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MEIGHEN DENOUNCES EARLY DECISION ON RAIL RATES APPEAL

CAPACITY SHORTAGE IS ONLY DRAGBACK, ASSURANCE OF CARRY

No Scarcity of Power, He Tells the Radial Commission.

CITY TERMINALS COST

The commission appointed to investigate Hydro radials resumed yesterday morning. Mr. F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric, again took the witness stand and gave evidence in regard to the Toronto-St. Catharines, the Woodbridge-Hamilton, Elmira and suburban lines. At the afternoon session counsel for the non-conducting municipalities started his cross-examination of witness, in the course of which he endeavored to get an admission from Mr. Gaby that the Hydro was short of power to supply the demand. Mr. Gaby, however, chose to call it a shortage of capacity. Mr. Gaby, in reply to Mr. Helmuth, said that the speed of the radial trains would be on the Toronto & Eastern, from 30 to 35 miles an hour, and from 1 hour and 20 minutes to Bowmanville; from Bay street terminal to Queen street district would be 28 to 30 miles an hour, and on the upper Jarvis and Parliament streets. In 1924 there would be graded separations, but no level crossings. He admitted that over 50 per cent of the estimated earnings of \$280,000 would be from suburban traffic. Replying to Mr. Helmuth, Mr. Gaby said that the estimate furnished to the government for the Hamilton, Galt, Guelph, Elmira line, \$6,530,000, was now estimated at \$5,652,000. He said the estimate given to the government included all rolling stock, substations and equipment, as well as way and structures, while the figures now submitted only included way and structures. A fuller estimate would be ready a week from next Wednesday. Mr. Gaby said the proposed line was essentially the same as voted on by the municipalities concerned. The further evidence regarding the Hamilton (Continued on Page 4, Column 2).

NANTON APARTMENTS ARE SWEEPED BY FIRE

Entire Destruction of Big Building in Rosedale Threatened—All Inmates Said to Have Escaped Unhurt.

Fire which broke out about 1 a.m. today is threatening the complete destruction of the Nanton apartments, a three-story brick structure, 7 to 19 Nanton avenue, Rosedale. The flames were first noticed on the south side of the north wing of the building, which is built in the form of a "U" and an hour later the flames were spreading towards the other wing. There were twenty-four families in the apartment, but the police report that all have been accounted for, the inmates having had sufficient time to make their escape in their night attire into the pouring rain. The owner of the building, J. C. Keenan, of 38 Madison avenue, says the building is valued at \$150,000 and is fairly well insured. The fire, which is of unknown origin, was discovered by R. N. Brown, 41 Dale avenue, who gave the alarm. According to spectators, who were early on the scene, the fire reels were somewhat slow in arriving, the first one not appearing until twenty minutes after the discovery of the fire. It is also said that attempts to get a telephone connection met with a good deal of difficulty. The inmates. Residents in the Nanton Apartments are listed as follows: Mrs. C. Brougher, Mrs. J. Theban, Arthur B. Moysey, Henry T. Woodroffe, Mrs. Gemina H. Bueher, Rbbi H. Ferris, Raymond J. Carlin, D. D. MacAjay, Chas. S. Baxter, Straun R. Robertson, Deloss E. Bell, Charles Mason, Henry Appleton, W. R. Stockford Careless, Frank Shannon, Vivian MacLeod, Chas. L. Lugadin, D. Robt. Roberts, A. M. Duggan, Samuel McCandless, Edith McLeod, Geoffrey A. Edwards, J. Carrière, B. Baldwin, Robt. Kidney, Mrs. Frank Bell, Frederick C. Courcolla, Irene Lawson, John M. Barker, Robt. A. McVean, Ernest P. Ashmore, John E. Rhind and Chas. D. Fairweather. Criticism of the fire department for being late in arriving is explained by several people, who say that several of the reels were at another fire which occurred in the store of Ryan and Hughes on Grosvenor boulevard when they received word of the blaze on Nanton avenue. The homeless inmates were taken into the homes of the neighbors and a good deal of the furniture which was saved was piled on verandahs and in rooms. A Narrow Escape. Miss B. Walsh of apartment 24 says she was awakened by the noise of ringing bells. She heard yelling in the hall and on going out to see what had happened she saw flames in the room of Sir William, run out of his apartment with a club bag in his hand, just as a quarter to three the fire was under control. The entire top flat of the building was burned out, and the first and second floors have suffered badly from smoke and water.

