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DELEGATES OPTIMISTIC ON RETURN

MARITIME MEN ENCOURAGED BY FINE RECEPTION AT OTTAWA

Presentation of Case Focuses Attention of Whole Dominion on Problems of Lower Provinces

FOLLOW UP NEEDED, SAYS L. W. SIMMS

Ontario and Quebec Papers Are Strongly Commended by St. John Men For Generous Backing of Port Demands—About Twenty-Five of Local Deputation Home Today

Highly optimistic as to results that may be expected from their meeting Premier King, members of the Cabinet and of the House of Commons, a large number of St. John members of the all-Canada delegation which strongly advocated a national transportation policy and a limiting of the British preference to trade through Canadian ports, returned home at noon today. It was the general feeling of the members interviewed that while tangible results were not apparent, the trip would serve the purpose of focusing the attention of the entire country on the problems of the Maritime Provinces, and thus lead to prompt action by Parliament.

URGES STRONG FOLLOW-UP

L. W. Simms, president of the St. John Board of Trade, declared on his return that a strong follow-up was needed to emphasize the purpose and aims of the delegation. Mr. Simms expressed the opinion that much remained to be done, even though the Government's reception had been favorable.

About 25 delegates returned home today. The remainder are due to leave Montreal this evening, arriving here tomorrow noon. All praised the handling of the delegation by the C. P. R. and the C. N. R.

Interviews were obtained with those who could be reached on return, as follows:

L. W. SIMMS

That the Maritime delegation to Ottawa was a long step forward in the movement to secure preferences down east, and that a strong follow-up was necessary to consolidate what had been gained and to press on with the good work in this direction, was the opinion expressed by L. W. Simms, president of the St. John Board of Trade, who returned this morning from Ottawa with several other members of the delegation. "We must not take it for granted that our work is finished now," Mr. Simms declared in an interview. "Much remains to be done, and if we are to reap the benefits of the trip, we must continue our efforts to the Parliament of Canada we must be prepared to maintain our efforts in this direction."

F. W. ROACH

F. W. Roach, of Brock and Paterson Ltd., said he felt the delegation had done considerable good but their efforts would have to be persistently followed up if the full benefit from the trip was to be reaped. The Government had given the delegates an attentive hearing and practically all members of the House had attended the evening meeting.

MAJOR WM. VASSIE

Major William Vassie of Vassie & Company, said he felt the time and energy spent in arranging the delegation had been well worth while and an impression had been left with the members of Parliament which would bear fruit in the future for the benefit of the Maritime Provinces. The delegation was thoroughly representative of the Maritime Provinces and made a splendid presentation of the case for a larger use of Canadian ports.

A. NEIL McLEAN

A. Neil McLean, representing Seville Brothers, Ltd., said his return today that the delegation was very favorably received and that the trip was wholly worth while. The evening meeting in particular, he said, was an outstanding feature, it being attended by many of the members from Western Canada. They showed deep interest in the addresses made.

A. F. BLAKE

A. F. Blake, of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, said he felt the delegation had been most valuable and had served to inform not only the Premier and members of the Cabinet but the situation complained of was serious one of Parliament and the country generally with the same idea. He referred particularly to an editorial in the Montreal Star as a sample of the publicity which the demands of the Maritime Provinces were getting in the newspapers of the country and said he felt the public mind as it brought the as a whole were reading these articles and they were bound to hear fruit.

L. P. D. TILLEY

L. P. D. Tilley said that the delegation had started the people in Upper Canada talking about the Maritime Provinces, and he expressed his surprise at the close manner in which many prominent citizens to whom he was talking both at Ottawa and Montreal had been following the efforts of the delegation to secure recognition of the claims of the Maritime Provinces. He said that the consensus of opinion was that the Maritimes have a just cause for complaint. Referring to the success of the visit, Mr. Tilley expected that it would do considerable good as it brought the (Continued on page 2, column 2.)

Aviators Safe After Six Days Tramp Over Desert Wastes

GEORGE WARWICK

George L. Warwick, of O. H. Warwick Co. Ltd., said that he thought that the delegation would go a great deal of good eventually, although he pointed out that they might not secure exactly the objects they went after. He felt that the visit had stirred up a feeling that the time had arrived when the Maritime Provinces must have consideration from the rest of Canada. That the members at Ottawa were

Saddlemaker-President of Germany Succumbs To Operation

DEATH PLOT AGAINST U. S. NOTABLES REVEALED

Trust Co. Will Guard Estate

MUNFORDSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28.—Lee Collins will no longer manage the estate of his son, Floyd Collins, who perished in a cavern trap. Neither will his three brothers, who brought suit to have the father removed as administrator of the estate. The court appointed the Union Trust Company, of Glasgow, Ky., administrator. The estate consists chiefly of half a share in Crystal Cave, which Floyd discovered.

