NEW BRUNSWICK WILL PROSECUTE IN VALLEY CASE

Conspiracy Is To Be Charged in Railway Contract Case.

BIG MEN ARE INVOLVED

Ex-Premier Fleming Will Be Asked to Return $100,000, Alleged Part of Fund.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 30.—At the session today of the commission inquiring into the disposal of certain funds said to have been paid by contractors of the Valley Railway for political purposes, it was announced by Hon. W. J. Jones, counsel for the Government of New Brunswick, that four men would be prosecuted for conspiracy, and an attempt will be made to get a part of the money back from a fifth. The men involved and from whom restitution will be sought are ex-Premier J. K. Fleming, who, while head of the Government, is alleged to have converted $100,000 to his own use; W. B. Tennant, who is alleged to have acted as a middleman between the Fleming Government and the Nova Scotia Construction Company, the successful tenderers for the contract of constructing the road and to have accepted $133,000, part of which, it is claimed, found its way to the election campaign funds of the Fleming Government, Thomas Nagle, lumber merchant, and Messrs. A. K. McDonald and Hamilton Lindsay, members of the Nova Scotia Construction Company.

Want $100,000 Back.

In Fleming's case, the former premier will be asked to return the $100,000, and in case of failure, action will be taken in the courts for its recovery. In the case of Tennant, Nagle, McDonald and Lindsay proceedings, if necessary, will be taken under the criminal code, charged with conspiring to prepare false tenders and secure for themselves enormous profits.

In closing Hon. Mr. Jones said: "I am authorized by Premier Foster to say that he considers it the duty of the Government and so long as he is premier it will be the duty of the Government to prosecute any person who commits a crime against the people of this province no matter how high a place that person may be and irrespective of his political affiliations.

"The time has come to put a stop to the practices of having middlemen in contracts and of attempting to bribe the members of the Legislature or in other ways seeking to prejudice the interests of the people."

U.S. BATTLESHIP HARD AGROUND IN ATLANTIC CHANNEL

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 30.—While breaking ice in a channel near here today, a battleship of the pre-dreadnaught type went aground on a sand bar tonight and still was fast at a late hour. She was said to be resting easily, and officers expected to float her undamaged at the next high tide.

It developed tonight that the older battleships of the navy have been used on several occasions in opening up shipping channels clogged with ice during the cold weather of the last few weeks.

CRITICISM OF A "FAT" STORY

We were criticized for telling fat people to "tender" seventy-five cents to their druggists for a large case of Marmola Tablets. Several wrote in saying the use of the word "tender" was incorrect, that "tender" in such a connection raised the impression the druggist might refuse seventy-five cents as insufficient.

Now, isn't that odd? A few weeks ago seventy-five cents was "tendered" to a Broadway druggist and he did refuse it. That is, he said he had no Marmola Tablets, whereas he did have seven cases, but the wholesale house was closed, it being on a Saturday, and he had to prevaricate to protect his regular customers, who absorbed those seven cases later in the day.

This elegant pharmaceutical adaptation of that famous, fashionable fat reducer, the Marmola Prescription (viz., ½ oz. Marmola, ¾ oz. Fl. Ex. Cascara Aromatic, 4¾ oz. Peppermint Water), is certainly having a remarkable vogue. Millions of cases of tablets are sold yearly and their fame grows. This is doubtless because of their harmlessness (guaranteed by the Marmola Company, 964 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.), and sure ability to remove ten to sixteen ounces of fat (not flesh) a day without inconvenience, bother, need for exercising or interference with the taker's appetite for good things.

Puts New Force Into Weak Nerves

DOCTORS NOW PRESCRIBE BLOOD-IRON-SALTS TO BUILD UP DELICATE NERVOUS MEN AND WOMEN.

NEW YORK.—For many years physicians and scientists have hoped that some genius of the medical world would discover a harmless compound that would put increased strength and endurance into the dilapidated bodies of those who are delicate, nervous, run-down, or lacking in healthy tissue and power of endurance.

Gabriel Boudousquie, M.D., the well-known New Orleans author, who has traveled extensively in France, Italy and Austria, says: "Any medical compound to be effective in restoring wasted nerve energy, lost strength and health must contain ingredients for eliminating the poisonous toxins, for restoring the enervated nerve cells and for increasing red blood corpuscles. There is nothing that will bring about these desired results more quickly than Blood-Iron-Salts, and I learned that this remarkable substance was just what my own enervated nerves, blood and body needed. I now advise its use in a vast number of cases, and it would be a good thing if all men and women who suffer or feel themselves beginning to 'slow up' would take Blood-Iron-Salts."