MORE EFFICIENT LABOR IS AIMING TO LOWER COST

Consumer Must Soon Feel Benefit of Substantially Cheaper Goods.

MORE PRICE CUTTING

Washington, Sept. 30.—Price-cutting has taken hold of the wholesale trade in the United States to an extent that soon must be felt substantially in lower prices to consumers, according to the federal reserve board's monthly business review, made public tonight. Revival of the way of price reduction and its spread to many retail lines was attributed to "a more exacting demand by the buying public as to price and quality." Retail purchasers are showing continued determination to await a move by dealers to meet those demands, while foregoing luxuries and semi-luxuries, reports to the board declared. The effect on prices, there was much evidence, it said, of increased efficiency on the part of labor and, as a result, production was on the increase and factoring operation beginning to approach normal. Greater Stability. Summed up, the board's findings were that "business conditions are now definitely on the road toward stability of a great and confirmed nature as the distressed position of the world at large permits." "Continuance of the process of readjustment in business and industry has been an outstanding feature of the last month," the review said. "This has been accompanied by price reductions and by the resumption of (Continued on Page 4, Column 2).

BOARD MAY REVIEW RAIL RATES RULING

Meighen Announces Government Might Ask Commissioners to Reconsider Decision if Cabinet Finds Board is in Error—Mayor Church Speaks for Ontario and Working People.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—(Canadian Press).—Hearing by the government of the appeal from the decision of the railway board granting increased railway rates was closed shortly after six o'clock this evening after two days of argument before Prime Minister Meighen and several of his colleagues. Statement by Premier. At the close of the argument the prime minister stated that due consideration would be given to the representations made both in support of the appeal and in defence of the rates judgment. He remarked that many of the matters discussed before the ministers were such as could only be determined by a properly constituted tribunal, such as the railway commission. Unless the government proposed to reverse the decision of the board it would not be necessary for it to whether or not a policy has been adopted which is repugnant to public policy. Should it appear that an error had been made by the board, a reference back to that body would be appropriate. However, much matter had been brought forward which would require the consideration of the government and a decision would be given as soon as possible. Argument for Railways. During the afternoon counsel for the railways, including W. C. Chisholm for the Grand Trunk system and Mr. F. H. Chrysler for the Canadian Railway Association, closed their arguments. The counsel representing the appellants were allowed to reply. Mr. H. Symington, counsel for the Manitoba government; J. B. Coyne, counsel for the Winnipeg Board of Trade; G. R. Geary, representing the city of Toronto, and D'Arcy Scott, counsel for the Saskatchewan government, being heard. They all emphasized "their former arguments (Continued on Page 4, Column 2).

FORMER MINISTER KNOWS NOTHING OF MISSING LETTERS

Hon. Howard Ferguson on Witness Stand at Timber Investigation.

DEFENDS GOVERNMENT

Former minister of lands, forests and mines, G. Howard Ferguson, was on the stand the greater part of yesterday at the Riddell-Litchford Commission, which is inquiring into the administration of the department during his regime. Mr. Ferguson gave a sweeping denial to the insinuation that politics influenced him in discharging the duties of his office, denied that there was anything out of the way in the fact that a few letters out of a million received had gone astray, and insisted that every transaction was dealt with on its merits in a businesslike way, to the best of his ability. At one stage of the proceedings, Mr. Ferguson was somewhat sharply rebuked by Judge Riddell, who told him that he had been given a great deal of latitude as a witness, but it was not for him to direct as to how the inquiry should be conducted. To Crown Counsel Harding, the former minister said his department had never had a patronage list from which cutlers and crown timber agents were appointed. As to the system in vogue of granting crown timber permits, he explained each case was considered on its merits. "I found," he explained, "that permits had been granted direct by the department following direct application to him without recommendations from local crown timber agents. No consideration as to man's politics or religion, or anything else, were taken into account. It was a matter of the man's ability to carry out the work. In one case 52 permits were granted. Nineteen were Liberals, 15 Conservatives." (Continued on Page 5, Column 5).

