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Change in Weather.

Great ice jams are piling up in the St. John river today and serious damage is being caused by the water that is being backed up as well as by the running ice.

With an immense jam forming below Crook's Point, nine miles above Fredericton, where it is held by the islands, the St. John river has overflowed its banks, part of the St. John Valley Railway tracks have been carried away by the rush and water and ice while the roadbed of the railway is under water for a long distance.

On the Nashwaak river similar conditions prevail at Durham, where the tracks of the Canada Eastern division of the Canadian National Railways are overflooded and traffic has been tied up since last evening. Thus two of the principal lines of railway in central New Brunswick have been paralyzed by the freshets caused by ice jams in the spring break-up.

PASSENGERS SPEND
NIGHT ON TRAINS

Officials of the Canadian National Railways have large emergency crews at both places and they have been at work since daylight endeavoring to improve conditions. At Durham their efforts were directed principally to attempting to divert the flow of the Nashwaak river away from the railway tracks, and arrangements are also being made for transferring passengers around the flooded districts on horse-drawn sledges.

May Have Trains Tonight.

The C. N. R. train which left here last night for Newcastle, with a through sleeper to Quebec, was forced to return to Fredericton about midnight, while the train coming here from Newcastle could not get past the freshets and the passengers were forced to spend the night on the train, which this morning was backed up to McGivney Junction. Some doubt was expressed at noon as to whether transfers could be made on the Canada Eastern line by tonight, but it was expected to have passengers transferred around the flooded district at McGivney's on the Valley Railway some time this afternoon.

Temporary Relief.

How long it will be before the operation of through trains can be resumed is a matter of conjecture. Only the sudden change in weather conditions which caused the temperature to drop more than 20 degrees from early yesterday afternoon to last night relieved what was generally regarded as the most serious condition that has existed on the St. John river for many years. The cold weather caused the water which had started rising very rapidly to ease off somewhat, but a warm run today is causing renewed alarm.

Canadian Sergeant Placed on
Trial for Bigamy and TheftMan Wearing a Canadian Uniform Arrested at London on the
Charge of Bigamously Wedded Widow and Robbing
Her of Household Goods.

London, April 7.—Roland Castleman, or Burrell, a veterinary surgeon, was committed for trial for bigamy and theft. It is alleged that the prisoner, who wore the uniform of a Canadian sergeant, bigamously married a widow and robbed her of a hundred pounds' worth of household goods. It was stated that the prisoner was married in Toronto in 1918.

Loud Report When
Ice Moved Here

The ice in the St. John river in front of Fredericton moved a short distance between 10 and 11 o'clock last night, making a rumbling noise similar to that of a distant earthquake or immense explosion when it broke away.

This is thought to have been caused by the ice starting to run further up the river, the impact because of the thickness and strength of the ice being very severe. The ice, however, did not move more than 20 yards when it was held up by the piers of the highway bridge, which are all of granite and have withstood all ice floods since one pier and a draw span were carried away seven years ago.

McGINLEY'S FERRY
IS CARRIED AWAYCable and Rigging in Big Jam
that Has Formed at Sugar
Island.

At McGivney's Ferry, or Crook's Point, the run of ice was reported today to have carried away the ferry cable and rigging of the cable ferry owned by Enoch Lunt there, as well as barns and other buildings located on the islands a few miles above Fredericton.

The water here has come up almost two feet since yesterday morning, rising at the rate of about an inch an hour until affected by the big jam that has been formed at the islands below Crook's Point.

The water today was 11 feet above summer level here.

CANADA'S SHARE OF
LEAGUE EXPENSES

(By Canadian Associated Press.)
Ottawa, April 7.—Canada so far has paid \$64,043 as her share of the expenses of the League of Nations. This is for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1920.

The Canadian contribution is fixed on the basis of the apportionment of the expenses of the international bureau of the universal postal union. This is in accordance with Article 6 of the treaty of Versailles.

CHINESE AIRMEN TO
SHOW WESTERNERS

(By Canadian Associated Press.)
Saskatoon, Sask., April 7.—Lin On, Chinese airplane pilot, accompanied by Harry Rowe, left yesterday on a flight to Calgary. They plan to make the trip in three jumps.

The pilot is the first graduate of the local Chinese Aviation School, and is making the flight in the interests of the Chinese national league, which is to open a convention in Calgary today.

OTHER LATE NEWS.

For other late despatches and general news see page 7.

Washout at Stickney,
C. P. R. Northern Division

(Special despatch to The Daily Gleaner.)
Woodstock, N. B., April 7.—Trains on the northern division of the C. P. R. were tied up for some time yesterday by a washout near Stickney. This morning the situation has been cleared up and trains are running on schedule again today. There are no other washouts on the northern division.

BRIDGE WRECKAGE
IN HAWKSHAW JAMTwo Spans of Hartland Bridge
Floated Past Woodstock
in Three Sections.

The jam which has formed at the Hawkshaw bridge, forty miles above Fredericton on the St. John river, is still holding, and so far has not damaged the bridge.