NOTE—Blood-Iron-Salts referred to above is guaranteed not to blacken the teeth or stomach, it is pleasant to take, and is sold on a refund money basis if it does not increase strength and healthy tissues in four weeks' time. Users are cautioned against substitutes and inferior preparations with similar names. The genuine Blood-Iron-Salts can be obtained in this city from the Standard Drug Company and other good druggists.

CIVIC COAL CARDS WILL BE TRIED BY STRATFORD DEALERS

No Fuel for Anyone Unless Controller Signs Card.

PLEDGE CO-OPERATION

Drastic Action May Be Taken if Any Fail.

STRATFORD, Jan. 30.—Stratford is to have coal yards. Commencing Monday next fuel cards will be introduced in the city, and without the presentation of a card, first signed by the local fuel controller, no merchant will deliver a pound of coal to anyone. This agreement was reached this evening at a conference of coalmen with local Controller Dunseith.

The conference was called at the suggestion of the Dominion controller who also outlined the powers of the local controller with suggestions towards meeting the situation. There was a frank discussion of the situation. All expressed the desire to do what would best meet the situation, but there was a conflict of opinion as to the best methods.

Various Opinions.

The dealers were strongly against a continuance of the present method of simply issuing an order on the coalmen. Some respected the orders, some did not. Some dealers felt that the situation had become panickly, and that the dealer would handle the situation best without any controller, either locally or at Ottawa.

"What has the Dominion controller done?" asked one man. "We apply to him, and he tells us to go out into the open market."

It was finally suggested that cards should be issued and the distribution centralized. This was accepted by all as the best solution, and all dealers agreed not to furnish anyone with coal without the presentation of the card, first signed by the local controller.

Urges Co-Operation.

The outline of the power of the local controller furnished from Ottawa urged moral suasion and harmonous co-operation as far as possible. However, it added that dealers should be made to understand that complete co-operation is required of them. Failing to secure this there is the promise of drastic measures for these who persist in conducting their business for their own interests only and who consider that their only duty lies to supplying their regular customers.

"Should any dealer refuse to do his part and satisfactory evidence to that effect is brought before the controller he has the legal power to forthwith cancel or suspend the permit under which the dealer conducts his business" reads the instructions. There is no power to refuse coal to farmers except where they have wood.

STOCKS OF BUTTER AND EGGS SHOULD BE LET GO AT ONCE

Unheard-of Quantities of Both Articles Are Stored, Says O'Connor.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30. — "Unjustifiable over-accumulation of eggs, held at unjustifiable prices." This is the main conclusion reached by W. F. O'Connor, K. C., cost of living commissioner of the ministry of labor, in a special report he has prepared on the food stocks held by packing and cold storage companies in Canada.

Mr. O'Connor states that excepting bacon, ham, smoked meats, mutton and lamb, which show decreases, there is substantially more meat, eggs, butter and cheese in Canada now than at the equivalent period of last year. Of cheese, Mr. O'Connor finds that there was 70 per cent more in storage January 1, 1918, than on the same date last year.

Butter Price Too High.

He "cannot justify the contention that there is a sortage of butter in Canada," nor can he justify "the prevailing high price of that article."

But it is in regard to eggs that Mr. O'Connor takes a particularly strong stand. He declares that, in his opinion, "the ruling prices for eggs are absolutely unjustifiable, and the daily reiteration in the market reports that a shortage of eggs exists is absolutely contrary to the fact. There exists an unjustifiable over-accumulation of eggs held at unjustifiable prices."

Should Be Unloaded.

Mr. O'Connor proceeds: "Within a few weeks these large holdings will be unfit for human food. There is no demand for export or possibility of exporting such holdings, and they should be forced on the market right away, while they remain fit for food, so that those who consume them may derive from them that sustenance which otherwise they will need in fats and meats.

"I trust," Mr. O'Connor concludes, "that this statement, without anything more, is sufficient to lead to an immediate unloading at reasonable prices of these stocks. Otherwise they should be seized and sold before they rot."

