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HALIFAX TO BACK APPEAL FOR PORTS

BOARD OF TRADE APPROVES PLAN OF ST. JOHN BODY

Will Urge Restriction of Preference to Canadian Traffic

PREMIER THERE

Col. A. E. Masie and T. H. Estabrooks, of St. John, Address Meeting

By Canadian Press. HALIFAX, Feb. 12.—The council of the Halifax Board of Trade, in conference this morning with Colonel A. E. Masie and T. H. Estabrooks, representing the St. John Board of Trade, approved the suggestion advanced by the St. John representatives that a delegation, representative of all Canada, proceed to Ottawa at an early date to urge the restriction of preferential tariffs to goods entering the country through Canadian ports.

Committee Named. A committee of the Halifax council consisting of F. G. J. Comeau, G. Fred Pearson, J. Fred Fraser, R. J. Nelson, and D. Macgillivray, was subsequently appointed to arrange the details with the St. John delegation, and a meeting was arranged for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Before adjourning, the meeting endorsed the following statement, expressed by T. H. Estabrooks as the representative of its attitude: Halifax Board's Attitude.

"At a conference today between members of the Halifax and St. John Boards of Trade, great satisfaction was expressed with the proposals of the Federal government, as indicated in the speech from the Throne, dealing with the greater use and more complete equipment of Canadian ports, and the application of preference tariffs only to goods imported through Canadian ports. They were greatly encouraged too, and have a more hopeful feeling for the future, by the sympathetic and practical views recently expressed by the leaders of government, board of trade, and prominent men of Central and Western Canada, whose serious problems are beginning to be better understood, and realized here."

"It was determined that it might be encouraging to the government and perhaps show more conclusively the real attitude of all true Canadians, who take a real national view of the present conditions throughout Canada, if a delegation representing the provinces was organized and sent to Ottawa, to express more fully the views and needs of the country and especially the coast provinces. A committee was appointed to take immediate action."

N. S. Premier Present. The conference was attended by Premier Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Mayor John Murphy, W. A. Black, M. P., Col. A. E. Masie, vice-president of the St. John Board of Trade, T. H. Estabrooks, St. John, and the members of the council of the Halifax board.

WANT PRIVILEGE RESTORED TO U. S.

Fisheries Dept. Asked to Open Canadian Ports for Purchase of Supplies.

Special to The Times-Star. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 12.—Representations have been received by the Department of Marine and Fisheries from fishing interests in Gloucester, Mass., urging renewal by the Dominion Government of the arrangements suspended a year ago and which permitted United States vessels engaged in the fishing industry to call at Canadian ports on the Atlantic seaboard to purchase food and supplies. That request is now being considered.

Following the expiration about three years ago of the pact between Canada and the United States whereby reciprocal provision for purchasing food and fishing supplies was made, the Dominion authorities continued to extend the privilege to U. S. vessels while Maine and Massachusetts ports, through the action of their federal authorities, were unable to extend similar courtesy to the Canadians. It was hoped by the latter that by continuing their end of the pact, the United States might later do likewise, but failing to do so after two years the Dominion Government a year ago discontinued the privilege.

DAIL AGAINST RE-MARRIAGE. DUBLIN, Feb. 12.—The Daily Mail tonight pronounced against divorce with the right of re-marriage, with only a few dissenting voices.

131 Men Are Killed By Fire Damp Explosion In Big German Mine

ITALY AND VATICAN NEAR PEACE

40,000 Kiddies 'Flu Victims'

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Forty thousand London school children are influenza victims, in some cases less than half the average attendance being in the class-rooms. The British Isles are in the grip of an epidemic that is spreading with alarming rapidity, although the disease itself is comparatively mild.

MILLION WORKLESS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Home Secretary Says Country Cannot Give Refuge to All Aliens. LONDON, Feb. 12.—In the course of a debate in the House of Commons last night on alien immigration Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, stated that the days might come again when Britain would give refuge to everyone, but not while there were more than 1,000,000 persons unemployed in the country. Only 473 alien workers, who were specially skilled men, were admitted last year.

