

The Evening Times-Star

Real Value
The Times-Star circulation yesterday, Feb. 1st, was 18,716 copies net.

Do You Know
The Wiggins' Male Orphan Institution in St. John was opened in July, 1871.

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Conservatives Campaign Against Government Over Russia FROZEN TACKLE PREVENTED RESCUE

Animals Are Crazy By Circus Fire

TORIES PLAN ATTACK ON MACDONALD
London Times' Editorial is Taken as Indication of Project. CHANGE OF TONE Thunderer Derides Recognition of Russia, Announced by Labor Govt.

Commanded Boat
FRANCISCO ABAD
He is Second Officer of the Steamship Perene, who was in command of the small boat sent to the rescue of the members of the ill-fated schooner Maid of Scotland...

\$100,000 FIRE IN RINGLING BROS. PLANT
Beasts Bellow in Terror as Smoke Invades Their Quarters. HORSES ARE FREED Rush Madly About Big Enclosure Until Flames are Conquered.

Girl Jokes as Death Stares Her in Face
Cleveland, Feb. 2.—Facing possible death from drinking iodine, Frances Merwin, 19, laughed at police, who sought to have her sign them the reason for her act.

SAY BALDWIN CANNOT STAY AS LEADER
London Bye-Election May Have Direct Effect on the Situation. OIL BECOMES FACTOR Anglo-Persian Offer and Beaverbrook Get Into 3-Cornered Situation.

With Pomp and Ceremony



The King and Queen of England, with all the pomp of ancient times, ride in their golden coach to Parliament. Never before in England's history has a monarch gone to speak before a Parliament the dominant figure in which is a Laborite.

PERENEMATE TELLS TALE OF DISASTER

Ropes Swollen and Frozen and Launch of Life-boat Delayed. LADDER CAUGHT TOO Steamer Which Collided With Schooner on Friday is Under Arrest.

The now undoubted loss of eight lives resulting from the collision between the Peruvian steamer Perene and the schooner Maid of Scotland, which occurred early yesterday morning near the Fairway buoy south of Partridge Island, might have been averted had the tackle attached to the small boat on the steamer not been swollen and frozen, was a statement made by Chief Officer Walter Loewe of the Perene. He explained that the warm spell had swollen the ropes and then the sudden drop in temperature had caused them to freeze in the blocks, making handling slow and difficult.

New Admiral Beatty Hotel Will Help to Make St. John a Convention City

That St. John will stand an equal chance with the most attractive centres of Canada as a convention city and otherwise a place for sporting and commercial foregatherings, is one of the practical assurances trailing in the wake of the new hotel for which historic Dufferin corner is now being razed. Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg, Quebec and Ottawa have been enjoying the benefit of important national and international meetings for years but it has rarely fallen to the lot of this goodly city with its wonderful natural attractions to entertain such bodies. It is true we played host to the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association a couple of summers ago and there have been other isolated instances of all-Canada conventions here, but with the advent of adequate hotel facilities of modern type these delegates from large centres will doubtless be glad to promote our cool summers, delightful autumns and characteristic Canadian winters as attractive reasons why their annual gatherings should take place right here. No city in Canada offers more variety in natural beauty or outdoor allurements. Moreover, St. John belongs to Old Canada from which sprung so many of her sons, now in other Canadian cities. This goes for the United States as well. Therefore our Maritime city is a homeland proposition to thousands and should command a majority of votes at any convention selecting its next place of meeting. With such conventions come money and notoriety, notoriety that amounts to the best kind of publicity. If the winter and summer of 1925 should happen to be marked by an Old Home pilgrimage in New Brunswick and a half-dozen big conventions—such as the opening of our new hotel would justify warranted—word-of-mouth narrating would be a boon to St. John and New Brunswick, in itself justifying the faith of the energetic citizens behind the hotel venture.

WOODROW WILSON GRADUALLY SINKS
Former President Continues to Grow Weaker—Pulse and Breathing Normal. (Canadian Press.)