The wreckage of the Hartland bridge is now piled up on that jam, the two spans—one broken in two—having floated past Woodstock about 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with the running ice.

The remaining spans of the Hartland bridge were still standing this morning and it was believed that the worst of the situation was over, as the ice was running freely. However, the flat at the lower part of the town is overflooded and there is scarcely a building in the town which has not got its basement full of water at the present time.

About midnight last night, in the Legislature, Hon. E. J. Venier, Minister of Public Works, said he wished to make an announcement for the information and satisfaction of people in certain sections of the province. All knew that the province was experiencing a freshet of unusual height and that the Department of Public Works had been informed, he said, during the day that the bridge across the St. John river at Hartland had been partially carried away and that the remainder of the structure was in danger. Reports were current that the bridge on the St. John river was in danger, notably the bridge at Hawkshaw; however, the danger at Hawkshaw seemed to be passed.

An agreement would be made at once at Hartland for the accommodation of the public and reconstruction of whatever part of the bridge to be rebuilt would be begun as soon as possible. He asked all members to give information to the Department of Public Works concerning any bridges or other structure threatened with damage.

VICE CONDITIONS
IN NEW YORK CITY

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
New York, April 7.—A fifth concurrent investigation of vice conditions in New York City was ordered yesterday by Mayor Hylan. He directed Commissioner of Accounts David Hirschfeld to make thorough inquiry into charges of revelry along the "Great White Way," made by Rev. John Stratton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, in his Easter sermon.

DIPLOMAS GIVEN
BY KNOX COLLEGE

(By Canadian Associated Press.)
Toronto, April 7.—Many students received diplomas at the close of the seventy-sixth session of Knox College in convocation held here last evening.

Among those who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was Rev. R. William Ross, of Fort Massey church, Halifax, he being in absentia.

JUMPED TO DEATH
IN NEW YORK FIRE

New York, April 7.—One woman was killed and five men injured when a fire broke out last night when she jumped from the top floor to a court yard.

Mrs. E. Kershaw, aged 64, lost her life when she jumped from the top floor to a court yard.

BRING DEAD BACK.

Boston, April 7.—The United States transport Mercury will leave Erest on Friday with the bodies of 315 American soldiers who died in France.

The Japs State Position
Regarding Vladivostok

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Honolulu, April 7.—General Oi, commanding the Japanese troops in Vladivostok, informed the social revolutionists, a cable from Vladivostok states, that the troops would be withdrawn if the Russians would restrict the movement of Koreans to Siberia and guard the railroads. No time for the withdrawal of the Japanese was announced.

The French Troops Continue
Advance to Homburg, Which
Was Occupied This MorningBritish Press Hopes that the
Lesson to the Germans Will
Prove Salutary.FRENCH HAVE HEARTIEST
SUPPORT OF BRITISHFrench Movement Has Been
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Significant Incident.

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Metz, April 7.—French troops, on the right bank of the Rhine, continuing their advance, occupied Homburg, nine miles north of Frankfurt, at 6 o'clock this morning.

French Plan Carried Out.
Frankfurt, April 7.—The occupation of Homburg, nine miles north of Frankfurt, by French troops, announced today, virtually completes the operations outlined to General De Gonet, in charge of the occupation movement, in his orders from the War Office. The entire plan has been carried out without any significant incident.

Britain to Back France.
London, April 7.—The French have taken the only right course after such warnings as they had given the Germans," says the London Times today, in discussing the French advance into Germany.

"The sharp surprise," the newspaper continues, "which the step caused among the inhabitants of the Rhine is very wholesome. We trust it also will be felt by the German militarists and their accomplices in Wilhelmstrasse."

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The Lokai Anzeiger believes the German republic has been endangered and that its inner development will be retarded for months.

George Bernard, the political writer, while condemning the French action, in the Vossische Zeitung, admits a technical breach of the treaty by Germany so far as the number of German army units in the neutral zone are concerned. He says that the government has placed itself in an equivocal position, and concludes:

"Germany's fate lies in France's hands, but Germany's fate is also Europe's fate, and in Europe's ruin France will also find her grave."

GERMANY'S FATE
IS EUROPE'S FATEThe German Press Very Bitter
Over French Advance and
Duplicity at Berlin.

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Berlin, April 7.—The newspaper comment on the French advance into the Ruhr district includes a good deal of criticism of the government, especially as the papers say they were officially informed Monday night that the German legation at Paris did not view the situation pessimistically. Opposition papers are bitter, charging the government with incapacity in handling the whole situation.

QUEBEC CITY HAS
SOLD GOLD BONDS

Quebec, April 7.—The Quebec City Council last night passed a resolution accepting the offer of Wood, Gundy & Co. and the Dominion Securities Corporation at \$8.17 for the purchase of \$1,325,000 in city of Quebec ten year gold bonds bearing six per cent.

American Action in Regard
To French Advance AwaitedThe American Rhineland Commissioner Notifies Washington
that the Americans Disassociated Themselves Entirely
From the Advance by the French.