JAP FLEET DELAYED

Squadron Remains in Vancouver Until Inquest Over Dead Sailors Finished. VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 12.—On account of the investigation into the accident by which 11 sailors lost their lives on Saturday, the sailing of the Japanese naval training squadron from Vancouver, has been postponed until Sunday.

BIG RAILWAY DEAL

Pere Marquette Directors Vote Road Into Billion and Half Dollar Merger. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Another step in the Van Sweringen's \$1,500,000,000 "Nickel Plate" merger project was completed last night when directors of the Pere Marquette Railway accepted the lease which will bring the road into the new system. Stockholders will meet on March 21, to ratify the terms.

TWINS DIE IN FIRE

Home in Winnipeg Suburb is Gutted While Mother is Away Shopping. WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 12.—Two children were suffocated to death when fire gutted their home, in St. Vital, a suburb, late yesterday. The mother, Mrs. Annie Arnold, was shopping at the time, and when the firemen broke into the home they found Clifford and Winnie, four-year-old twins, dead.

BIG DISTANCES AND HIGH RATES SHUT THE EAST OUT OF MARKETS

New Brunswick M. P. Declares Transportation Disabilities Prevent Lumbermen and Potato Growers from Competing for Business

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Maritime Rights had their place in the debate in the House of Commons this afternoon when P. S. T. McDonald, member for Restigouche-Madawaska, New Brunswick, told of the just needs of the country and congratulated the St. John Telegraph-Journal and The Times-Star on the campaign they have been conducting in central and western Canada through their representatives, J. D. McKenna, M. L. A., and A. M. Belding. The latter's despatches were also published by the Halifax Chronicle and the Evening Echo.

"On the question of Maritime Rights," said Mr. McDonald, "I want to say that one of the great difficulties in this country is the great mileage, the large geographical extent of the Dominion. This creates serious problems. Competition Difficulties. "Take the lumbermen and the potato shippers of my own province, my own country," continued Mr. McDonald. "They are unable to compete with others closer to the markets of central and western Canada. Our lumbermen cannot compete with the same men in Ontario.

"Not very long ago, I find, people in the Prairie Provinces bought potatoes from the United States, paying a duty on these potatoes and leaving our product out of it. Probably they were unable to pay the higher freight rates which our product would carry. We have a too high freight rate which makes it impossible to compete with the United States in other parts of Canada."

Hearty applause from the Progressives greeted this last statement. Mr. McDonald then dealt with the arguments of R. K. Anderson, Conservative. (Continued on page 9, fifth column.)

ADJUSTMENT OF BREACH OF HALF CENTURY HOPED

Believe Mussolini Will Likely Bring About Settlement POPE'S JOURNEY Rumored That Prospective Trip Around World Treated With Ridicule. Canadian Press Cable. ROME, Feb. 12.—The historic breach between the Italian state and the Roman Catholic Church which has existed, despite long standing efforts to effect a settlement, since Vatican soldiers entered the Papal State through the Porta Pia on September 20, 1870, is declared to be more susceptible of permanent adjustment now than ever before.

Races at Lake Placid Today Are Postponed

BULLETIN. LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The Amateur Speed Skating contests scheduled to start here today, were postponed until tomorrow, because of bad weather conditions.

WOMAN'S PLEA DOES NOT SATISFY JURY

Convict Mrs. Emma LaConte of Portland, Me., on Charge of Bootlegging. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 12.—Insisting that three gallons of alcohol found in her touring car by deputy sheriffs last October had been placed there by Frank Ferranti, who committed suicide in Everett, Mass., a month ago after slaying his wife and another man, Mrs. Emma LaConte of Portland, 24 years old, alleged bootlegger failed to convince a Superior Court jury.

CURB OPIUM TRADE

Far Eastern Conference Reaches Agreement and Seven Countries Sign. GENEVA, Feb. 12.—The first Far Eastern opium conference, which adopted and signed a convention and an annex protocol. The main features are:— The discontinuance of opium in the Far East, within 15 years after China has curbed over-production and smuggling, with a League commission deciding when a reasonable reduction in the growth of opium has been attained; A decision to abolish the farming system of opium traffic with the substitution of government monopolies. Great Britain, France, Holland, Portugal, Japan, Siam and India signed.

