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THE WEATHER: Probabilities—Fair and Warm.

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TRACK ELEVATION WOULD COST 2 MILLION

SAVES BABE FROM FIRE AT RISK OF OWN LIFE

J. J. Bryant Gallantly Rescues Sleeping Child From Burning House.

NEARLY OVERCOME BY CLOUDS OF SMOKE

Sustains Sprained Ankle In Making Exit From Second-Story Window.

Rushing up a ladder into a smoke-filled bedroom when the home of H. W. Williamson, 273 Wharncliffe road, took fire just before 9 o'clock this morning, J. J. Bryant, a neighbor, rescued a sleeping baby from the flames and himself sustained a sprained ankle and was almost overcome with smoke in his heroic and successful attempt. The house and furniture were badly damaged by the blaze and the loss is estimated at about \$1,500.

Mr. Bryant was on the scene a moment after the fire was discovered, but the flames had by that time made considerable progress, having started in a clothes closet adjoining the bedroom where a sleeping innocence lay curled. Realizing the danger, Mr. Bryant, without waiting for the arrival of the fire department, hastily secured a ladder, placing it against the veranda, he rushed to the roof and effected entrance to the room by breaking and climbing through the window.

UNCONSCIOUS OF PERIL.

Into the smoke-filled room the rescuer sought and found the child in its cot, where it lay blissfully ignorant of its imminent peril. With the baby in his arms Mr. Bryant made his exit again through the window, in doing which he suffered a sprained ankle. Another neighbor, J. Harry Ward, who also had appeared on the scene, immediately assisted him in getting the child to safety, where it was restored to its mother's arms. Mr. Bryant was assisted to his home, where he is recuperating from his injury and the effects of the smoke.

The flames started in a clothes closet in which hung a quantity of wearing apparel. The fact that the fire was due to the cause is that a match had been used in searching through the closet and an undetected spark had set fire to the clothing.

All of the fire apparatus in the city responded to the alarm, but difficulty was met with in fighting the flames due to the fact that the fire was concentrated beneath the plaster and had gained a hold on the framework underneath.

The furniture was badly damaged and much plaster had to be pulled from the walls to get at the blaze. It was finally extinguished after about an hour's hard work on the part of the firemen under the direction of Fire Chief Alken.

HEAD OF KRUPP WORKS ARRESTED BY FRENCH

Will Be Charged With Endangering Lives.

ESSEN, May 1.—Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, president of the Krupp works here, was arrested today by the French military authorities in connection with the shooting at the Krupp plant on March 21, when 14 Germans were killed and 39 wounded in a clash with French troops.

The head of the Krupp works will be charged, with three other of the Krupp directors, with endangering the safety of the troops of occupation, in violation of the decree of Gen. DeGoutte, the French military chief in the Ruhr. This decree provides for imprisonment for 10 years, up to life, at hard labor, or execution by shooting.

PREMIER ON VACATION.

Bonar Law Leaves on Dutch Lifer For Italy.

Special Cable to London Free Press. SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., May 1.—Premier Bonar Law left for Genoa on the Dutch liner Princess Juliana today for an extended vacation. He will reach Italy on May 9.

Doubts Migration of Skilled Workers To U.S. Is Abnormally Large In View of Conditions

New York Times Says It Is Probably the Annual Spring Movement.

NEW YORK, May 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—A review of Canada's present advantages is given by The New York Times in the course of an editorial on recent reports from the United States of a migration from Canada to the United States of a large number of skilled workers.

The Times discounts the seriousness of the situation from the Canadian point of view, declaring conditions in Canada are not such as to warrant anything resembling a migration of skilled workers of all classes may be doubted.

J. L. Richmond



District Superintendent of Bell Telephone Company, who is retiring from office after 33 years' service. He was tendered a banquet last evening.

DAMAGE 10 MILLIONS AS FLOODS CONTINUE

Score of Bridges Carried Out In New Brunswick By Swollen Streams.

