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COURT ACTION IN SCOVILL CASE AT FREDERICTON

EVIDENCE IN J. M. SCOVILL CASE AT FREDERICTON

J. S. Lord Details Irregularities in Road Expenses

NO AUDIT, CHARGE

Public Accounts Committee Decides To Refer Matter To Legislature

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICTON, April 28—Charges of irregularities involving J. M. Scovill in connection with the 1925 Charlottetown county road expenditures, made on the floors of the House by J. S. Lord, member for Charlotte, were further aired before the Public Accounts Committee this morning.

Mr. Lord appeared before the committee and detailed several of the outstanding features of his charges, including payments for services as a road supervisor, car hire and chauffeur's services, as well as sales of supplies and parts by the Motor Sales Co. and the Allan Construction Company.

Mr. Lord submitted a series of statements which he said he had compiled from the records of the Public Works Department touching permanent and ordinary road expenditures for 1925 in substantiation of his charges.

ACCOUNTS QUESTIONED

These statements included accounts paid to Mr. Scovill for services as a road supervisor, supplies, car hire, etc., in many instances accounts being shown for work in different parishes on the same day. Mr. Lord claimed it to have been impossible for Mr. Scovill to have been in the different localities on the same day.

Mr. Lord also drew attention to the account of the Allan Construction Company and the Motor Sales Company.

"It looks as though he had complete control of the road expenditures in Charlotte county," said Hon. Mr. Smith.

Mr. Lord said that he had challenged B. M. Hill on the Hastings with the situation and that the latter had not replied. Numerous pay sheets he said had been brought into the department by Mr. Hill and signed by him without any audit of the accounts being made.

In addition Mr. Lord charged that the pay sheets showed that men who had attended the Liberal convention in Charlottetown had been credited with 10 hours work for that day.

COURT ACTION HINTED

The criminal nature of the charges was considered by the committee and it was decided that the situation should be reported to the House. Several members of the committee expressed the opinion that the situation was one which should be referred to the Attorney General's Department as well as that the province would institute action to recover the amount.

Meanwhile arrangements were made for the preparation of the report of the committee and the finding in the various investigations. The consolidation of the report was left to the chairman.

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Amundsen and Mate Speed Preparations For Air Dash To North Pole

Comes Back To Same Church He Ran Away From

And So, Wedding, Interrupted On Thanksgiving Day, Finally Is Completed

BOSTON, April 28.—And so they lived happily ever after.

With new sails shivering in the moonlight and not a ripple upon the water, the good ship Courtship sailed into the happy harbor of matrimony this week bearing as passengers Leo T. Kelley, 27-year-old Brookline man, and Miss Ruth Carmichael, 20, also of Brookline.

THEIR somewhat belated wedding, interrupted last Thanksgiving Day, when the groom failed to appear at the church, took place at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory of St. Mary of Assumption Church, Brookline. The Rev. Bernard O'Keefe performed the ceremony. Miss Bernadette Sloan, chum of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Leo Petrie, chum of the groom, was best man.

IT WAS in the very same rectory that Miss Carmichael waited in vain on last Thanksgiving, surrounded by friends, for Mr. Kelley. When the groom-to-be failed to appear the wedding was called off and the bride-to-be returned to her home broken-hearted.

Mr. Kelley was later located in Syracuse through a letter he sent to Miss Carmichael. He returned this spring and the couple last forgave and forgot. Following the reception at the home of the bride, the couple departed on their honeymoon tour.

2 NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED HERE

Associated Farmers, Ltd. and Evangeline Beverages, Ltd., Are Listed

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FREDERICTON, N. B., April 28.—Associated Farmers, Ltd., is incorporated with head office at Saint John and total capital stock of \$9,000. Those incorporated are Arlington T. Gamson, Saint John, Harold McCready, Shannon, Queens county, and A. Stanley Merrill, Saint John. The company is authorized to carry on a general mercantile business and also business as dealers in agricultural products.

Evangeline Beverages, Ltd., is incorporated with head office at Saint John and capital stock of \$5,000. Those incorporated are T. Louis McGowan, Cyril L. C. Atkinson, and Adrian B. Gilbert. The company is authorized to carry on business in the manufacture and sale of aerated waters and in other lines.

Mussolini Planning Trip To Cyrenaica

ROME, April 28.—The results of Premier Mussolini's trip to Tripoli have been so satisfactory that he has decided according to reports current in political circles here, to visit Cyrenaica next September.