WILSON, DUPONT SCHWAB AND MORGAN NAMED

Were Listed by Anarchists Before War Declaration

PLANS THWARTED

First Revelations Were Made In Autobiography Of Samuel Gompers

Chief Game Warden Gets Report of Hunting Fatality in Gloucester

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Feb. 28.—Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon has received confirmation of the report made to him some days ago of the killing of a man by another in the same party which was poaching moose. The shooting occurred near Upper Pokemouche, Gloucester County, and was accidental. The details given to the chief game warden are that a party of three men named Landry were out hunting moose. Two were brothers and the third was their cousin.

STATES SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Saying that J. P. Morgan, Charles M. Schwab and T. Coleman Dupont, as well as President Wilson, were listed for assassination by anarchist groups before the entrance of this country into the war, Ralph M. Easley, head of the National Civic Federation, yesterday confirmed and added to the revelations made public by the publication of the autobiography of Samuel Gompers yesterday.

5,000 ARE ON STRIKE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—Five thousand workers are on strike in the oil fields of the Rustrera Oil Company in Tampico and Vera Cruz. Other groups threaten to join in the support of the strikers.

MADE HUGE PROFITS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—France's gambling casinos made profits of 204,000,000 francs during 1924, it was announced in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, when the house voted an amendment raising the percentage accruing to the state treasury and municipalities from such profits from 25 per cent. to 40 per cent.

STEAMER ASHORE

LEWES, Del., Feb. 28.—The Japanese steamer Taibu Maru, from Hamburg, via New York, for Philadelphia, went aground on the Hen and Chickens shoal off the Delaware Capes, early today. The pilot boat Philadelphia and other vessels, went to her assistance. The Philadelphia has a line to the stranded steamer. Marine observers said the steamer had gone aground at low tide, and was not in danger. The crew remained on board, and it was expected the vessel would float at high tide. The steamer was floated on the high tide and proceeded to Philadelphia.

FLIGHT IS STARTED

SELFRIDGE FIELD, Mich., Feb. 28.—Planes of the first pursuit group making a dawn-to-dusk flight to Miami, got into the air at 6:34 this morning. Because it still was dark, orders were given to follow the Detroit River lights to Toledo, then to cut across country, to Wilbur Wright Field, at Dayton.

CHURCH UNION VOTE

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Following is the latest church union summary: British Columbia and Y. T., for 191, against 22; Alberta, for 102, against 23; Saskatchewan, for 448, against 12; Ontario, for 440, against 349; Quebec, for 75, against 42; Nova Scotia, for 91, against 35; Prince Edward Island, for 40, against 13. Totals, for 1,387, against 488.

WOOD LEAVES BARCELONA

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 28.—Oscar C. Wood, former U. S. army officer, whose financial operations have been the subject of wide publicity recently, left Barcelona this afternoon, giving Valencia as his destination.

Four Children Die In Flames

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 28.—Trapped in the second story of their farm home, which was destroyed by flames shortly after midnight, four children of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Corson, living 12 miles from here, met tragic deaths today. Four other children and the mother and father escaped from the burning house by leaping from windows.

THREE YEARS FOR HAVING EXPLOSIVE

LONDON, Feb. 28.—At Newcastle assizes, yesterday, Percy Gibson, aged 38 years, a member of the local Communist party, was found guilty of having explosives in his possession and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. It was charged against him that he had expressed a desire to blow up the Newcastle town hall and the power station, to rob a bank, and cut off the water supply. He was found in possession of nine cartridges and a tin of compressed gunpowder. At his home police seized a quantity of Communist literature, most of which, it was stated, had come from Russia.

APPROVES GAS TAX

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 28.—Just before concluding its annual meeting here yesterday, the Ontario Good Roads Association gave its approval of the imposition of a three cent tax on gasoline, but recommended that it apply only to motor vehicles using the highways.

OLD FIRM ASSIGNS

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 28.—Cockburn Brothers, wholesale milliners have made an assignment in trust to Humphrey Colquhoun. The firm has been in business in Toronto for many years. Liabilities are estimated at about \$50,000 and assets at about the same figure.

RELIGIOUS STRIFE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—Religious excitement is still acute here, with the Knights of Quauhdala, followers of the new "Mexican Catholic Apostolic Church," striving to seize the church buildings. A group of Separatists approached the La Palma church yesterday for the alleged purpose of ejecting the Roman Catholic priest. Crowds of worshippers gathered and the police were called. The intruders fled under a hail of stones; no casualties were reported.