MILLIONS OF FEET OF LUMBER SWEEP AWAY

Conditions Are Unparalleled Since Disastrous Floods of 1887.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 1.—With damage estimated to amount to anywhere between five and ten million dollars, the St. John River is still continuing to rise this morning. The power station here is out of commission owing to being flooded with water and the city water system will have to close down if the water rises a few more inches, causing a situation which will be deplorable to say the least. Millions of feet of lumber are floating down the river unchecked, the boom companies being unable to swing them. The lumber will probably run out into the Bay of Fundy and most of it be a total loss.

MANY BRIDGES GONE.

Reports from the Provincial Government here state that so far 21 bridges have been carried out in this province.

In this district the Nashua bridge went out last night and several other bridges on the Nashua have been moved and are in a precarious condition.

The railway situation is at its worst. The railway station at St. John's Junction, where four washouts occurred. Between Fredericton and Junction and Macadam were two washouts of a minor character and just over the Maine border and in the northern section of New Brunswick serious damage is reported. The Canadian National Railway line is also flooded in the vicinity of Dorchester.

Conditions are unparalleled since the floods of 1887.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property along the St. John River and its tributaries have been destroyed, while railroad traffic is practically at a standstill all over the province.

IN QUEBEC, TOO.

QUEBEC, April 30.—News received from Beauce today indicated that the Chaudiere River was steadily rising as a result of rainfalls during the past 48 hours. Official reports stated that the rise was more rapid than ever recorded before, the river being six feet over its ordinary level. The water across three feet over the week-end.

TEMPERATURES.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures taken between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m.:

Stations	High	Low	Clear
LONDON	52	42	Clear
Victoria	48	48	Fair
Calgary	48	29	Clear
Winnipeg	42	29	Cloudy
Port Arthur	60	28	Clear
Dartmouth	48	28	Cloudy
Toronto	50	26	Clear
Kingston	46	28	Fair
Port Hope	48	28	Clear
Montreal	54	40	Cloudy
Quebec	46	28	Cloudy
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Borengaria	Cherbourg	New York
Carmania	Queensdown	New York
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Mugantia	Liverpool	New York
Mellita	Southampton	St. John

CHAIN OF EVIDENCE WEAKENS SUSPECT

Fire Bug Suspect Expected To Make Confession In Court To-Morrow.

DEFIANT ATTITUDE HAS NOW DISAPPEARED

R. C. R. Recruit Hemmed In By Mass of Circumstantial Evidence.

Hemmed in by an avalanche of circumstantial evidence, Pte. John V. Ison, R. C. R. recruit, alleged to have started incendiary fires in London since July last, is slowly but surely weakening under the gruelling cross-examinations being conducted by Sgt. Birtwhistle and his men of the R. C. M. P., and it is expected that before long Ison will admit his connection with big fires not only at the barracks but in the city as well.

Early this afternoon it is known that Sgt. Birtwhistle interviewed Ison in his cell at the county jail. After a strenuous examination this morning by other members of the sergeant's detachment Ison's demeanor of defiance has changed since yesterday. He has become extremely nervous and has bitten his finger nails until they are bleeding. He is anxious now as to his fate, but has not admitted he fired any particular building.

He did admit this afternoon, it is said, that he met the Dundas street merchant referred to exclusively in yesterday's Free Press at midnight on August 16, last, just as the latter saw a burst of flames burst from between a lavatory and the side of a barber shop at 653 Dundas street.

ADMITTED BEING IMPLICATED.

From information given Ison not only admitted the occurrence but gave the name of the merchant. He declared that he had not told the truth on that occasion to the man and was of the opinion that he had made a mess of the whole matter, which could not be helped now.

GET MORE EVIDENCE.

Sgt. Birtwhistle spent the morning gathering additional pieces of evidence and will not rest until his case is complete. It is expected that Ison will be examined as to his sanity this afternoon at the jail.

The letters received by Chief Alken and the mayor from "Tony the Fire Bug" are not being examined.

THE WEATHER

FAIR—WARM.

PROBABILITIES.

