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Banks Adopt Daylight Time

All To Open Under New System Tomorrow

SHOPS ALSO ON NEW TIME

The Circle Nearing Completion—Confusion Continued Today in City Because of Lack of General Adoption of Hour Saving Plan

Tomorrow morning every banking institution in St. John will be opened for business on daylight time.

This means that the whole financial facilities of the city's business life will be made to conform with the decision arrived at by a majority of the merchants at their meeting held last evening.

With trains, steamers, postal affairs, public newspapers and scores of individual concerns employing large numbers of workers already working on the daylight schedule, the banking institutions adopting it, naturally completes the circle.

W. J. Ambrose, chairman of the clearing house association of local bankers, confirmed the report that the banks are to begin the daylight schedule, and said it would be quite impracticable to attempt to conduct their business on the St. John old time when so many concerns adopting the summer schedule and when mail, etc., were also in conformity with it as well.

At a meeting this forenoon it was decided to start immediately upon the daylight plan, consequently tomorrow will mark the change.

The men of the Jas. Pender & Co. Ltd., mail works will start on daylight saving tomorrow morning by their own choice. The company officials, in a commendable spirit of fair play asked the men to vote on the question themselves. The result was for the extra hour of daylight.

The men of the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Co., Ltd., when similarly asked to choose their own daylight saving, hesitatingly adopted daylight saving.

Near Focus On Time Matter, Says Mayor, On Hearing of The Decision of Banks

Mayor Hayes in discussing the action of the banking houses in adopting daylight saving told The Times this afternoon that this added business unit in favor of the earlier hour brought the matter still closer to focus locally.

When asked if it would have any influence in bringing about a civic adoption of the daylight plan by formal proclamation His Worship hesitated to reply, but said that his personal opinion prompted him to await the decision in Ottawa today when the railway authorities were being questioned by the Railway Board upon what authority they had changed their schedules. If the action of the railway people was not definitely recalled and forbidden by the government, the mayor thought that it would be a sufficient criterion for taking official action, or vice versa.

PENDER MEN VOTE FOR SUNSHINE HOUR

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RAILWAY COMPANIES BEFORE COMMISSION ON DAYLIGHT MATTER

Ottawa, April 1—Railway companies appeared before the railway commission today to show cause why they have not adopted daylight saving. Council and experts filled the large court room.

On behalf of the companies, the argument was put forward that the safety and convenience of passengers made it necessary to fall into line with the United States.

W. M. Neal, representing the railway war board, said that in the opinion of the railway war board, a safe and convenient service could not be maintained unless daylight saving time were continued. He emphasized the difficulty in international traffic.

One official day of rejoicing in August or September after all the soldiers are returned has been suggested for Fredericton and a committee of the city council has been appointed to co-operate with the Returned Soldiers' Aid.

ON MISSION IN AID OF IRELAND

Three American Delegates Leave Today For Paris

Frank P. Walsh, Former Governor Dunne and Michael Regan Arr. Selected by Recent Irish Race Delegation in Philadelphia

New York, April 1—Three delegates selected by an Irish race convention in Philadelphia last month to lay the Irish American appeal for a free Ireland before the peace conference, were guests of honor at a "Godspeed" reception here last night attended by more than 400 Irish sympathizers.

The delegates—Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City, former joint chairman of the National War Labor Board; Edward Dunne of Chicago, former governor of Illinois; and Michael Regan of Philadelphia, former public service commissioner for Pennsylvania—are scheduled to sail for France today.

Mr. Walsh in a brief address, characterized the mission as "the most important and the most delicate in the history of the Irish people."

Mr. Regan, asserting that he never had seen Ireland, declared he went "as an American" to urge the peace conference to "crown with success one of the greatest movements of history."

Waraw, March 31—(Havas Agency)—The bombardment of Lemberg continues, the Ukrainian artillery firing poison gas shells into the city.

PRIZE WINNERS. The Prentice Boys fair was closed last night. Following were the prize winners:—First door prize, \$10 in gold, won by Mrs. Bolton; second door prize, \$5 in gold, unclaimed for. No. 1688; ring toss prize silver cream set, won by James Pitt; nine-pins, electric lamp, won by Roy Campbell; air gun, box of silver knives, Charles Smith; bagatelle, marble clock, J. Thompson; ten-pins, a shot gun, Fred McCormick; bean toss, silver cake tray, Mrs. James Donaher.

LOOKS LIKE GOOD TIMES. There promises to be unusual activity in the lumber milling industry in this city almost at once.

CARS OFF TRACK

Three and Tender Derailed at Bloomfield This Morning

I. C. R. train No. 18, which left St. John at 7:10 this morning, was derailed while going into Bloomfield station about 8:30 o'clock. As a result of the accident the mail and baggage cars, the tender and a first class coach ran off. The train was moving very slowly at the time and no one injured. There was no damage to the train but the track was torn up considerably.