Washington, Feb. 2.—Steadily losing ground, Woodrow Wilson continued to grow weaker this morning, having lasted through a night which his physicians feared would bring the end, but they cannot predict how long his remarkable vitality will hold out. He has taken no nourishment in almost 24 hours, but his pulse, respiration and temperature early today were practically normal. Dr. Grayson, his physician, however, said his life was simply ebbing away. At no time has the former president been unconscious, he has had applications of oxygen been resorted to, and at no time have opiates been given as he has been in pain. Some ailments have been given in small doses. Mr. Wilson seems at all times to be conscious of what is going on in his chamber, although too weak to carry on a conversation. Wife is With Him. In the shuttered chamber where the former president lies, Mrs. Wilson is his almost constant attendant. She took some sleep during the night while Dr. Grayson relieved her at the bedside. Then she took up the vigil this morning. Either the physician or the wife are constantly watching and waiting.

McADOO SAYS HE GOT ONLY \$150,000
Challenges Doheny's Statements and Asks to Be Heard at Oil Lease Inquiry.

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—Win. G. McAdoo received \$100,000, not \$250,000 as stated yesterday by E. L. Doheny, for legal services to the Doheny Company, according to an announcement made at McAdoo's office yesterday. When shown a report of the Doheny testimony, Mr. McAdoo first issued a statement characterizing as "wholly without justification of any sort," the dragging of his name at the oil lease probe. His next move was to telegraph Senator Walsh, of the Senate Committee of inquiry, asking that arrangements be made for him to appear before the committee and give his testimony. Another Denial. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy during the Wilson administration, last night declared that statements made by E. L. Doheny, to the effect that as secretary he had favored the Standard Oil Co. in connection with naval oil lands, were "without foundation." Fall Refuses Answers. Washington, Feb. 2.—Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, faced the Senate Oil Committee today in answer to the committee's summons for examination as to loans made to him by E. L. Doheny and Harry F. Sinclair, the oil men, to whom he leased the United States naval oil lands. Mr. Fall, however, declined to answer any questions. He read a prepared statement in which he declared his intention to conduct the investigation himself, but he did not consider the committee had the proper authority to conduct the investigation. It was attempted to conduct the investigation into the course in the light of the attitude of the former cabinet officer and senator.

OWAT DRAGGED FROM PLATFORM
Wild Scenes Prevail at Convention of Miners Held in Minneapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 2.—Amid riotous scenes the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America was declared adjourned sine die by President John L. Lewis at 10:45 a.m. today. Adjournment was announced by the president while the delegates howled as Alexander Howat, deposed president of the Kansas district, was dragged from the platform by two sergeants-at-arms. Other Events. The Olympic ski race over 18 kilometres this morning was won by Haug of Norway, in one hour fourteen minutes and three seconds. The distance is approximately 11.16 miles. Norway and Finland took every place. Switzerland's first entry in the bob-sleigh race made the best time, covering 1,333 metres (1,578 yards) in one minute, 26.39 seconds. The chute has an 11 per cent grade with eighteen sharp turns. Major Broome's British entry was second. Alfred Gulander, a member of the second Swiss crew, broke a leg when the bob-sleigh overturned. It was the fifth accident on the chute. Four mishaps occurred while the crews were training.

ODDS ON CANADIANS
U. S. Hockey Stock is up a Bit—Swiss Breaks Leg in Bob-sleigh Race.

Chamonix, Feb. 2.—Canada still rules as favorite today in the hockey competition which will close tomorrow with the final between Canada and the U. S. The stock of the U. S. players has gone up since yesterday when they displayed improvement in form in defeating Sweden, but the odds are still in favor of the Canadians. Other Events. The Olympic ski race over 18 kilometres this morning was won by Haug of Norway, in one hour fourteen minutes and three seconds. The distance is approximately 11.16 miles. Norway and Finland took every place. Switzerland's first entry in the bob-sleigh race made the best time, covering 1,333 metres (1,578 yards) in one minute, 26.39 seconds. The chute has an 11 per cent grade with eighteen sharp turns. Major Broome's British entry was second. Alfred Gulander, a member of the second Swiss crew, broke a leg when the bob-sleigh overturned. It was the fifth accident on the chute. Four mishaps occurred while the crews were training.

ROYAL BANK SUES
Begins Action Over \$6,500 of U. M. W. District 26 Funds.