Moderate winds, fair and a little warmer. Wednesday, fair and moderately warm.

NOTES.

Pressure is now higher over the Great Lakes and the Middle States and relatively low in the Mississippi Valley and in the Maritime Provinces. Good rains have been almost general to the westward of Winnipeg.

The weather is clearing and the temperature is rising in the Maritime Provinces.

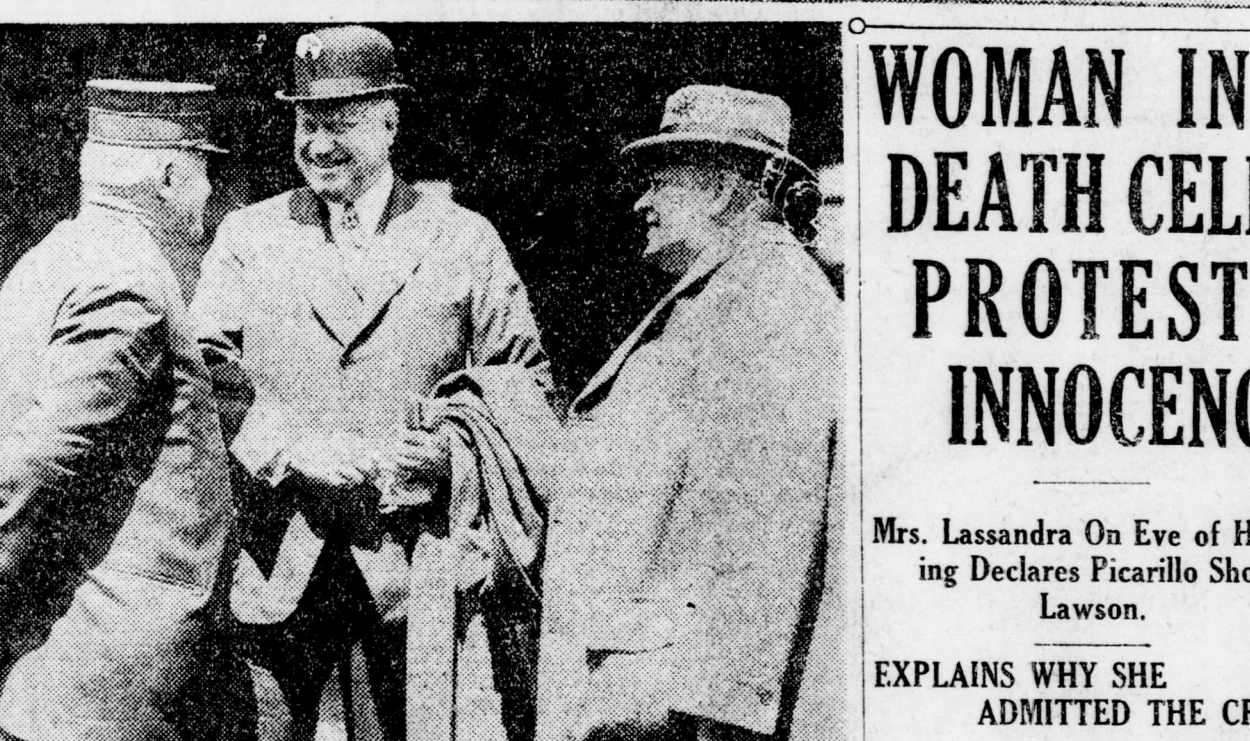
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Sir Henry Thornton, K. C. B., President C. N. R., In City



Sir Henry Thornton and accompanying officials are shown in the upper picture. Sir Henry is the man standing in the center, with Superintendent Forrester, of Toronto, on his left, and Frank J. Watson, freight traffic manager, of Toronto, on his right. The other officials are: Vice-president J. E. Dalrymple, R. A. C. Henry, director of bureau of economics, and F. L. C. Bond, chief engineer of the central division.

In the lower picture Sir Henry is shown expressing his good wishes to Robert Logan, veteran railway constable. The smile on Sir Henry's face clearly indicates his feelings.

