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ROWELL MARCH DISPLEASED

Only Progress on Permanent Purchasing Commission Bill

OPPOSITION FROM BOTH SIDES

Likely Dead, Though He Says It Will go "Or Something Will But"—The Requisitioned St. Lawrence Ships

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, July 3.—The bill for establishing a permanent purchasing commission was one of those which was supposed to have been hurried through by mutual agreement, but it was resurrected last night at a late hour by Hon. Mr. Rowell and met with strenuous objections from the opposition.

Mr. Rowell said its primary object was to get out of the election politics of the premier to eliminate patronage; it would also have a beneficial effect on the labor situation as buying supplies for the commission would have regard to the general state of the labor market, with a view to stabilizing industry.

The opposition to it in the house was that it was unnecessary and was a concession either to the shipping companies or to their colleagues by members of the government. The opposition developed from the government side, Mr. Stewart of Lunenburg making a very strong speech against it, saying that the tendency of big organizations was to get away from centralization in business.

Finally the premier moved that government be reported after saying the government was making an earnest effort to do away with the evils of patronage and he could not understand the opposition to the bill from both sides. The shipping companies had saved more in four years than this proposed commission would cost in the next fifty. Progress was reported, but the bill is likely dead.

Mr. Rowell, who was steering the bill, was intensely chagrined. On coming out of the house into the lobby he said in a tone of voice which was not intended to be overheard, "The shipping companies are making a very strong case against it, saying that the tendency of big organizations was to get away from centralization in business."

These Requisitioned Ships.

Sir Robert Borden read two telegrams which had passed regarding the failure of the St. Lawrence coal trade. One was a cable he had sent to Sir George Peckley asking him to convey formal notification to the British government that failure to return the ships was seriously affecting the industrial situation in Nova Scotia and other provinces and adding greatly to the difficulty of unemployment.

The other was the gist of a statement made in the British House of Commons and was sent by Lord Milner. It was to the following effect: "The shipping controller states that all vessels referred to except one were owned in the United Kingdom prior to requisitioning, having been time-chartered to the Dominion Coal Company. These charters were private contracts and the relations between the owners and time charterers were matters with which the shipping controller was not concerned. Last winter it became necessary as part of the general Allied food programme to send several of these vessels as well as a large number of others requisitioned to load wheat for the Australia-European service, for which their size made them particularly suitable. Owners were notified, but refused or even informed after the shipping controller had issued by the shipping controller that this was a matter done to assist owners to avoid the completion of contracts is entirely without foundation. Of the five vessels in which the Dominion Coal Company are interested, three are already released from requisition and the remaining two of which are referred to as soon as the present cargo is discharged.

Sir Robert Borden commented on this. "The difficulty which we have felt with regard to the situation is that the despatch of these vessels to ports so far distant necessarily prevents their utilization in the St. Lawrence coal carrying trade, which lasts only during the season of navigation."

PEACE HOLIDAY IN ST. JOHN

Mayor Hayes announced to the council this morning that King George had desired that next Sunday be observed as a day of general thanksgiving throughout the British Empire and that Saturday, July 19, be held as a public holiday in celebration of the signing of the peace. The mayor said that he would await the general declaration before making the 19th a public holiday. He expected that a programme in which the premier and chief justice of the province would take part, which had been planned before, would be carried out.

INJURED ON THE RIVER

George Clark, janitor at City Hall, received painful injuries on the river on the holiday. He went with a motor boat party to Sand Point and while getting out of the boat to a scow at Sand Point slipped and fell heavily to the bottom of the scow, receiving a fractured rib and bruises on the body. He was brought to his home and is now under the care of Dr. W. F. Roberts.

SOLDIERS BRIDE

Miss Margaret Forbes arrived in the city today from Quebec where she had just been married. She is the bride of a soldier who is serving in the 26th Battalion. She belongs to Aberdeen, Scotland, and her coming to St. John is to do with a nuptial event to take place this month in which she will become the bride of Wm. Lawton, employed with Vassie & Co. Limited, formerly of the 26th Battalion.

