

RAINS START ON ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1923 FLOOD

LOTS OF SNOW IN WOODS FOR A BIG FRESHET

Downpour is General All Over New Brunswick and Small Streams Are Swollen.

LUMBERMEN FEARING LONG, WARM RAINS

Good Progress Reported With More Drives—The Burt Company's Plans.

Heavy rains started all over New Brunswick to-day on the anniversary of the 1923 floods.

The rain commenced early this morning and by noon had become torrential here as well as at many other places in this province.

It was raining heavily early this afternoon on the North Shore while Edmondson reported that it had been raining heavily there since 8 o'clock this morning.

Official weather predictions today differed as to what the future has in store but cold winds kept the rivers from rising as rapidly to-day as they otherwise would.

Warehouse Here Flooded. The water in the St. John river here is rising rapidly to-day.

The Burt Company's Drives. The E. Burt Lumber Company's drive on the Kowick river has been making good progress.

The Doaktown Lumber Company, of which Mr. Burt is also president, will start sawing operations at their mill at Doaktown next Monday.

This morning the St. John river here stood at 11 feet 1 inch over low summer level.

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Would Fight Next Election On Independence of Churches If the Union Bill is Beaten

[The Canadian Press.]

OTTAWA, May 1.—"If the Church Union Bill now before the Federal Legislature has to be withdrawn the next Dominion elections will be fought on the issue of the spiritual independence of the churches of this country," declared Rev. Principal James Smythe, head of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, in addressing last night the largest and most enthusiastic Church Union meeting yet held in the capital.

A crowd, estimated at over 2,000, entirely filled Chalmers Presbyterian Church in which the meeting was held. Other speakers were Rev. Dr. John Pringle, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. W. Oliver, Presbyterian College, Saskatoon; Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, Principal of the Presbyterian College, Vancouver; and Theodor Gibson, of Montreal, who presented the layman's viewpoint.

Rev. Dr. Pringle stated that whether the legislation passed or not the Union would go on. They would go into the Union, he said even if they could not take their share of the church property with them.

The Church Union Eclipses Everything Else at Ottawa

Union Bill Had Somewhat of a Rough Ride On Its First Day Before Parliamentary Committee—Its Fate Rests Largely With the 21 Catholics on the Committee.

[Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner.] Ottawa, May 1.—For the moment in Parliament Church Union puts everything else in eclipse—declares the attendance in the House and galleries, reduces the budget to a second place performance, and generally embraces the one pre-occupied theme in the lobbies and the meeting places.

The measure itself, which is not in any way a religious question, is not in some aspect inherently political. It is a measure which has stirred the hearts of the nation, woefully divided against each other. Although the outbursts are subdued by the rulings of a committee chairman, who knows his business, there is abundant evidence of a deep, underlying feeling.

On the whole yesterday, the union bill had somewhat of a rough ride. The case for it was ably presented, but the questions that followed, and the main points, were of an obscure nature. They indicated deep rooted objections that acquire the force of real hostility.

The situation is not handled with gloves or soft words and no honest determination of the Scottish Government. The Presbyterians are all split up about it; the Methodists and the Congregationalists are said to be a hundred per cent. for Union, though a bit fed up with its inordinate delays.

Sir Robert Falconer's Address. The outstanding feature of the initial day was the presentation of the Unionist case. Whatever the divided view as to the merit of his arguments, Sir Robert Falconer was admirable.

His address of nearly two hours was powerful and persuasive—a record of the history of Union and of the motives behind it, a dissection of the objections urged in the writ of injunction, and a very high social appeal for Union as best for the church, for the community and for ordered society.

Sir Robert is very fluent, with the gift of a pleasant, modulated voice and an accent that is tuneful. It is not the fargon of "Trout," where he heads the great university, but the soft, distinct and expressive accent of the clergyman about him, and absolutely none of the ponderous solemnity of the ordinary man of the cloth.

He might pass for a banker, or a prosperous professional man. He wears a cutaway morning coat and tweed trousers, rather than the pompousness of the ministerial robes.

He was soon humored through the questions put to him by Dr. Murray MacLaren, of St. John, whose (Continued on Page Seven)

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—With ninety-five persons known to be dead, more than a score missing, approximately 500 injured, some perhaps fatally, the southeast set about to tally the regions stricken yesterday and Tuesday by the worst high tension storm in its history.

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U. S. AVIATOR IN ROUND GLOBE RACE MISSING

Major Martin Left Chignik for Dutch Harbor Yesterday Morning.

