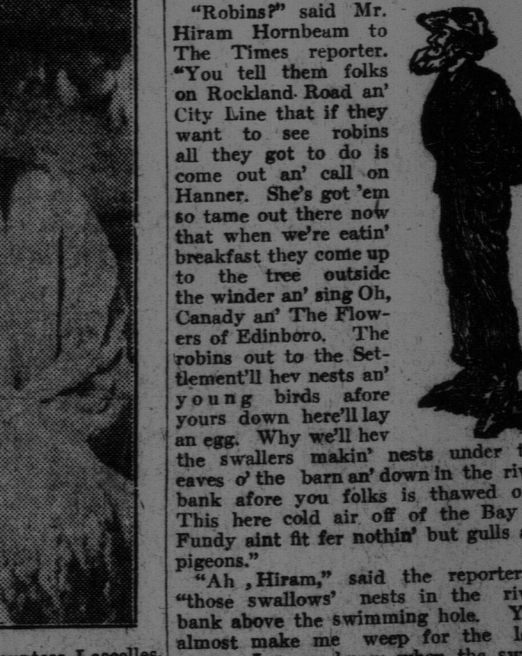
CHIROPRACTORS' BILL REPORTED TO ALBERTA HOUSE

Edmonton, March 22.—Chairman D. H. Galbraith reported to the Alberta Legislature yesterday the bill asking that Alberta chiropractors be incorporated into their own association for examinations and licenses, this meaning that the bill will now be fought out on the floor of the House in committee.

Parted In Infancy, Brother And Sister United In Halifax

(By Canadian Press) Gloucester, N. S., March 22.—Dorothy and Leonard Watson, sister and brother, aged seventeen and nineteen respectively, separated in infancy when they were adopted from a Halifax orphanage, have been reunited. For a large part of their childhood they were next-door neighbors and playmates, without knowing their relationship. The discovery came about after Dorothy had been abducted last fall, when the facts of her birth came out at a detective's investigation after she had been rescued. Then Leonard met with an accident in the mines that necessitated his visiting Halifax recently for treatment. There his curiosity regarding others of his family led him to the orphanage, where he learned the name of the people who had adopted his sister. The reunion followed.

As Hiram Sees It



Says He Protected Mrs. Small's Life

Witness Also Declares Small Planned to go South and Leave Wife Behind.

Toronto, March 22.—That he had on one occasion protected Mrs. Small's life, and that Small had planned to go south to remain a long time, leaving his wife behind, were two statements made by Thomas Flynn, friend and confidant of Mr. Small, in connection with the hearing of the Small's application here yesterday for a declaration presumin' Small's death.

Utah Marshal Starts Out After Warring Indians

(By Canadian Press) Salt Lake City, March 22.—United States Marshal J. Ray Ward, of Utah, accompanied by several deputies, left here late yesterday for the scene of the Piute Indian outbreak near Blanding, Southeastern Utah. He is said to be under instructions from Washington to suppress the disturbance.

Archbishop And 16 Priests On Trial In Russia

(Canadian Press Cable) Moscow, March 22.—The second of Russia's great church trials began today when Archbishop Zeplianof, of Petrograd, and of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Russia, and sixteen priests were arraigned in the Hall of Nobles, in Moscow.

Canton and Vicinity In Troubled State

Canton, March 22.—Sun Yat Sen, former President of South China, who returned to Canton several weeks ago, is facing a chaotic situation with "trouble" rumored imminent. Piracy is rampant outside the city and is interfering with transportation and business while unpaid troops are demanding funds.

URGENT NECESSITY FOR AN IMPERIAL CONFERENCE SOON

Melbourne, March 22.—(Canadian Press, via Reuter's) Premier Bruce, of the Australian Commonwealth, has sent a communication to the governments of the other Dominions emphasizing his view that there is urgent necessity for holding an Imperial conference at the earliest possible date.

Canadian Senator Supports France's Claim on Germany

(By Canadian Press) Ottawa, March 22.—"If Germany does not pay France will have to pay," declared Major Gen. Griesbach, in the Senate yesterday, making a strong plea for justice to France in the enforcement of reparations claims on Germany.

DISPUTE CLAIM OF WANDERERS TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Sydney Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team is Willing to Battle for the Title.