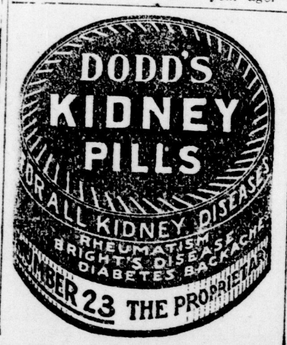
ZEEBRUGGE ATTACKED BY ALLIED AIRMEN

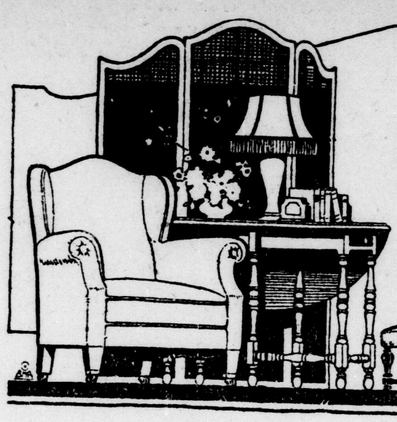
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—An aerial attack of unusual severity was made Tuesday afternoon at Zeebrugge, the German submarine base in Northern Belgium, according to the Telegraaf's frontier correspondent.

FRANCE'S WHEAT OUTLOOK IS REMARKABLY GOOD

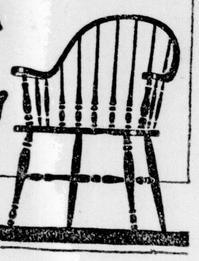
PARIS, Jan. 30.—The condition of wheat on January 1, compared with a year ago, shows a gain of 8 per cent. If maintained to maturity this means a remarkable increase in the yield per acre.

The Journal Officiel gives the acreage of winter wheat this year as 800,000 acres more than a year ago.





FEBRUARY FURNITURE SALE



Honest Reductions On Unquestioned Values Saves Money For You

We never mark up the prices, then mark them down and call it a sale.

Our policy has always been to first buy the best merchandise possible for the money, then price it fairly.

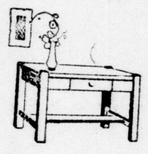
During our sale we give you an honest reduction from the original prices. Our goods are always standard without inflated values on the price tickets.

The illustrations below do not give you a fair conception of the remarkable quality of the furniture we are offering in this sale. You should see it for yourself, and only then will you appreciate the prices we are making. Below are but a few of the bargains that fill our store in every department.

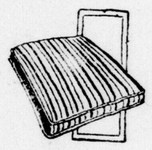
Walnut Dresser
Queen Anne design, satin finish; regular $45.00. For
$33.00

Mahogany Lamp
Rose silk shade; regular $5.00. For
$3.50

Solid Oak Buffet
Queen Anne period, fumed oak; regular $37.00. For
$26.00



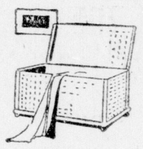
Mahogany Table
Dull finish, colonial design; regular $30. For
$20.00



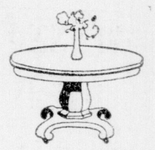
Pure Felt Mattress
Regular $15.00. Sale price
$9.95

Fumed Oak Rocker
Upholstered in brown Spanish leather; regular $10. For
$7.50

Fumed Oak Table
Solid oak; regular $12.50. For
$8.50

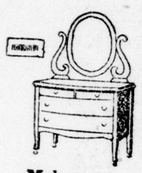


Matting Boxes
From $3.50 up to $10.00
One-third Off



Extension Table
Solid oak, fumed or golden, 48-inch top; regular $38.00. For
$27.50

All Baseburners and Heaters
on sale at
One-third Off

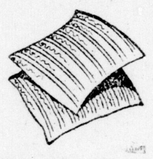


Mahogany Dresser
Satin finish, British plate mirror; regular $25.00. For
$17.00

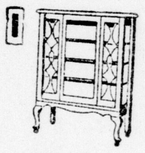
Mahogany Chiffonier
Dull finish; regular $24.00. For
$17.00

Oak Kitchen Cabinet
$1.00 CASH
$1.00 WEEKLY
Only 50 to be sold in February on these terms.

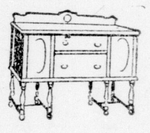
Clearance of 1918 Samples
88 samples Reed Cabs at 25 per cent off. Come early for these.