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ALUMINUM CO. BUYS SAGUENAY POWER INTEREST

Acquires Duke - Price Firm, \$37,000,000 Bonds Underwritten

BIG INVESTMENT

Manufacturing Plant To Be Established At Arvida, Quebec

Canadian Press

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Aluminum Company of America, which is entering the Canadian industrial field on a large scale, has purchased the Duke-Price Power Company, Limited, the organization formed by the late James B. Duke and the late Sir Wm. Price, Canadian paper, pulp magnate, to develop power resources on the Saguenay river in Quebec province.

In furtherance of the sale, a syndicate of banks, including the Guaranty Company, Bankers' Trust Company and Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, underwrote yesterday an issue of \$37,000,000 of six per cent. bonds of the Duke-Price Power Company.

These three institutions will head the syndicate which will offer the bonds in the New York market before the end of the week, probably at par.

MILLIONS INTERESTED

The acquisition of the Guaranty Company with the Aluminum Company of America is through Richard B. Mellon, brother of the secretary of the Aluminum Canadian division, who recently was elected to the board of the Guaranty Trust Company. Both Andrew and Richard B. Mellon are large stockholders in the Aluminum Company of America.

The issue of bonds for the Duke-Price Power Company, it is said, will offer opportunity for the Aluminum Company of America to repay the Duke and the Price interests for their majority holdings in this important Canadian division, as well as to furnish additional capital for a program of expansion which the Aluminum Company of America has under way in Canada.

HUGE INVESTMENT

The Aluminum Company of America is making a tremendous investment in the Dominion under the name of the Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited. Its manufacturing plant is to be at Arvida, Quebec.

CANADIAN PRESS CHIEF IS OPTIMISTIC

Woods Believes Brighter and Better Day Dawning For Canada

Canadian Press

TORONTO, April 28.—An optimistic note was struck today by J. H. Woods, of the Calgary Herald, at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Press, over which he presided.

"After surveying," he said, "with such care and ability as I possess the general situation throughout Canada, I believe we may look forward with good hope and sanguine minds to the future of our country and the business and profession in which we are engaged. I think that many of the troubles which have afflicted us are on the way to solution, and that a brighter and better day than we have seen for quite a while is now dawning for the people and press of Canada."

MINISTERS REGISTERED

FREDERICTON, April 28.—Rev. John F. Ryan, Blackville, and Rev. Thomas F. Barry, Chatham, Roman Catholics, have been registered to solemnize marriage in the Province of New Brunswick.

31 WILL GRADUATE FROM U. N. B. IN MAY

Encausal Exercises Will Take Place on Thursday, The 13th; The Speakers

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FREDERICTON, April 28.—Dr. C. J. Jones, chancellor of the U. N. B., has announced the encausal program for the exercises on May 13, which will mark the close of the academic year.

The class of 1926 has 31 members of whom six are young women. Fifteen degrees are to be given in arts, one in forestry, nine in engineering and six in law.

The baccalaureate sermon is to be preached at St. Paul's United church on Sunday, May 9, by Rev. J. S. Sutherland, D. D. The senate is to meet on Wednesday, May 12.

Hon. The Right Hon. Governor as visitor on behalf of His Majesty will preside.

The faculty orator will be H. P. Webb, professor of forestry. The address to the graduating class will be by A. O. Dawson of Montreal, vice-president of Canadian Cottons, Limited, Montreal. The Alumni oration will be by J. T. Liebert, M.A., LL.B., of Campbellton. The valedictory will be by W. Stuart MacFarlane of Nashwaak.

FOR OVERHAULING

The steamer Grand Manan has been withdrawn from regular run for repairs and general overhauling, and her place has been taken by the bay steamer La Tour. The Grand Manan is on the West Side having a new boiler put in, and then will go on the marine railway at Courtenay Bay.

Two Women Honored For Saving Lives

Canadian Press

LONDON, April 28.—Two women, representing 35 others who launched a lifeboat and braved the terrors of a wild winter night, have been honored by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Miss Stephenson, daughter of the Cozswain of the lifeboat at Boulmer, and Mrs. B. Stanton, wife of the second coxswain, received from Lord Foster the thanks of the committee of the institution, inscribed in vellum. The tribute was for their gallantry on the night of December 20, when they, with the other women, dragged a lifeboat a mile and a quarter in the face of a blizzard and then stood by to launch her. In March, 1924, the women also distinguished themselves when, upon their waists in water, they rescued a shipwrecked crew.