WARSHIP, WRECKED IN 1911, REFOLOATED

TOULON, France, Feb. 12.—The French battleship Liberté, which was wrecked here by an explosion in September, 1911, with the loss of more than 230 lives, has been refloated after three years' work and will be towed into drydock today.

£40,000 IS GIVEN TO SIRDAR'S WIDOW

British House of Commons Sanctions Disposal of Fines From Egypt. LONDON, Feb. 12.—The House of Commons last night accorded the government formal sanction for the disposition of the £200,000 fine imposed on Egypt for the murder of the Sirdar, Major General Sir Lee Stack. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for foreign affairs, announced that £40,000 had been paid to the Sirdar's widow, £30,000 to the Sirdar's aide-de-camp, Major P. K. Campbell, who was wounded, and £5,000 to the Sirdar's chauffeur, also wounded. The remainder is to be applied to benevolent objects in the Sudan.

FLOOD IS CHECKED

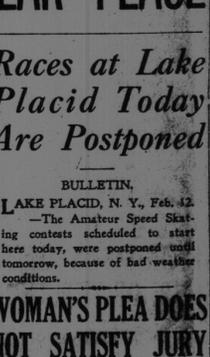
Colder Weather Stops Damage Being Done by Water in Syracuse. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 12.—A sharp fall in temperature, late last night, and early today, checked the flow that had caused one of the worst floods in the history of the city, and the waters began to recede. The deluge flooded hundreds of homes in Onondaga Valley. Large areas are still submerged. One man died in his marooned home.

News Co. to Operate C. N. R. Restaurants

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 12.—Although I have no official report on the subject, I understand that it is true," W. D. Appleton, General Manager Atlantic Region, C. N. R., said today, when questioned regarding the rumor that the National System was to hand over the operation of its station restaurants, to the Canada Railway News Company.

ONLY SEVEN OUT OF CREW OF 138 COME OUT ALIVE

Where Two Lost Lives and 50 Were Hurt



Two persons were killed and more than 50 injured in one of three wrecks on New York's traffic system, brought about by the densest fog in the history of the city. Despite precautions, two subway trains and one elevated train, all crowded with workers, came together in a fatal smash-up on the White Plains extension of the Bronx subway.

Ford Motor Company to Have Its Own Trans-Atlantic Fleet

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 12.—The Ford Motor Company will enter trans-Atlantic shipping, operating its own fleet for carrying manufactured automobile parts to the company's foreign plants, it is announced by E. B. Ford, president. The Ford Company has purchased the steamer East Indian from the Emergency Fleet Corporation, at the first large unit in the proposed fleet.

Van Duyn Divorce Suit Dismissed

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Vice-Chancellor John Backes in the Chancery Court at Newark, N. J., dismissed the divorce suit of Mrs. Bertha E. Van Duyn against Homer J. Van Duyn, deputy director of the Department of Revenue and Finance of the City of Newark. In her complaint Mrs. Van Duyn charged her husband with misconduct with Mrs. May Inez Simpson, former wife of State Senator Alexander Simpson.

EDISON'S BIRTHDAY

Electrical Wizard, at Wife's Insistence, Increases Period of Sleep. FORT MYERS, Fla., Feb. 12.—Admitting that he felt "fine despite his wife's insistence that he sleep six hours a day instead of his customary four," Thomas A. Edison yesterday celebrated his 78th birthday, at his winter home here.

SUCCEEDS BROTHER

Duke of Connaught Takes Place of Late King as Riviera Society Leader. LONDON, Feb. 12.—News comes from the French Riviera that the Duke of Connaught has succeeded to the place once held by his brother, the late King Edward, as society leader in the British colony, aggregating approximately 150,000 people.