STEEL TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED

Corporation Thrown Into Bankruptcy By Creditors.

CLAIMS TO BE ADJUSTED

Conflict of Authority Made Proceeding Necessary.

BUFFALO, May 1.—L. R. Steel, Inc., was thrown into bankruptcy late yesterday on petition of creditors friendly to the receivers. Creditors of the L. R. Steel companies must meet within the next 30 days to elect trustees to handle the property and adjust claims. The bankruptcy proceedings, it was alleged in a statement by the receivers, was

made necessary because of the conflict of authority between the general receivers appointed by the federal court of this district and the ancillary receivers appointed by courts in other parts of the United States.

The bankruptcy control of the L. R. Steel properties will be vested in the trustees to be chosen, regardless of where the properties are situated.

OLD LONDON'S POLICE KEEP EYE ON RED FLAG IN MAY DAY PARADE

Demonstrations Descend On Hyde Park and Pass Resolutions — May Day Chiefly a Festival in Paris.

By CHARLES M. McCANN

Special Cable to London Free Press. LONDON, May 1.—British workers observed May Day at a huge Hyde Park mass meeting, at which the following resolutions

- 1—Sympathy for German workers in the Ruhr.
- 2—Denunciation of the Versailles treaty.
- 3—Demand for recognition of Soviet Russia.
- 4—Demand for withdrawal of Japanese from the Russian Island of Sakhalin.

Monster parades, under red flags, with thousands of workers lifting their voices in revolutionary songs, while stalwart London police marched alongside, cleared the way, and jostled with the demonstrators, converged on the park.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to the Government and to the French and Japanese ambassadors.

Special Cable to London Free Press. DESSIGLORP, May 1.—First reports from the Ruhr indicate May Day would be quiet.

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NO NEW STATION THIS YEAR FOR CITY SAYS HEAD OF C. N. RAILWAY

Sir Henry Thornton, K. C. B., Arrives in City On Tour of Inspection—New President Is Big and Jovial, With Keen Business Mind—Says Track Elevation Is Largely Question of Finances —Willing To Discuss Proposition.

MEETING OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND TRIP TO LAKE ERIE ON PROGRAM

London cannot have any new Canadian National Railway station this year. This was the one and only definite statement given out by Sir Henry Thornton, K. C. B., president of the Canadian National Railways, as he stepped from his special car at the old station today. Track elevation is also still in the future, although he intimated that if the city desires the tracks elevated and is willing to pay its share of the costs, there would be no objection to reopening negotiations with this end in view.

Sir Henry Thornton, accompanied by Vice-President J. E. Dalrymple, Freight Traffic Manager, Frank J. Watson, Director of Bureau of Economics, R. A. C. Henry, Chief Engineer of Central Region, F. L. C. Bond, and Superintendent Forrester of Toronto, is making a general tour of inspection. While in London he is holding conferences with the local officials, inspecting the station and other properties and, in addition to taking a drive around the city, he will be taken to Port Stanley by special train.

SIR HENRY REGULAR FELLOW.

A first glance at Sir Henry Thornton would convince anyone that he is a big man filling a big position. Gentle, jovial and approachable, he had a cheery word of greeting for everyone he met as he stepped from his car. That none of the city officials or representatives of the Chamber of Commerce was there to greet him was pointed out by Sir Henry. One of his officials explained that Sir Henry is a man of business first and he would rather not be taken to Port Stanley by special train.

One incident that will not long be forgotten was the cheery greeting he gave Robert Logan, who has served the railway faithfully for 26 years. Sir Henry stopped to shake hands and to leave his hearty wishes for the future with Mr. Logan. Spectators were at the station to see the two men who were the most pleased at the meeting.

NOTHING DEFINITE.

Although Sir Henry is quite approachable, he had not much definite information that would be of value to London. He pointed out that he does not know the local situation at all as yet. He is here to look the situation over and to see what can be done. He should say he had not seen the station yet, although he was standing on the platform at the time when he was asked to give a word of greeting to the city.