THE WINNIPEG METAL WORKERS

The Winnipeg metal workers went back to work yesterday, but not all accepted the conditions.

Put Kaiser on Trial Soon

Tribunal to Sit in London Says Lloyd George in Giving News to Commons

London, July 3.—The former German Emperor will soon be placed on trial, Premier Lloyd George made this announcement in the House of Commons today in his report on the peace negotiations. The premier declared that the tribunal which would try the former emperor would sit in London.

The German army, the premier said, was at present inadequate to disturb the peace of the neighbors of Germany. The terms of the treaty with Germany in some respects were terrible, the premier said, but terrible would have been the consequences if Germany had succeeded.

German officers who had committed appalling offenses, the premier added, would also be placed on trial. Lloyd George declared that the British delegation had taken a stand resolutely opposing any attempt to put a predominantly German population under Polish rule.

St. John and New Brunswick in Supplementary Estimates

Quarter Million For Harbor Improvements; Money for Taking Over Branch Railways

Ottawa, July 3.—Sir Thomas White, in the commons this morning, tabled supplementary estimates to the amount of \$86,723,120, which in addition to main estimates still unvoted, will be voted by parliament before prorogation. The amount provided for, \$23,464,256 is chargeable to current revenues and the remainder to capital account. The largest item is \$10,000,000 for the construction of vessels in accordance with the remainder to capital account. The largest item is \$10,000,000 for the construction of vessels in accordance with the remainder to capital account.

The sum of \$550,000 is provided for Quebec and Saguenay Railway construction. Amounts \$18,000 to \$75,000 are included for the purchase of several marine vessels, including the St. John, N.B. York and Capitan railways, St. Marthas railway, Moncton-Bathurst railway, the Salisbury and Albert railway.

Harbor and river votes include the following items: Esquimaux new drydock, \$500,000. Port Arthur and Port William harbor improvements, \$200,000. To complete Champlain drydock, Quebec, \$207,000. River St. Charles improvements, Quebec, \$55,800. St. John harbor improvements, \$260,000.

Twenty-two thousand dollars for the Montreal post office; general harbor and river votes include \$100,000 for a wharf at Sydney, N. S. Eighty-two thousand dollars to complete protection works at Lunenburg, N. S. Edmundston Bridge.

Votes for roads and bridges include \$25,000 for an international bridge across the St. John river at Edmundston, N. B. In view of the enlargement of the northwest mounted police force, an additional sum of \$1,150,551 is asked to cover the cost of administration of that force. Miscellaneous votes include \$300,000 to provide for Canada's share of the cost of expenditure made by the imperial war graves commission, \$200,000 for the federal department of health, \$15,000 grant towards the expenses of the Canadian athletic team at the international Olympic games at Antwerp in 1920, \$200,000 to cover the cost of administration of the proposed air service board and \$500,000 for hatterfield memorial in France and Belgium.

A vote of \$9,500,405 is provided for the outside service of the soldiers' civil re-establishment department. Of this amount \$3,500,000 will be spent on medical treatment for soldiers and sailors, \$5,000,000 on vocational training, and the remainder on artificial limbs. The supplementaries include \$25,000 to pay the salary of a secretary for the leader of the opposition, the appointment to be made by the leader.

DIED IN BOSTON

The death of Manfred Jones, of Shannon Settlement, occurred this morning at 6 o'clock, in Boston, following an operation. He leaves his wife, four children—Elsie, in the United States; Lottie, of Sussex; Murray, now overseas, and Frederick, at home; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. Benjamin Jones, of Shannon Settlement; also four brothers—George, Arthur and Frank Jones, M. D., all of Boston; John, of Shannon Settlement; and five sisters—Miss Atcheson of Chicago, Mrs. Calvin Mott of Boston, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. W. F. Robertson, of St. John, and Miss Jessie, at home. The body will be brought to this city on the Boston train tomorrow and taken to Shannon Settlement for interment.