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The North Pacific Ocean Has Been Lashed by Terrific Gales.

[The Associated Press.] Seattle, Wash., May 1.—Radio advices received at 5 a. m. to-day from the Alaska Peninsula stated that no trace has been found of Major Frederick L. Martin, in the biplane Seattle, which left Chignik yesterday for Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island.

Fishing boats are searching for the missing plane. The North Pacific Ocean has been lashed by terrific gales. False Pass, Unimak Island, May 1.—Fears are expressed here for the safety of Major Frederick Martin, commanding a United States army squadron encircling the globe, who left Chignik, Alaska, 11:10 a. m. for Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island, and who was not reported passing any point up to 10 o'clock last night.

Residents of the small company station here located on the southeastern point of Unimak Island, near Italian Bay, have just passed through the worst five days ever known for this period of the year.

The north Pacific ocean has been lashed by terrific gales, the wind reaching a velocity of 100 miles an hour. The air at the wireless station has been filled all day with snow blown from the mountain tops and neighboring peaks.

It was made attempting the 400-mile flight from Chignik to Dutch Harbor during the gale.

DIED SUDDENLY AT McADAM JUNCTION

Earl Clark, Dominion Express Clerk, Passes Away Suddenly at McAdam.

[Special to The Daily Gleaner.] McAdam, N. B., May 1.—The death occurred yesterday of Earl Clark, after a very short illness, aged 30 years.

Company's clerk here and he was known by a very large circle of friends. He leaves his widow and his parents to mourn.

St. John, N. B., May 1.—During April deposits were \$51,797 and withdrawals \$72,104 at the Dominion Government Savings Bank here. St. John customs receipts in April were \$491,136; last year \$495,964.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, former Governor General of Canada, is celebrating his 74th birthday to-day.

95 Dead, Score Missing and About 500 Injured—Latest Tornado Casualty Figures

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THE RECONCILIATION OF BRITISH LIBERALS AND LABOR UNSTABLE

Liberals Still Incensed Over Attitude of the Laborites.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Liberals Demand That Government Support Bill Before the House.

[The Associated Press.] London, May 1.—The warm approval of the budget by the Liberal leaders and representatives in Parliament does not imply complete reconciliation between the Liberals and Laborites, according to the political writers this morning.

The effect of the Laborites' attitude toward the party which put them in office and keeps them there still rankles in the breasts of the Liberals, the writers say, and forgiveness is to depend on the Laborites' attitude regarding the Liberal bill establishing proportional representation, which comes up for its second reading in the House of Commons to-morrow.

This measure is very dear to most Liberals, but the Laborites are not wholly in love with it, and Prime Minister MacDonald has made some denigratory statements regarding the proportional representation system in the past.

Ultimatum to Government. The Liberal party meeting held yesterday discussed the bill and is reported to have virtually decided upon an ultimatum to the Prime Minister, demanding its passage as the price for continued Liberal support of the Government.

This perhaps puts the position in a somewhat exaggerated form, but the (Continued on Page Seven)

Quiet May Day In Europe and This Continent

[The Associated Press.] Moscow, May 1.—Bolshevik Russia to-day departed from its usual custom of observing May Day with spectacular parades of units from the Red army and navy, confining its celebration to peaceful demonstrations at the tomb of Lenin.

Berlin, May 1.—The workers of Berlin did not observe May Day as the usual labor holiday, all the industrial plants and public utilities continuing in full operation. There were, however, demonstrations by the Communists which the police quickly dispersed.

Bomb Exploded at Paris. Paris, May 1.—Communist workers of the Italian delegation to the reparations commission was present at the Fascist meeting last night when a bomb was exploded at the door of the meeting room, slightly wounding a young woman.

The incident was characterized as a May Day manifestation on the part of Italian Communists. The authorities say it is likely to be by far the most prominent one for today, but fair to be the quietest May Day in many years.

New York Workers Strike. New York, May 1.—More than 2,000 iron workers went out on strike to-day, demanding a closed shop and a wage of \$12 for an eight hour day instead of \$10.50. The strike marred what was expected to be a May Day of complete industrial peace.

Toronto Plasterers Strike. Toronto, May 1.—Union plasterers are not working to-day. Their strike will be the only disturbance for May Day. They ask \$1.40 an hour.

Trotsky Issues a May Day Order to Red Army and Navy

The Soviet War Minister Declares That the Red Army and Navy Are the Weapons of the Defence of the Revolution in Russia.