Wife Dead a Week, Husband Suicides

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 28.—George P. Pankhurst, aged 70, whose wife died last Monday, committed suicide here yesterday by hanging.

Died Today



FRIEDRICH EBERT, First president of German Republic, who died this morning after a long illness, following appendicitis operation.

EBERT DIES AS HOPE FOR HIS RECOVERY HIGH

First Ruler Under New Regime Had Remarkable Career

COUNTRY GRIEVES

Statesman Was Looked Upon As First Leader to Sink Party Allegiance

States Ebert Great Ruler

British United Press. BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Count Von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the U. S. paid tribute to Ebert in a telegram received by the United Press from Starnberg, Bavaria. It read: "President Ebert's historical merit is that he rescued Germany from Bolshevism. He did not want revolution but, when the refusal of the Kaiser to abdicate made revolution inevitable, Ebert took over the leadership with a firm hand and gradually restored order by retaining, contrary to the desires of the Radicals, the good will of former officials. Thereafter he governed with fine tact and great non-partisanship. Silent dignity marked his administration."

The end came this morning to the remarkable man who started his life as a saddlemaker's apprentice and to see the German Empire overthrown and himself named the first head of the new democracy. Suddenly stricken ill Monday night and operated on Tuesday morning Ebert weathered the ensuing critical days until early today when a sudden relapse occurred as his physicians were beginning to restore hope of his recovery. His sturdy physique, weakened by the poison of peritonitis, failed to rally and he died at 10.15 a.m. Around his bedside when the end came were grouped his wife, his daughter Amalie and her husband, Dr. Wilhelm Jaczke, and his son-in-law to survive the war, Friedrich, Jr. State Secretary Meisner was the only other person present, aside from the doctor and his assistants. Herr Ebert's nervous system had been badly shaken by the Magdeburg trial affair, and personal attacks against him in connection with the alleged illegal loans of government funds to the Barnt brothers. The judge, while convicting a newspaper editor of libeling the President, took occasion to criticize Herr Ebert for his attitude during the war, virtually charging him with treason. The political attacks upon the President, which culminated in the Magdeburg trial, and the efforts to connect him with the Barnt loans scandal added greatly to the burdens imposed upon him. Critics Disarmed. Putsches and threats of putsches and the jibes of the Monarchists who could not bear the idea of a working man (Continued on page 2, column 6.)

STUDENT SUICIDES

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Harold J. Dodd, 32, of Providence, R. I., a student at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, was found dead in his room last night with a bullet wound in his right temple and a revolver in his hand. Police pronounced his death a suicide. Dodd had served in the Canadian army during the war and had been twice decorated by the British government for valor, police said. He left no note to explain his action.

ESTIMATES PASSED

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Estimates totaling \$1,135,500 were passed in committee of supply in the House of Commons yesterday. The amounts were for the Department of Trade and Commerce and were divided as follows: Administration of crude petroleum bounty, \$1,500; administration of copper bounties act \$1,500; administration hemp bounties act \$500; British and Foreign news service \$32,000; Canada Grain act administration, \$1,100,000.

IS DOING GOOD WORK

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U. S. Trade Commission Office at Ottawa Relieving Pressure on Consulates.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—It is announced that the Dominion Government has made all preparations for a new fine arts section at the British Empire exhibition this year. Works of art entered for the exhibition will be received at the National Gallery here up to March 7.

ARMSTRONG BACKS BATTLE FOR PORTS

NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER ANNOUNCES GOVERNMENT SOLIDLY BEHIND MOVE. Canadian Press Despatch. HALIFAX, Feb. 28.—Speaking in the local Legislature yesterday afternoon Premier Armstrong announced himself and his Government as solidly behind the move for development of Canadian ports and announced that the Government was more than ever determined to seek and obtain from the Federal Government a just accounting of the financial and economic rights of Nova Scotia as provided for in the Confederation agreement.

DOMINION TO HAVE FINE ARTS SECTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The birth of heirs to two of the largest American fortunes became known here with the announcement from Asheville, N. C., of the birth of a son to Mrs. John F. A. Cecil, formerly Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, and of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. William B. Leeds, formerly the Princess Xenia of Greece. The heir to a large portion of the fortune established by Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, and to a noted English name, was born at Biltmore House, the home of the Cecils, since their return from an extended wedding trip. The child has been named George Henry Vanderbilt Cecil.

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Table with 4 columns: Location, Highest during, Lowest, and another column. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.