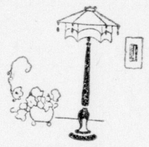
Feather Pillows
Good ticking; regular $3.50. For
$1.95 a Pair



Oak China Cabinet
Fumed or golden; regular $39.00. For
$27.50

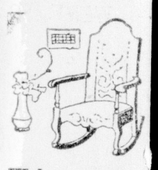


Walnut Buffet
Genuine black walnut; regular $60.00. For
$42.00



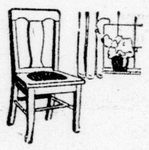
Piano Lamp
Mahogany base, silk shade; regular $35. For
$24.00

Steel Crib
White enamel, drop sides; regular $8.50. For
$6.95



Walnut Rocker
Upholstered in good tapestry; regular $25.00. For
$16.50

Tapestry Rockers
Deep spring seats, very comfortable; regular $30.00. For
$22.00

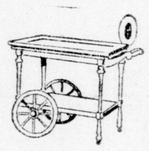


Oak Diners
Upholstered in genuine leather. To clear at
$2.95

Oak Table
Opens 6 feet, 45-inch top, golden or fumed oak; regular $20.00. For
$15.00

Tapestry Chesterfield
With Marshall spring cushion; regular $100.00. For
$79.50

Globe-Wernicke Sectional Bookcases
In all designs and finishes at lowest prices



Tea Wagons
In walnut, oak or mahogany. From
$12.00 to $25.00

Colonial Buffet
Fumed or golden finish, solid oak; regular $37.00. For
$28.50

Upholstered Reed Chair
Brown finished reed, upholstered in good tapestry; regular $18.00. For
$14.50

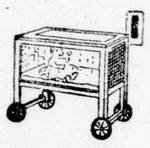
Steel Bed
White enamel, 3 ft., 3 ft. 6 in., 4ft. or 4 ft. 6 in. wide; regular $11.00. For
$8.50

Combination Secretary
Golden finish, well made; regular $20. For
$16.00

Spring Bargains

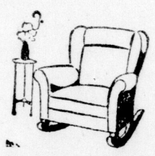
$ 4.50	Springs	$ 3.50
5.00	Springs	3.75
6.50	Springs	5.00
7.50	Springs	6.00
10.00	Springs	8.00
12.50	Springs	10.00

Extension Couches
Makes full size bed, covered in art cretonne or denim. Sale price
$13.50

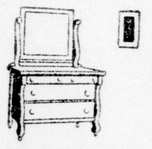


Kiddy Koop
White enamel; folds up. Complete with mattress
$19.50

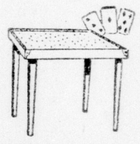
Tapestry Chesterfield
Marshall spring cushions, 84 inches long; regular $150. For
$110.00



Turkish Rocker
Upholstered in Bradley leather, deep spring seat.
$12.95



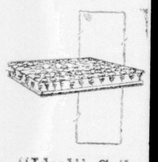
Colonial Dresser
Satin mahogany, massive colonial design; regular $38.00. For
$29.00



Folding Card Table
Solid oak, covered with green felt. Sale price
$2.49

Mahogany Tray
Inlaid centre, satin finish. Sale price
$2.49

$45.00 Pathephone
The world's greatest Phonograph, plays all records; all attachments go with it free.

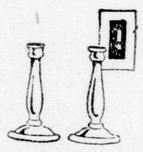


"Ideal" Coil Spring
Finest coil springs, 20-year guarantee. Price
$8.00

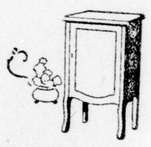
Mahogany Dressing Table
Satin finish, British plate mirror; regular $25.00. For
$18.00

Join the "Rug Club"
Rugs at old prices. Customers may make a small payment and pay balance in weekly or monthly payments.

Sale of Linoleum
All short lengths are being cleaned out at one-third off. Some lengths are large enough for a large room.