George M. Byron Is New King's Printer

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 11.—George M. Byron, St. Andrews, was appointed King's printer and clerk in the office of the provincial secretary-treasurer at a meeting of the provincial government here this afternoon. Hon. L. C. Raul, the new attorney-general, was created a King's Counsel, while James C. Sherren, Moncton, was appointed sitting police magistrate for Moncton. Robert Bailey, who has been deputy provincial secretary, was appointed deputy provincial treasurer in addition.

ON LONG AIR TRIP

Belgian Aviator Leaves on 5,000 Journey to Congo—7 Stops Planned. BRUSSELS, Feb. 12.—Lieutenant Thieffry, Belgian aviator, left here at 7 o'clock this morning for a 5,000 mile flight in a tri-motored plane, to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. The itinerary provides for seven stops, the first at Perpignan, France.

ONE OF WORST DISASTERS IN GERMAN HISTORY AT DORTMUND

110 BODIES FOUND



Crowds, Gathered About Pit Mouth, Threaten Lives of Directors

Directors Threatened

The entire industrial region around Dortmund was plunged into gloom by the tragedy and crowds gathered at the mine entrance, in a grim mood, threatening to lynch directors, who were making every effort to keep news of the disaster from gaining circulation. The government sent its condolences to the community. Pitiful scenes were enacted as scores of wives and mothers, with little children at their skirts, clamored to enter the pit-mouth and help the hundreds of volunteers who were risking their lives in the shafts.

Some Blown to Pieces

Rescue workers with torches and oxygen tanks had to cut their way through rocks to the rear of the death chamber where the explosion burst most of the victims. A series of explosions had blown a score of miners to pieces and blocked entrance to the second and third levels of the mine. Damp, then caved in the walls of a pit where survivors huddled together and more than 100 others were crushed or asphyxiated. Breaking into one gasous passageway, rescue-workers including firemen, with resuscitation apparatus and gas masks, found nailed on the wall "Midnight, nine of us still alive."

These Nine Were Found Dead Huddled Together in a Heap at the End of the Shaft from Which they had Tried Vainly

BIG RUSSIAN FLOUR ORDER TO CANADA

Ontario Firms to Ship 1,300,000 Barrels to Black Sea on Cash Basis. TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 12.—What constitutes the largest order for flour ever given at one time on this continent has been placed by Russian buyers with Canadian millers, says the Globe. The business amounts to 1,300,000 barrels, to be shipped to Black Sea ports. The Maple Leaf Milling Company secured 1,150,000 barrels, another Toronto company taking the balance. The transaction is on a cash basis, and it is understood that the Soviet buyers have arranged credits at New York. Further purchases are believed to be pending.

Finland Plans Return to Gold Standard When England Leads Way.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Rosto Rytli, governor of the Bank of Finland, is in London with the object of enlarging connections his bank has with British institutions. He said Finland's economic and financial position was so strong that she was considering returning to the gold standard, but, in his opinion, she could not do so until Great Britain had led the way.

LOOKS TO BRITAIN

Britain Is Ready. LONDON, Feb. 12.—Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, said the British government was fully agreed to a reversion to the gold standard, at the earliest possible moment.

The Telegraph-Journal's "Peach" Comic Section will make its initial appearance on Saturday, February 14.

It will contain four of the most popular comics, brimming with interest to both young and old— Mr. and Mrs. Our Boarding House, Toonville Folks, Bringing Up Father. You will not laugh if your newsdealer is sold out. Reserve a copy today.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—The disturbance mentioned yesterday, now extends from the St. Lawrence Valley southward, to the Middle Atlantic coast, and heavy rain or snow, has occurred in the central and eastern districts of Ontario and in Quebec.

In the western provinces, the weather has been moderate temperature. Forecasts: Rain Tonight.

Maritime—Strong winds or gales from southeast, rain tonight and part of Friday.

New England—Cloudy and much colder tonight. Probably light snow in Eastern Massachusetts, Friday fair, colder on Massachusetts coast. Strong northwest winds, gales on south coast, diminishing by Friday.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Highest Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday night

Table with 4 columns: Location, Highest, Lowest, 8 a.m. yesterday night. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.

*Below zero.