"SEA SENSE" IS BIG NEED OF CANADIANS

Captain Munro, Admiral Denison, Premier Drury, Dr. Cody and Other Navy League Speakers Appeal Powerfully for Support of National Mercantile Marine. The Navy League of Canada gave a banquet at the King Edward last night to a representative body of Toronto's leading citizens—cabinet ministers, judges, clergymen, scientific men, shipping and business merchants and labor leaders—and each and every one of them voiced the idea of a Canadian navy and a large Canadian merchant fleet. Premier Drury started the ball rolling by stating that although he was a man of the land and not of the water, he was in entire sympathy with the aims of the league, as it was an important factor in the aspect of trade and commerce. He predicted the time was not far short when Toronto would have its own ocean-going ships. These ships would build up a great economic commerce and carry Canadian goods to all parts of the world. Canada would become the greatest paper producing country in the world and ships might be found to carry the paper and pulp, he declared. The premier said he hoped soon to see the cattle exporting trade of Canada revive and denied at the same time that Canadian beasts had ever had disease. We must, he said, get our own Anglo-Saxon race men's jobs by keeping them on the land, on the sea and in the woods. We must not become a race of people crowded up in a few cities or in a hundred years we should become decadent. Navy Link of Empire. Captain D. P. Munro, C.M.G., R.N., who has served both in the merchant service and the British navy, and at present is chief inspector of coast defence to the British government, declared that he was certain that Canada would not endorse him when he said the British navy was the link that joined the units of the Empire together, and he added: "You will also endorse me when I say that during no part of British naval history can it be said that the British (Continued on Page 4, Column 5).

SINN FEINERS RAID MONTREAL STEAMER

London, Sept. 30.—The Fand Head, a steamer that arrived at Dublin from Montreal on September 22, was today raided for arms by Sinn Feiners, who took four revolvers and one rifle.

TEACHERS CONSIDER GROUP INSURANCE

Hamilton, Sept. 30.—Officials of the board of education, when asked yesterday if teachers of the public schools contemplated taking out group insurance, as teachers in other cities are doing, replied that the matter was under consideration, and they believed the local teachers would follow the patch set by their colleagues elsewhere. Further information on the matter will be given for publication at an early date, it was said.

Wheat Options Drop

Wheat options dropped ten cents a bushel in Chicago yesterday, and corn options made another low price since 1917. The National City Bank of New York in an article on "The World's Financial Outlook" for the present this bank says prices are subject to small deliveries by the farmers and that a good deal of Canadian western wheat is being bought by the States because of the discount on the Canadian dollar and its high quality. The inference is that the millers have a small surplus of the flour on hand and the W. B. Backus lumber interests, who are complicated matters to come before them. The government has been keeping wheat prices (Continued on Page 4, Column 2).

LOWER BARRIERS TO WORLD TRADE

Divergent Views of Question of Tariff at Brussels Financial Conference.

Brussels, Sept. 30.—Today's session of the international financial conference was divided between a resume of the past and a forecast of the future, with the tariff question bobbing up as the most likely subject of the controversy. The word "free trade" was mentioned only rarely, and the trend of the greater part of the discussion was toward the beating down of barriers to international trade. "Japan is for commercial liberty and fair play; we must have freedom of knowledge" is the way M. Mori, the Japanese delegate, put it. Mr. Bell, the British delegate, had opened the question with the declaration that the people of different countries must trade together freely. Don Jose Figueroa, speaking for Spain, said the greatest freedom of trade should prevail, but that nothing should be done without a unanimous resolution of the conference. "Fasibhooy Currighooy, India, differed from the British delegate's last question. He contended that countries should be left to decide the question in the light of their own interest. He declared that there was a strong current of opinion in India in favor of a system of protection. Ferdinando Quaretti, Italy, went further than the previous speakers. He was in favor not only of "the greatest freedom for international commerce," but also for "the pooling of raw material, coal and foodstuffs." The full session apparently will be adjourned from Saturday to Wednesday in order to give the delegates full time for work in committee.