KEEP TO THE LEFT!

The latest issue of the Automobile Road Book of Canada contains the statement that the rule of the road in New Brunswick is to turn to the right. It was pointed out by the secretary of the board of trade this morning that this mistake is likely to cause confusion and may have serious consequences.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of George Morrison took place this morning from his late residence, 74 Metcalf street. Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. B. Appel, and the body was taken up-river on the steamer Majestic to the Narrows, for interment.

IT WAS BELIEVED TODAY

That the weather of the Handy-Page aeroplane flight start would not be made from Newfoundland until Saturday or Sunday.

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam insisted on shaking hands with the Times reporter this morning and enquiring minutely as to the state of his health. Having several ailments and a natural disposition to go into particulars about them, with special reference to various symptoms and remedies, and what the doctor and the neighbors said, it took the reporter some time to arrive at a full stop—and then there were several things he had forgotten and so had to begin over again.

As time passed, however, and Hiram still seemed to be listening with an interest as sympathetic and absorbing as if it were an enumeration of his own virtues, the reporter's suspicions were aroused and he began to wonder what Hiram was up to.

"Look here," he said, "Why this sudden and amazing interest in the state of my health? Are you selling patent medicine?"

"No," said Hiram. "No, sir—I'm going into politics."

"Oh!" said the reporter. "Have you been asked to be a candidate?"

"No, sir," said Hiram—"but I'm going to run."

"Is that quite regular?" queried the reporter. "Usually candidates wait to be nominated by the party."

"Not men like me," quoth Hiram. "I'm no common politician. Nobody in this town would elect me. I'll see to it that I'm elected after the next election."

"What party?" queried the reporter. "The party," said Hiram. "I'm going to run. I want you to tell me that I'm going to run in the field 'anybody that tries to get into my confidence, I'll see to it that he's nominated as an enemy of the party."

"The party?" queried the reporter. "The party," said Hiram. "I'm going to run. You put that in the paper—say I said so."

"Of course," said the reporter, "that would simplify things a good deal, wouldn't it? The trouble with democracy is that people insist on choosing their own representatives."

"Well," said Hiram, "they won't have to do that. I'll see to it that they don't. They'll see to it that they don't. They'll see to it that they don't."

NO ONE WAS HURT

First Duel Fought in France Since Beginning of War

Paris, July 3.—The first duel to be fought in France since the beginning of the war occurred yesterday at Bayonne, when Mr. Gars, mayor and deputy, exchanged pistol shots with M. Gemmes, vice-president of the chamber of commerce, without result. This was the 12th duel since the beginning of the war.

RIOT ACT NO LONGER PREVAILS IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, July 3.—Parades and open air meetings may take place in Winnipeg now, so Mayor Charles F. Gray announced. He has officially withdrawn his proclamation forbidding such assemblies, and has rescinded the riot act.

LAWSON-BALLENTYNE

A very pretty and interesting wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lawson, Bayne Ave., Fairville, when their son Rowland was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ballentyne, of Port Glasgow, Scotland. A romantic feature of the event was that Miss Ballentyne was the nurse of her prospective husband when he was wounded in France. They were the clients of many useful and beautiful gifts, among them some choice silver and fine linen from the family of the bride. A dainty repast was served by the groom's parents. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Mr. Bishop of the Fairville. The bridesmaid was Miss Pauline Lawson, cousin of the groom and best man was Lowell Lawson, brother of the groom who just returned after nearly five years service overseas.

PHILIP AND PHERNDAN WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpatrick, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—There has been very little change in pressure distribution since yesterday. The weather has been very warm in Ontario and western Quebec, while in other parts of the domain the temperature has been more moderate. Showers have occurred in Manitoba.

Fair and Warmer. Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly cloudy today; Friday, westerly winds, fair and a little warmer. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, mostly cloudy today and on Friday, with local showers. New England—Fair tonight and Friday, continued warm, light variable winds.