"Has London any immediate chance of securing a new station?" he was asked.

"There is nothing in the estimates for this year, at least," was the reply. What might be done in the future he could not say until he has had a chance to go over the local ground more thoroughly.

Referring to the possibilities of track elevation, he declared that he has a dozen propositions from as many municipalities and until he has taken up the matter thoroughly nothing definite can be said. However, if the city is disposed to proceed with the plan and has the money to pay for its share of the work, he would be pleased to enter into negotiations at the earliest possible moment.

Sir Henry explained that track elevation is almost entirely a matter of finances. The negotiations carried on in 1906 were recalled to him, but he pointed out that the costs today would be more than double the estimates of that period. Thus it was estimated that the city would be called upon to pay \$1,000,000 as its share of the work at that time. Hence the municipality would be asked to pay at least \$2,000,000 for the same work today.

"If the city wishes to take up this question of track elevation negotiations could be undertaken soon," Sir Henry stated. "I cannot say what would be done without going further into the matter, however. The question is one of finance. And I have not had a chance to go carefully into the local situation as I would want to before making a definite statement as to the possibilities of track elevation. All I can say is that negotiations could be commenced if the city wishes to take the matter up."

Sir Henry is well pleased with conditions as he finds them generally throughout his trip. The prospects for business in general are good, and he anticipates the C. N. R. will have its share of the Dominion's prosperity in the immediate future. While he had no definite chance to see London prior to going to press he was impressed with that part he had the opportunity of viewing.

ON THIS YEAR'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS BATTLE OF C. N. R. AND THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

"We have approximately 100,000 employed upon the Canadian National Railways. Success depends upon the way you pull together.

"With our employees working together, with fidelity, loyalty and honesty of purpose, success will be irresistible.

"By courtesy, service and assistance to the public we can make friends and it is our duty to do so.

"Everything that affects the welfare and reputation of the road is the business of each one of us.

"We have a task this year that is exceedingly difficult. It is our test. This year will be my most anxious year.

"If by the end of the first year we make a reasonable financial showing, I assure you the battle will be won.

"It is highly essential that every man does all he can to save money. If each individual will save only a nickel a day, it would make a big sum.

"Fidelity, loyalty and desire to serve faithfully spell the difference between success and failure.

"I promise every man sympathetic consideration, justice and a desire to help him all I can. In return he should put his shoulder to the wheel and do all he can."

Speaking in a quiet way, following a rousing reception, Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R., speaking at the South Western Ontario District Staff Luncheon, held at the Tecumseh House at noon today, declared that the end of the present year financial development is shown by the C. N. R. reports. "I am satisfied that the battle of the C. N. R. system and the battle of the people of Canada will have been won.

Guest of the meeting which was presided over by R. H. Fish, general superintendent of Toronto, included representatives from the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, The Free Press and Advocate. An address of welcome was given by Mayor Wenige in which he asked Sir Henry to make out an order for one-twelfth dozen stations and three-quarters of a dozen elevated crossings. Pointing to an old picture of the Old Grand Trunk Station he said that nothing had changed, but the dresses worn by the ladies shown in the painting, Sir Adam Beck, also showed the need of a new station and terminals especially the London & Port Stanley Railway. James Gray, president of the Chamber of Com-

merce told Sir Henry that the C. N. R. had the co-operation of that organization.

CO-OPERATION KEYNOTE.

In the opening his address, which was given particularly for the benefit of his fellow-employees, Sir Henry thanked the previous speakers for their expressions of faith and co-operation, saying that in regard to pronouncement on the administration of the C. N. R. in this vicinity that he preferred to keep any announcements he might make till the meeting to-night. Nevertheless he said that the C. N. R. would always be ready to help in construction and in providing for the welfare of the district.

NEW ORGANIZATION.

"This year is our test," said Sir Henry. "This is my most anxious year. We have a new organization. The officers have not yet fully realized their responsibilities. They do not know each other well enough yet. We are like players not known to each other do not play a first game as well as they would after playing 40 games. It will be so.

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