Auxiliary train crews from Moncton and St. John hurried to the scene of the accident and were busily engaged throughout the morning getting the cars back. The mishap did not cause any delay to the Maritime express as she was able to take the siding at Bloomfield. At noon today the train had not left but prospects were that she would get away through the early afternoon.

SAYS HE POSED AS BRITISH OFFICER

Declared That Archer Swindled New Yorkers and Married Girl Although Wife in England

New York, April 1—The story of how a fugitive from British justice, who was able to obtain a British officer's commission by posing as a British officer, to swindle by fake identities New Yorkers whose confidence he gained and eventually in many a young woman who had no idea he had left a wife and two children in England, is told in papers examined by Justice Colahan in the supreme court yesterday.

The American wife, Florence Brainerd Grimwood of Chesapeake, Washington, got from the justice an order permitting her to serve by publication of a copy of the summons and complaint in an annulment suit she has started against William F. Archer, now believed to be in England.

She says that Archer, posing as Captain Grimwood of the British army, arrived in New York on a French liner in the spring of 1916. On the boat he gained the sympathy of silver passengers by the promise of a job offered from a supposed bulletin board. He spoke modestly of membership in a proud English family.

TRURO MAN CITY ENGINEER AT CAPITAL WITH \$3,000 SALARY

Fredericton, N. B., April 1—G. C. McClellan, formerly engineer at Truro, was last night selected by the city council as city engineer of Fredericton and his appointment at a salary of \$3,000 a year was agreed to.

TO TEST STRENGTH OF ENTENTE WILL

Design Back of Revolution In Hungary

Paris, April 1—(By the Associated Press)—Reports to the French foreign office indicate that the Hungarian revolution was staged largely with the purpose of testing the strength of the will of the Entente Powers and was designed to frighten them with the idea that Germany might also rapidly disintegrate.

Paris, April 1—(By the Associated Press)—A wireless message sent by Tchitcherine, Russian Bolshevik foreign minister, to Bela Kun, foreign minister in the new Hungarian government, has been intercepted by the French government wireless operators.

A CHALLENGE TO SIR THOMAS WHITE

Ottawa, April 1—Brigadier Chas. A. Smart, C.M.G., Conservative member of the Quebec legislature, has issued the following challenge: "If Sir Thomas White places the welfare of the country ahead of other considerations, he will see that an impartial commission is immediately appointed to investigate the whole subject of the overseas administration and especially that of the overseas medical administration in England. Such a commission should have wide powers and be authorized to investigate fully."

SCOTIAN HERE IN FEW DAYS BUT NONE FOR ST. JOHN ABOARD

The C. P. O. S. liner Scotian is expected to arrive here on Thursday or Friday from Liverpool with sixty-seven officers, forty cadets and 1,619 other ranks. The soldiers will be dispersed without delay to their various dispersal areas as soon as the steamer docks.

IN THE SENATE. Ottawa, April 1—The senate yesterday passed without amendment the government's supply bill, being one-sixth of the total estimates for the fiscal year 1919-20.

RED TRIANGLE MEN ON TRAINS

The seven special trains which left here yesterday morning with soldiers from the Empress of Britain had each on board a representative of the Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle to look after the comforts of the men on their journey to their destinations.

More of Our Men Are At Halifax on Way Home

APRIL 1 JOKE ABOUT PEACE

Paris Stirred By Report That All is Settled

Paris, April 1—(By the Associated Press)—Somebody started a story this morning that Col. E. M. House had announced that the peace treaty had been signed. The report spread rapidly all over Paris and the telephone wires to the American headquarters in the Hotel De Orillon became hot with inquiries as to the truth of the rumor.

Worry Over the Lack of Progress. Paris, April 1—(By the Associated Press)—A feeling of apprehension over the lack of progress on the peace treaty persists in American circles here, although it is said in authoritative quarters that differences which have arisen have not reached the status of a deadlock.

French More Hopeful. Paris, March 31—(Havas Agency)—In French conference circles there was an impression this evening that the situation is clearly satisfactory, although extreme caution is being observed in the proceedings of the conference.

Brought to Halifax After a Hard Tow

Halifax, N. S., April 1—The steamer Jason arrived here this morning in tow of the steamer Bayman, which picked up at sea. The Jason's rudder is disabled.

Wild Campaign for Chicago Mayoralty

Chicago, April 1—Men and women batted for mayor and other city officers today after a campaign said to have been the most bitter in the history of the municipality.