Hun Ratification Of Treaty by Saturday

Majority Favorable in the National Assembly; Austrians Proving Voluninous Note Writers

Copenhagen, July 3.—The German National Assembly will deal with the treaty of peace between the Allies and Germany on Saturday, and a majority for the ratification of the instrument has been secured, according to a Weimar despatch to the Politikon.

Rome, July 3.—Former Premier Orlando returned yesterday from Palermo to meet Baron Sonnino, who had just arrived here from Paris. They held a long conference as to the attitude they would take in the approaching discussion in parliament, which will be especially devoted to the work done by the peace conference at Versailles on the 28th day of June last.

Austrians are Note Writers. Paris, July 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The Council of Five yesterday appointed three commissions to continue the work of the peace conference. The council also heard M. Bratianu, Rumanian prime minister, and Basile Malakoff, Russian ambassador to France, concerning the Serbian frontier. M. Malakoff stoutly opposed the annexation of Bessarabia to Rumania without a plebiscite, asserting that the majority of the population was Russian. M. Bratianu contended that the Moldavian sections of Bessarabia, which are essentially Rumanian, should be given back to Rumania.

"Twenty-seven notes have been received by the peace conference from the Austrian delegation since May 22. Eight have related to the King's proposal, six to methods of procedure growing chiefly out of the Austrian desire for oral discussion of the peace, and not only boundaries; one to prisoners, one to diplomatic consular agents, one to the redrawing of the map of Europe, and three to the status of private property. Replies have been made to only a few, many requiring no answer."

KING'S CALL FOR PEACE THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION IS FOR THE WHOLE EMPIRE

Ottawa, July 3.—Yesterday the government received from the secretary of state for the colonies two despatches dated July 1, which are now being published. They set out the king's desire that next Sunday be a day of general thanksgiving for the blessing of peace, not only in the United Kingdom, but in all quarters of the empire; also that on Saturday, the 10th, all parts of the empire will join so far as possible in celebrating peace on that day.

BOARD WILL NOT ACT TILL STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Ottawa, July 3.—The board of conciliation appointed to investigate a wage dispute between the Ottawa Electric Railway Company and its employees will not act until the strikers return to work and restore normal conditions on the street railway, according to a statement last night by Senator Robertson, minister of labor.

TERMS OF DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE

Paris, July 2.—Agreements between France and Great Britain and France and the United States provide that the intervention of Great Britain and the United States on behalf of France against Germany shall be inter-dependent. Great Britain and the United States will only help France by combined action and not separately, in the event of German aggression.

HALIFAX CLEARINGS

Halifax, N. S., July 3.—The bank clearings for the week ending today: \$3,078,816; last year \$4,287,256.

Grampian Brings W. C. Lieut. Mullin, Single Handed, Captured German Pill Box and Occupants

Montreal, July 3.—Among the soldiers returning on the Grampian which docked here this morning was Lieut. G. H. Mullin, who won the Victoria Cross at Paschendale in October, 1917, for capturing a German pill box, with its score of occupants, single-handed. Lieut. Mullin's home is in Moosemin, Sask. He modestly said that his performance was mere luck. In his advance on the pill box, he said, his clothes were struck by twenty bullets, while one hit the hilt of a German revolver he had picked up and stuck in his belt.

The Grampian was brought to port by Captain James Turnbull, who recently was appointed a commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Captain Turnbull, who has commanded several C. F. O. S. ships, including the ill-fated Empress of Ireland, has sunk a couple of German submarines. He was port convoy officer at Sydney, C. B. from 1917.

BELGIUM OFFERS LAND FOR CANADIAN MEMORIAL

Brussels, July 3.—The Belgian minister of the interior has offered a parcel of land in the neighborhood of Ypres to the Canadian authorities for the erection of a war memorial and museum recalling the tribute paid by Canadian troops on Belgian soil during the war.