Gloucester, Feb. 2.—An action to determine the ownership of some \$6,500 of U. M. W. District 26 funds is being brought in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia by the Royal Bank of Canada. The bank has served notice on the deposed district officers, J. B. McLachlan, Dan Livingston and A. S. McIntyre, and Sir Barrett, provisional president of the U. M. W., to appear at Halifax on Feb. 16 before a Supreme Court judge. This action has been brought by the bank as conflicting claims have been made upon them by the deposed U. M. W. officers and the members of the provisional executive. Both parties say the money is legally and rightfully theirs.

Germany Buying Canadian Foods

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—(Canadian Press)—Germany is buying Canadian foodstuffs. Official advice here indicates that the introduction of stable currency conditions has resulted in an increased demand for imported foodstuffs in Germany and a good business has been done in many lines of Canadian food products such as flour, packing house products, evaporated milk, apples and canned salmon.

Quebec Will Put Tax on Gasoline
Change in Plan of Automobile Taxation Also is in View.

Quebec, Feb. 2.—A tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline and taxation on weight instead of on horsepower of cars will be adopted by the Quebec Government in the course of the present session of the Legislature, it was said after a conference between the Government and motor representatives.

Is Left Behind After 50 Years

London, Feb. 2.—When the Hams-gate lifeboat put to sea recently in a snowstorm her course was closely watched from the pierhead by William Cooper. For the first time in 50 years he was not among the crew. Mr. Cooper has just retired after 33 years' service as coxswain. "It is a bit hard," he said, "to be left behind after all these years. The day I am too old. Why? I am only 70, and just as good as the best of them." Here he paused to shout directions to his successor in the boat just leaving the shore. "It has been a good time," he concluded a moment later.

France Makes Money On Telegraph Blanks
Paris, Feb. 2.—Determined that no possible source of revenue shall remain untapped, the Government is selling advertising space on telegraph blanks. Receivers of message now find the text bordered with eulogies of a famous soap, while on the back is a "coupon for a trial ride" in an auto of a particular make.

Men Landed Here Face Deportation
Springfield, Mass., Feb. 2.—John Crawford, 18, and John Johnson, 19, stowaways from Scotland, smuggled in from Canada and arrested here, were taken to Boston by immigration officers to face deportation proceedings. They landed at St. John, N. B., from a tramp steamer.

Weather Report

Table with 3 columns: Station, Highest during day, Lowest during night. Includes locations like Toronto, Montreal, St. John, and New York.

CHILD IS DROWNED
N. S. Youngster Slides Through Hole in Ice of Lahave River.

Bridgewater, N. S., Feb. 2.—Syll Rafuse, aged 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rafuse of Bridgewater, while sliding on the ice on the Lahave River at Conquerall Bank, two miles from here, fell into a hole and was drowned yesterday afternoon, the body being recovered about nine o'clock last night.

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Wire Briefs

Mexico City, Feb. 2.—The Senate has ratified, by a vote of 28 to 14, the text of the U. S. Mexican general claim convention. Panama, Feb. 2.—Vessels passing through the Panama Canal during January numbered 565. Tolls collected were \$2,216,855. Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 2.—Theodore Larson, slayer of four persons near Kintor, N. D., pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Rome, Feb. 2.—The negotiations for a commercial treaty between Italy and Soviet Russia, suspended owing to the death of Premier Lenin, have been resumed. Paterson, N. J., Feb. 2.—Fire destroyed the Florence Brothers wood turning plant and lumber yard and gutted the African M. E. Zion church, yesterday. Losses estimated at \$400,000. Regina, Feb. 2.—The petition of the Presbyterian Church for church union legislation was received in a private bill presented to the Provincial Legislature yesterday. Paducah, Ky., Feb. 5.—Five men, missing since the wreck of the steamer Thomas C. Powell, eight miles below here in the Ohio River, were still unaccounted for last night and were believed to have perished. Edinburgh, Feb. 2.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Scotland defeated Wales in an international rugby game here this afternoon, 35 to 10. The score at half time was 22 to 0 in Scotland's favor.

Judgment Next Week in McLachlan Case

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 2.—Judgment will be delivered by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia next Saturday, if not sooner, in the case of James B. McLachlan, deposed president of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, now serving a sentence in Dorchester penitentiary for seditious libel, who is seeking special leave to appeal to the Privy Council, so the court announced this morning.

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