New Wage Schedule on "L" Is Asked For

Boston, March 31—The wages committee of the Boston street car men's union submitted to the trustees of the Boston Elevated Company yesterday a new wages schedule that calls for a flat rate of 73 1/2 cents an hour and an eight hour day.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherinaad

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—The barometer continues low over the maritime provinces, while the area of high pressure which came in from the northwest over Ontario on Sunday is gradually diminishing in energy.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

C. B. D'Arcy, real estate broker, has reported the following transfers of property in St. John and Kings county, within the last month as follows:—

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

The Times business office will be opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 5 p.m., old time, until further notice.

S. S. Canada Arrived Today; 1,370 Aboard

SOME OF THE NOTABLES

Nursing Sister With Victoria Cross Won by Her Soldier Husband—Lieut. Col. Beckles Wilson Speaks of Canadian Memorials at Ypres and Vimy

Halifax, N. S., April 1—S. S. Canada with 1,370 returning Canadian war veterans docked here at eight o'clock this morning. The troops are virtually all from Kimmel Park. Ninety-five nursing sisters sailed on the steamer. One of these was Nursing Sister N. E. Mallard of Victoria, who, in addition to the 1914 and 1915 star and various Italian decorations, wears the Victoria Cross of her late husband, Staff-Serjt. Mallard.

The officer commanding the troops on board was Major Storr, M.C. He says the voyage was a pleasant one. The men were comfortable and made no complaints. The Canada sailed from Liverpool on March 24.

Among the officers returning was Lieut.-Colonel Beckles Wilson, of Windsor, N. S., who was attached for some time to the imperial staff as inspector of war trophies in the east. He was in charge of the allocation of all enemy ordnance captured there. He has now returned to the Canadian staff and is particularly interested in the work of building Canadian war memorials at Ypres and Vimy. He said that both the Belgian and French governments had indicated that they were prepared to hand over sites to Canada at both these historic points and it was now merely a question of how much the dominion government was prepared to spend in the erection of suitable buildings. Colonel Wilson will proceed to Ottawa on Monday and will return to Europe after a very brief stay here.

Another officer returning was Lieut. C. R. MacKenzie, only son of D. D. MacKenzie, opposition leader in the dominion house. Mr. MacKenzie was attached to a tank battalion. He enlisted early in the war while a student at Harvard. Several prisoners of war returned with him to Canada. For the most part they are of the 15th Battalion and are proceeding to Toronto. Twenty-four civilian passengers came by the Canada. All but two are bound for Australia or New Zealand.

Captain F. H. Wood of Wells Hill arrived here this morning on the Canada, went overseas with the 15th Battalion. Later he was transferred to the Fourth C. M. R., and was taken prisoner while serving with that unit in the Sanctuary Wood battle on June 22, 1916. He spent two years in various prison camps in Germany and seven months in Holland.

Among the officers on the Canada were: District No. 6, Halifax—Lieut. Col. H. W. Kelley, Clifton, N. S.; Captain T. P. Kelley, Vancouver; Capt. W. Gilmore, Winnipeg; Major C. M. Murray, Halifax. District No. 7, St. John—Captain N. Power, St. John; Lieut. C. R. McKenzie, North Sydney; Capt. J. S. Scott, Fredericton.

N. B. Men. Charles Robinson, secretary N. B. Returned Soldiers' Commission today received a wire stating that the following officers and men arrived per S. S. Canada at Halifax and will go forward to dispersal areas by special train today: Capt. N. J. Power, 107 Prince William street, St. John. Capt. J. S. Scott, 142 Charlotte street, Fredericton.

Nursing Sisters Ellis. Fogarty, 194 Paradise Row, St. John. Moorey, 70 Sewell street, St. John. Moody, Passesburg, Kings Co., N. B. Stann, Harvey, York Co., N. B. Smith, McAdam Junction, N. B. Cadet Geldart, 97 Millidge avenue, St. John. Cadet Perrard, Elgin, Albert Co., N.B. Cadet Watters, Everett, Victoria Co., N. B. Pte. Albert, Carquet, N. B. Pte. Anesz, Campbellton. Pte. Attoe. Pte. Barton, Sussex. Pte. Bishop, Moncton. Pte. Blanchard, Carquet, Gloucester Co. Pte. Carr, Centreville, Carleton Co. Pte. G. K. Dixon. Pte. Gaynes, Albert, Albert Co. Pte. Gunter, 87 St. James street, St. John. Pte. Giggie, Ferry Road, Chatham. Pte. Good. Pte. Gould, 250 Town, Me. Pte. Graham, Old George street, Fredericton. Pte. Gollison. Pte. Hachey, Canterbury Station, N.B. Pte. Holdburn, 27 Hanover street, St. John. Pte. Humphrey. Pte. Irvine. Pte. Jones, 91 Main street, Woodstock. (Continued on page 2, fourth column)