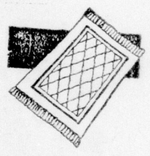


Mahogany Candle Sticks
Solid mahogany. To clear at
$1.50 a Pair



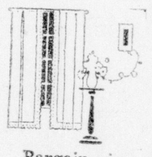
Music Cabinet
Genuine mahogany, splendidly finished; regular $10.00. For
$7.75

Clearance of Comforters
Our entire stock clearing at
One-third Off

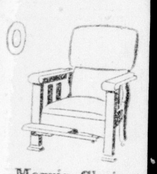


Rag Mats
Size 13 inches x 36 inches; 60 only to clear at
49c

Pictures at Great Reductions
Our entire stock to be cleared at
One-third Off



Bargains in Draperies
All curtains and materials are reduced
One-third



Morris Chair
Fumed oak with foot rest, upholstered in Bradley leather. Sale price
$18.00

We pay freight charges within 100 miles of London.

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226, 228, 230 Dundas Street

London's Largest Homefurnishers

By actual count 27 out of 30 customers come back to buy. Our values talk.

Frostbite Fatal to Young Farmer Near Bennington

Abraham Strome Had Face Frozen and Blood-Poisoning Developed.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 30. — Abraham Strome, aged 25, a farmer whose home is near Bennington, died today as a result of having his face frozen in the big blizzard two weeks ago. He was driving to a cheese factory in the storm and suffered severe frostbites. Blood-poisoning developed, and when he was brought here for treatment his condition was such that no hope was held out for his recovery. He is a son of Aaron Strome. Interment will be made at North Embro Cemetery.

MAY LOSE HIS EYE.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 30. — Murray Sutherland, six years old, is in the hospital with a wound in the eye, which may result in the loss of sight. He was shot by an arrow from a bow in the hands of a boy companion at whose home he was visiting with his mother. The doctors are not able to determine yet the exact extent of the injury.

TRYING TO ADJUST N. S. WAGE DISPUTE

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, today met Messrs. Barrett and J. B. McLean, representing some employees of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, in an effort to adjust a wage dispute between the company and men, and adjourned until tomorrow, when the question of increasing coal production in Nova Scotia in connection with plans to offset the fuel shortage will be considered.

Instantly Killed By M C R. Flyer at Mount Salem

Michael Flagg Was Struck at Railway Crossing.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 30. — About 4 o'clock this afternoon Michael Flagg, who resides near Mount Salem, was struck and instantly killed near the Hornby railway crossing by the Michigan Central mail train going east. This is the second fatality lately from the same cause, the other one being at the next crossing east.

NATIVE ALSATIANS ARE RECORDED AS FRENCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Natives of Alsace-Lorraine living in this country without having been naturalized will not be registered as enemy aliens, but as French citizens of the "lost provinces," provided they obtain identification cards from the "Association Generale des Alsaciens-Lorraine d'Amerique," and have them countersigned by French consuls, it was announced here tonight.

ADMIRAL PROSTI LEADS THE BRAZILIAN FLEET

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 30.—Admiral Pedro has been appointed the commander of the Brazilian fleet, which will co-operate with the Allies in European waters.

Commenting on notes exchanged between the Brazilian foreign minister Senor Nilo Pecanha, and the British minister, Arthur Peel, on the subject of Brazil's naval contribution to the war, the Journal do Commercio lays stress on the firm determination of Brazil to act, on the one hand, by means of aviators sent to England, and, on the other, by cruiser and destroyer squadrons.

Pleads Protection For Seagulls As U-Boat Detectors

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—A plea for the protection of gulls, described as the best submarine detectors in the world, was made to ay by Edward H. Forbush, state ornithologist, at a legislative hearing on a bill providing for the extension of the closed season on water fowl.

"Airplanes see the gulls and signal for the destroyers to come and take care of the submarines," Mr. Forbush said. "The gulls follow submersibles to pick up refuse, and so they are sure to detect the presence of such craft."

BIGGAR OF EDMONTON FOR JUDGE-ADVOCATE

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Owing to a confusion of names it was stated yesterday that Brig.-General Biggar of the militia headquarters staff, would succeed Major-General H. Smith as judge advocate general. The position of judge advocate general will be occupied by Lieut.-Col. Oliver M. Biggar, K.C., formerly of Edmonton, a member of the military service board. Col. Biggar will continue on the board after taking up his new duties. Major-General Biggar will continue as director of supplies and transport on the headquarters staff.

LAND SURVEYORS MEET.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The first session of the annual meeting of the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors was held this morning in the public library. Among the important points brought out was that over a hundred and fifty Dominion land surveyors have already enlisted for overseas service.