[The Associated Press.] Moscow, May 1.—War Minister Trotsky, as chairman of the revolutionary war council, has addressed a special May Day order to the Red army and navy, in which he says:

"We are for peace and brotherhood. The Red army and navy are weapons of the defence of the revolution upon which all other countries are continuously making attacks. The military strength of the capitalist countries continues to grow and they are using their steel for the purpose of oppression and enslavement, while our opposing steel, for the first time in history, serves the cause of Socialism."

Explaining his reason for not holding the usual May Day parade of the Red army, owing to the fact that the new classes will not join it until after May Day, Mr. Trotsky calls upon the troops to join with the workmen in peaceful manifestations.

[The Associated Press.] Washington, May 1.—It is reported from Tashkent that the events in Afghanistan are having a great influence in Bokhara, where an anti-Government movement has been started and is being supported, it is alleged, by the same sources as that in Afghanistan.

The former Emir of Bokhara is said to be directing the movement from Afghanistan and skirmishes are reported to be occurring in Boder Soona.

Afghanistan was recognized as an independent state under the treaty with Great Britain signed at Kabul in November, 1921. Bokhara, which adjoins it to the north, is part of the old Russian empire and is allied with the Federal Soviet republic, having, however, its own autonomous Government.

The British Government has repeatedly protested against alleged Bolshevik propaganda in Afghanistan because of its disquieting effect in British India.

DUTCH ECONOMIES. The Hague, May 1.—The Government having announced reduction of all salaries in the Civil Service beginning May 1, Count Wilhelmijn, has notified the Minister of Finance that she wishes to forego a portion of her expenses. It is possible that she took the same step under similar circumstances last year.

CAMPBELLTON COLLECTOR IS NOW IN JAIL

Chester B. Fairley, Customs Collector, is Held Without Bail.

CASE ADJOURNED FOR EIGHT DAYS

Meanwhile His Friends Are Said to Be Seeking a Settlement.

[Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner.] Campbellton, N. B., May 1.—The preliminary hearing in connection with the charge preferred against Chester B. Fairley, collector of customs for the port of Campbellton, who was arrested on Tuesday night charged with defalcation of funds in the vicinity of \$2,400, has been adjourned to eight days.

Fairley appeared in the police court yesterday, when the charge was read to him, and he was remanded to the Restigouche county jail at Dalhousie pending the hearing. He is at present in the county jail, where he is being held without bail.

Meanwhile friends of Fairley have interceded themselves upon his behalf and are said to be actively engaged in endeavoring to arrange for a settlement of the case.

CURATOR IS NAMED FOR BOOM COMPANY

Walter C. Jackson Appointed to Wind Up St. John River Log Driving Company.

[Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner.] St. John, N. B., May 1.—Walter C. Jackson, of this city, who has been manager of the company for some years, was this morning appointed curator for the St. John River Log Driving Company, which recently went into voluntary liquidation under the New Brunswick Winding Up Act.

The appointment was made by Deputy Registrar Ernest A. McKay of the Supreme Court, to whom the matter was referred by Mr. Justice Barry, who is ill. The application for the appointment of a curator was made some time ago by J. Fraser Gregory, of St. John, president of the company, when a statement showed assets with an estimated value of upwards of \$100,000 and liabilities about one-third of the amount.

The company has maintained a boom and rafting works in the St. John river above and below Fredericton under a co-operative arrangement since they succeeded the Fredericton Boom Company some years ago.

P. E. ISLAND NOW TURNS TO RIGHT

Change in Rule of the Road Went Into Effect in That Province To-day.

[Special Despatch to The Daily Gleaner.] Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 1.—St. Prince Edward Island commenced to-day to "turn to the right."

With the change in the rule of the road on "The Island" to-day, the uniform drive to the right rule is now in use throughout the entire Dominion and North America.

IMMIGRATION BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

[The Associated Press.] Washington, May 1.—The Japanese exclusion section of the Immigration Bill was passed over by Senate and House conferees at their meeting yesterday, in an effort to complete consideration of other sections described as "in difference but not in controversy."

Even this phase had not been cleared away when adjournment was taken, and doubt was expressed by some conferees as to whether their report could be completed by the end of the week.

Mexico City, May 1.—Replying to a request from the British Legation, the Mexican Government has given approval to the appointment by the British Government of Thomas B. Hoher as special envoy to study the situation here. Mr. Hoher was formerly chargé d'affaires in Mexico City.

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