CAUTIOUS IN THE BETTING

Little Being Wagered by Sports Gathered at Toledo

RULES FOR THE CONTEST

Strict Application of Marquis of Queensbury Regulations; Heaviest Betting Play Being Made on Rounds 7 and 8

Toledo, Ohio, July 3.—Bates governing the contest between Willard and Dempsey tomorrow are to be officially interpreted at a meeting today attended by Ollie Focord, referee; Dickson and Joseph A. J. Biddle, judges of the contest, the boxers, and Jack Kearns, manager of the challenger. Previous to the meeting Willard expressed himself as being willing to box under any rules, but suggested that the contestants be permitted to box as long as an arm is free, to break at once at the command of the referee and to break cleanly. Dickson said he would see that straight Marquis of Queensbury rules were to apply, the boxers to take care of themselves at all times.

Betting on the outcome of the bout has proved surprisingly light to date, notwithstanding the gathering of thousands of prospective spectators. It was estimated this morning by one of the foremost wagering commissionaires that there was not much more than \$10,000 in actual stakes in the hands of the various betting concerns. He explained this situation on the theory that while the adherents of the two heavyweights were sharply divided in their opinion of the result, each commissionaire had too much respect for the ability of the rival contender to lay heavily on their own favorite.

In some quarters sentiment appeared to be veering toward the champion, for while Dempsey backers were offering even money on the challenger a day or two ago, they are now asking that Willard men lay 10 to 8. At the chief commissionaire's office several days ago were filled with various betting propositions which remain unacted, with the exception of a few fresh bets, for several days. Some of these include \$100 to \$1,000 that Willard does not last three rounds; \$100 to \$500 that Willard does not respond to the call for the seventh round. In the pari-mutuel betting the heaviest play is being made on the seventh and eighth rounds, while Dempsey is almost a sure favorite, according to the number of tickets sold, on the result should the bout go the full ten rounds.

With their training grind ended, Willard and Dempsey planned to spend today in complete rest.

WIFE HIDES WHISKEY; HE TAKES POISON

Springfield, July 3.—George McManis in Mercy Hospital in a dangerous condition as the result of taking poison when his wife hid a bottle of whiskey he had purchased to stave off prohibition. She refused to tell him where the liquor was when he wanted a drink.

MAY DEFICIT SMALLER BUT WAS \$39,000,000

Washington, July 3.—The deficit incurred in operation of railroads under government control during May amounted to approximately \$39,000,000, net operating income totalling \$85,530,000 compared with the rental obligation of \$77,428,000, according to unofficial figures made public today. The May deficit showed a decrease from the average monthly deficit of \$48,000,000 incurred during the first four months of 1915.

NEARLY ALL NEWFOUNDLAND SOLDIERS NOW ARE HOME

St. John's, Nfld., July 3.—Six hundred Newfoundland soldiers arrived on the steamer Cassandria last night, the last of 6,000 sent overseas except a few seriously wounded who are still in British hospitals, and the headquarters staff in London. These will return in the autumn.

MRS. GILLIGAN TO PRISON FOR LIFE

Middletown, Conn., July 3.—Mrs. Amy E. Archer Gilligan, charged with the murder of 29-year-old R. Andrew of Cheshire at her home for aged people in Windsor, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, and the superior court here and was sentenced to state prison for life.

ELSIE JANIS' ADOPTS BOY WAR VETERAN

New York, July 3.—Michael Cardl, a fourteen-year-old veteran of the world war, who wears the French and Italian war crosses for gallantry in action, was adopted by Miss Elsie Janis, actress, and taken to her home at Tarrytown.

PRESENTATION

Friends of Miss Kathleen Butler, 248 Britain street, called at her home last evening and tendered her a surprise party in honor of her eighteenth birthday, and presented to her a beautiful pendant. The presentation was made by Arthur Harris. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, music and dancing, and the gathering broke up a little after midnight.