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Coblenz, April 7.—It was learned yesterday at the office of P. B. Noyes, American Rhineland commissioner and representative of the State Department in the American occupied area, that several days ago Mr. Noyes formally dissociated himself from any action the High Commission might take involving it directly or indirectly in a possible French advance into unoccupied territory. It was also stated at the office that Mr. Noyes had notified Washington of his action.

Threaten Strike
Of all Miners in
Minto DistrictIndications United Mine Workers Will
Put Their Entire Resources Behind
Minto Workers, and That 400 Men
There May Soon be on Strike—
\$6,500 Already Given by Organiza-
tion to Families of Men on Strike There

(Special despatch to The Daily Gleaner.)
Truro, N. S., April 7.—The United Mine Workers' executive in District No. 26 are clearing the decks to have a showdown in the Minto, N. B., district. Last night the executive board met in private session and thoroughly discussed the situation at Minto, where 400 odd miners formerly in the employ of the Minto Coal Co. are on strike.

These miners have been on strike for the past four months, having refused to accept the award of the McKeown conciliation board. When the strike was first declared, 220 miners walked out, but the great majority of these men have found employment with other operators in the Minto district other than the Minto Coal Co.

Now, the situation is this: The miners employed with the smaller operators believe they should not continue work while their brother miners are on strike with the Minto Coal Company. They have urged upon the U. M. W. executive to give greater assistance to the men on strike, and have even requested that another application for a conciliation board be made on the Department of Labor.

It is believed that by the U. M. W. officials that the miners in the Minto district, other than those on strike, were organized during the strike and that upwards of 400 men have joined the U. M. W. in the New Brunswick fields. These men have proved loyal to the Union, according to a statement by Sergeant Baxter, "refusing the bribes and offers of larger wage increases" from the operators if they form a separate and distinct organization.

The convention yesterday afternoon briefly discussed the Minto situation, and the consensus of opinion was to the effect that the U. M. W. should stand behind the Minto strikers until the Minto Coal Co. was beaten into submission. Delegates even urged that greater financial assistance be given the striking men, when Secretary James B. McLachlan announced that already \$6,500 had been sent to aid the families of the Minto men now on strike. Mr. McLachlan further declared that a family of four were receiving \$6 per week. This amount was judged too small by the secretary and many of the delegates.

From the present attitude it would seem as though the convention will heartily endorse the Minto strike and put the entire resources of the organization behind the men in that section. It may be that before long 400 Minto miners will be on strike, and if the convention decides to back them up there will be a great financial burden for District 26. This burden may be lessened, however, by an application for financial assistance from the international organization. This, of course, will be a matter of policy, to be decided upon by the executive and later ratified by the convention.

Board Members Hayes and Livingstone, who have at different times been at Minto to assist the miners there in their strike, outlined the work already accomplished by the U. M. W. They declared that the only stand for the convention to take was that of entirely endorsing the action of the miners at Minto and fighting on their behalf until the last ditch. Mr. Livingstone said in the course of his remarks that the miners at Minto were forced to work in the mines under conditions that would not be tolerated by miners in Nova Scotia.

FEARED TO SHAME
HER SOLDIER SONWoman Arrested at New York
for Shoplifting Refused to
Give Her Name.

New York, April 7.—"I had a son who was killed in the war while serving in the Canadian army; in memory of him, I cannot disclose my name."

This was the reply of an elderly grey-haired Toronto woman, arrested by the police and sentenced to 60 days in the workhouse, when Judge James J. McInerney, of the court of special sessions, urged her to tell the court her real name.

SIGNED PAY LISTS
UNAUTHORIZED

(By Canadian Associated Press.)
St. Catharines, Ont., April 7.—That some unauthorized person had signed his name to a pay list of the 19th Lincoln Regiment while on canal guard was the declaration made by Lieut. Col. W. A. Trill before the reopened court of enquiry into the financial affairs of the canal guard, held in the armories here yesterday.

CHARGE BRAKEMAN
WITH NEGLIGENCE

(By Canadian Associated Press.)
Ottawa, April 7.—After deliberating for well over two hours, during which time they heard upwards of a dozen witnesses, a Carleton county grand jury, at the opening of the spring sessions of the Supreme Court of Ontario yesterday, returned a true bill against Thomas J. Curley, Canadian Pacific Railway brakeman, who is arraigned to stand trial on two charges of criminal negligence arising out of the Corbiel wreck on the morning of January 25.

MONTREAL SYNOD
TO MEET TUESDAY

(By Canadian Associated Press.)
Montreal, April 7.—The annual meeting of the Synod of the diocese of Montreal, which is to continue here next Tuesday, does not so far promise any topics of outstanding interest. Bishop Farthing regards the question of the change of name of the Church of England in Canada as a hardy annual about which there is apparently no very strong feeling. It was stated by Bishop Farthing that the centenary of the Anglican Church of Rupert's Land will be celebrated in Winnipeg in October.