B. C. JAM WORKERS FAVOR PROTECTION

Appear Before Tariff Commissioner—Case for Miners Being Heard Today. Poleson, B.C., Sept. 30.—His Worship Mayor J. A. McDonald, of this city, on behalf of the B. C. Jam Company, appeared before the Canadian tariff commission this afternoon and presented a statement concerning the condition of the fruit industry. Great quantities of his raw materials are supplied by the fruit-growers of the district, and any withdrawal of protection which would adversely affect them would necessarily affect him also, and would mean a serious loss of men working at his plant. The commissioner will leave for Trail tomorrow, and will hold a session in the afternoon. Representations will be made by the mining industries. One of the points which will be discussed is the duty on imported milling and mining machinery.

GOVERNMENT MAKES DEAL WITH BACKUS

Must Bid for Timber Limits He Wants and is Granted Water Power Privileges Under Certain Conditions—Will Take Over Kenora Power Plant and Supply Canadian Papers With Newsprint. After six weeks' negotiations an agreement has at last been arrived at between the government and W. B. Backus lumber interests. Members of the government declare that it has been one of the most difficult and complicated matters to come before them. Under the terms of the agreement, which has been signed by Mr. Backus, the Kenowat Lumber Company, Limited, and the Kenowat Power Company, the crown waives the forfeiture of the agreement of the 19th of August, 1914, by which the pulpwood timber limit was granted to Mr. Backus and his companies, conditioned, however, on an increase of the water power at White Dog Rapids to 40 cents for certain classes of pulpwood to 80 cents per cord, and from 20 cents for other classes of pulpwood to 40 cents per cord. The crown also agrees to grant a lease to Mr. Backus and his companies of the water power at White Dog Rapids in their part. Mr. Backus and his companies agree that they will forthwith proceed with the erection at Kenora of a pulp and paper mill called for by their agreement of 1914, and that they will have one unit of the mill of at least 50 tons daily capacity, in operation not later than the 1st of October, 1921. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2).

WATERWAY PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED

\$750,000,000 to Be Expended in Canada and U. S. on Harbor Improvements.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Major-General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, tomorrow will address the annual convention of the American Association of Port Authorities, which today opened its sessions, considering port and terminal problems. During the sessions various waterway projects launched in the United States will be considered and developments in Canada will be outlined. Development of a harbor at Chicago and construction of a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the Gulf also are to be taken up. About 125 delegates are present, including those from Bombay, South America and England. Announcement was made at today's session that \$750,000,000 would be expended in North America in the next three years for the development of harbors, \$500,000,000 of which would be expended in the United States. That the New York barge canal is gradually coming into use was the statement made by Frank Williams, state engineer of New York, in an address. He said that during 1919 the traffic on the entire canal system had increased seven per cent.

The City Street Car Service

Mr. P. W. Ellis, chairman of the city's Transportation Commission, evidently handed out a job to the citizens yesterday in his first official intimation: that the new system under which the city would cost at least fifty million dollars, and that the fares will have to be advanced. Both may be true, but Mr. Ellis has displayed great rapidity of action in reaching these conclusions, and only hope he will show similar speed in getting the work of the commission under way.

Will Aim to Rouse Japanese Against California Exclusion

Tokio, Sept. 30.—(Special).—According to the Asahi, Marquis Shiganou Okuma, former premier, has decided to devote himself to awakening the Japanese people against "the unlawful attitude of California Americans." To further his purpose, the newspaper says, Marquis Okuma will call a meeting of 100 prominent statesmen, politicians, diplomats, scholars, business men and publicists at his residence to exchange views on the subject. The newspaper says Waseda University, of which Marquis Okuma was the founder and is now president, will start a campaign against the anti-Japanese agitation in America, with the object of arousing public opinion. The Asahi quotes Marquis Okuma as condemning the indifference of the people to grave questions affecting the nation's interests and saying they are becoming like the Chinese—weak and easily succumbed. "The will of the majority of the Japanese people must be known," the marquis declared, according to the newspaper.