(By Canadian Press) Sydney, N. S., March 22.—Sydney's Y. M. C. A. basketball team will not recognize the claim of the Wanderers team of Halifax to the Maritime championship. The Wanderers, who are the physical directors of the Y. M. C. A. in the Maritime Provinces, held last January, that a Sydney basketball team would be contenders for the Provincial and Maritime basketball title in 1925.

BELIEVE LIQUOR RING BROKEN IN THE SYDNEYS

Many Seizures of Stills Reported—Condition of Thibeault Still Critical.

(By Canadian Press) North Sydney, N. S., March 22.—Chief Inspector Thibeault, prohibition enforcement officer who was shot while conducting a raid about a week ago, was examined yesterday by a specialist from Halifax, who said his condition could not be pronounced safe until after seven days. He would not attempt to remove the bullet which entered the lower abdomen and lodged in Thibeault's leg.

Emissary From Rome Interviews Irish Primate

Dublin, March 22.—Monsignor Luolo of the Sacred Congregation at Rome, who has been sent to the Free State by the Pontiff, with the task of inquiring into the situation, visited Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland, at Armagh yesterday.

LEFT HUSBAND FOR STAGE

Stamford, Conn., March 22.—Difficulties over his wife's ambition to gain fame on the stage were ascribed by John J. School, a musical comedy producer of Greenwich, as the cause of desertion on her part five weeks after they were married on April 24, 1919. He received a divorce from Ethel School by decree of Judge Banks.

BRITISH LORDS FEAR FRANCE'S AIR SUPERIORITY

London, March 22.—Relations with France and French superiority in air defence was the subject of another long debate in the House of Lords yesterday, when Peers of very differing shades of political opinion voiced the same apprehension of Great Britain's inferiority in the face of the existing uncertain position of Europe.

PROPOSAL TO ELECT SENATORS BEFORE HOUSE

Counter Suggestion That Members be Chosen by the Dominion and Provinces

No Decision Reached—Amendments to Naturalization Act Promised—Further Exemption in Income Tax Considered.

(By Canadian Press) Ottawa, March 22.—In the House of Commons yesterday the House debated a resolution that the Senate become an elective body. J. J. Denis, of Joliet, who sponsored the resolution proposed that senators be elected for six years, one half of the body to be elected each third year. He gave the House an exhaustive review of Canadian constitutional history and claimed that Canada's position was unique, all other countries of the world had elective senators if they had senators at all, he said.

In The Senate.

A resolution to amend the naturalization act so as to permit the more facile registration of Canadian or British born who had returned to Canada to serve in the war, but had not remained in Canada after discharge, was withdrawn.

Income Tax Exemption.

A resolution was carried to the effect that the Government consider the expediency of amending the income tax law by making the exempting clause the father of five children under eighteen years of age, whose income was less than \$8,000.

Calgary Miners Decide To Accept Wage Agreement

(By Canadian Press) Calgary, March 22.—The miners in district No. 18, U. M. W. A., have decided to accept the wage agreement with the Western Canada Coal Operators' Association for 1925 by a vote of approximately five to one, according to returns received at the local offices of the mine workers late last night.

TORONTO GETS ITS BOOZE CONSIGNED AS HEN FRUIT

Toronto, March 22.—Inspector George Lydiatt and a squad of police of Main Street Police Station are following up information which they believe will expose a whiskey-running ring in Toronto. The police say they have information that implicates Grand Trunk Railwaymen in the illegal shipping of liquor from Montreal to Toronto.

Inspector Lydiatt Charges Whiskey in Carload Lots Has Shipped to Toronto, Unloaded into Motor Cars and Spirited From Montreal as Eggs Arrived.

Inspector Lydiatt charges whiskey in carload lots has shipped to Toronto, unloaded into motor cars and spirited from Montreal as eggs arrived. The police arrested the owners of the cars and found some 59 bottles of whiskey.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Table with 3 columns: Station, 8 a.m. yesterday, and Highest during night. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, St. John, N. B., Winnipeg, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, St. John, N. B., Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, St. John, Nfld., Detroit, and New York.

CONDENSED NEWS

It is believed that at least two persons lost their lives in the fire which destroyed St. John's Hotel, Quebec, on Monday night. The victims are Dr. J. Gaboury of Donnacona and J. Jobin of St. Augustin.



HE MAY COME TO CANADA

Henry Ford, who has been named as a witness in an investigation into credits and banking being discussed in the Dominion House. He has been invited to appear.