JUST HELD BANNERS DID NOT START ROW

Women Pickets Disclaim Responsibility for Disorders at Tercentenary Meeting. New York, Sept. 30.—No official action will be taken against agitators who interfered with last night's meeting of delegates to the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims, Alton B. Parker announced tonight. Mr. Parker, who presided at the session which was invaded by members of the "American Women Pickets for the Enforcement of America's War Aims," said the disturbance was not of a nature to demand prosecution of the offenders. In a statement issued tonight, Mrs. Gertrude Corliss, president of the pickets' organization, denied that women under her direction were responsible for the disorders. "There were only six of us," she said. "We merely displayed banners, pursuing our policy of silent protest against what we consider an attempt to anglicize America. We intend to show up the other side of British propaganda. The disturbances were caused by Anglo-American members of the Pilgrim organization, who shouted insults at women pickets, and the women was actually choked by several men and was rescued only when soldiers and sailors rushed to her aid from the platform."

BLIMP HIT PEAK FELL INTO CANYON

Rolled Two Hundred Feet, But Five Occupants Escaped With Slight Injuries. Los Angeles, Sept. 30.—The navy dirigible balloon C-6 became lost in a dense fog today while proceeding from San Diego to San Pedro to take part in fleet manoeuvres and crashed into a mountain peak in the outskirts of Hollywood, spilling the car and its crew of five men about 200 feet down Laurel canyon. Four men were hurt. According to Lieut. G. G. McDonald, the pilot, the dirigible left San Diego early this morning, and while proceeding at an elevation of about 1,300 feet encountered a fog. Because of the fog the crew became confused and finally descended to slight landmarks. Lieut. McDonald said he had recognized Hollywood and had then headed for San Pedro when the peak appeared so close that the pilot was unable to gain elevation and clear it. The car crashed into the mountain top, breaking the fastenings and tearing a huge hole in the gas bag. The impact tore the car loose from its cables and it crashed down the mountain side about 200 feet before it lodged. "Persons living nearby heard the crash and went to the rescue. Ambulances from Hollywood took the men to hospitals. The C-6 was 200 feet long and contained 170,000 cubic feet of gas, which escaped without exploding when the big bag was pierced by trees.

ALL-CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Questions affecting technical education in all parts of the Dominion will be discussed at a conference of representatives of the educational departments of the various provinces, which is to be held in Ottawa on October 21 and 22. FOR THE RACES. The Dineen Co. is a high-class store and carry in stock every requisite for men and women's wear. Many special lines have been specially imported for the Woodbine races. Handsome furs in coats, capes, coats, scarfs and a variety of small neckpieces. All are priced very moderately. Stylish millinery, Paris pattern hats, feather effects, dresses, suits, cloth and cloth trimmed coats, blouses, sweaters, lingerie and hosiery. An exceptional showing in every department. Also men's hats, men's overcoats and men's furs. Come in as early as you can and look over the new styles or race week. Dineen's Store, 140 Yonge street, closes at 6.

New Yorkers Forced to Move Have No Homes to Go Into

New York, Sept. 30.—(Special).—New York's annual moving day, today, will be attended by unprecedented confusion, according to opinions expressed yesterday by van owners. They said that 75,000 families with 150,000 loads of furniture will attempt to move, while only 2000 vans will be available for the purpose. The situation will be complicated further by conflicts between tenants and landlords regarding their respective rights under the new rent laws. Tenants who refuse to sign leases giving increased rents beginning Oct. 1 have been advised to sign them pending an adjustment of the reasonable amount of their rent by the courts. Meantime, thousands of families have packed up preparatory to moving to apartments for which they have signed leases, but out of which the old tenants refuse to move. Those who have given up apartments in anticipation of new homes consequently are described as being in a quandary, since they have no place to move, but must vacate to make room for succeeding tenants. Confusion to Reign in City Instead of a virtual abolition of handicapped.

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