EXTEND TIME LIMIT FOR HYDRO DECISION

Provincial Commission Given Until June, 1927, to Determine Policy

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICTON, April 28.—Extension to June 1, 1927, of the time in which the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission must determine its policy in regard to taking 6,000 horsepower reserved for the province by Saint John River Power Co. Ltd., announced at the Corporations Committee, which sat this morning.

The original provision in the bill set the date at January 1, 1927, but objection was taken by Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, and others, that the time was too short.

TIMBER LICENSES

Authority to take over the timber licenses now held by Sleson Cutter Company, by Fraser Companies Ltd., upon payment of such fee as the Lieutenant Governor-in-council may decide, was granted by the Minister of Lands and Mines, and the issue of the bill granting the right to construct a transmission line from Grand Falls, similar proposition was inserted in the New Brunswick International Paper Company, which is under consideration.

A conference of the Dalhousie Lumber Company, Ltd., and the Miramichi Lumber Company, Ltd., was held at the conclusion of the Corporations Committee meeting this morning when the proposed \$2 per horsepower on any development by the province below the Grand Falls was under consideration. This report will be laid before the House tomorrow. It is understood, however, that such tax will apply only to developments by private companies and that no tax will be placed on any provincial development except with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

THREE MEN HELD

Three men, who found Duffy lying mortally under the scene of the shooting, were held early today for further questioning.

McSwiggin and Doherty were driving toward Chicago when the car which had been following them drew alongside to place the machine gun in range. After the first volley, the occupants of the attacked car fled in a panic. Duffy fell and died several hours later in a hospital.

The other two staggered back to the automobile and sped away. A mile and a half from the scene the bodies of McSwiggin and Doherty were found. The police believe that the fleeing car was overtaken, but whether the victims were given their death wounds in their own car or in that of the attackers was a matter of speculation. Indications were that McSwiggin had put up a desperate struggle to escape or overpower his captors.

AUTO IS MISSING

The fate of the fourth member of the McSwiggin party is a mystery, and the automobile has not been found.

McSwiggin left his home last night with Duffy, telling relatives that he planned to go to Barway, another western suburb for a game of cards. The two entered an automobile and alongside to place the machine gun in range. After the first volley, the occupants of the attacked car fled in a panic. Duffy fell and died several hours later in a hospital.

Deposed Mine Leader On Way To Russia

PITTSBURGH, Kas., April 28.—Alexander Howatt, deposed Kansas Union Miners' president, is in Scotland on his way to Russia, and to the Communist International convention, to be held this spring. It was learned here today, Howatt, accompanied by his wife, sailed from New York April 10. He plans to sit as a delegate in the convention.

Reason For Earth's Axis Wobble Is Told

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 28.—Captain Thomas J. See, United States Navy mathematician and government astronomer at Mare Island, near here, announced yesterday that he discovered the cause of variation of the earth's axis.

He is John Adams Abbott, of Boston, Mass. His forebears were President John Adams and John Quincy Adams. He is accused of having severely beaten Salvatore Astroglio, a Roman juggler, who came to his hotel and invited him out for a fight after a dispute regarding precedence in entering the Vatican Garden.

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GANGSTERS SLAY ILL. PROSECUTOR AND 2 OTHERS

Attorney Was Notable For Zeal Against Criminals

USE MACHINE GUN

Killers Drive Alongside Car of Victims and Pour in Hall of Lead

Canadian Press

CHICAGO, Ill., April 28.—William H. McSwiggin, youthful assistant state's attorney, known as "The hanging prosecutor," because of his zeal in conducting criminal trials, was slain last night in a blast of machine gun fire poured by gangsters into an automobile in which he and three other men were riding.

Two of his companions also were killed. They were James J. Doherty, reputed leader of beer runners of Cicero, a suburb, and Thomas Duffy, owner of a saloon.

The hall of lead came from an automobile which drew up beside the car in which McSwiggin and his companions were driving on the boundary line between Chicago and Cicero.

PROSECUTED SLAYERS

While authorities were delving in a mass of possible motives for the shooting, John Steeg, veteran captain of detectives, said that the assistant prosecutor was marked for death because of his prosecution of John Scallisi and Robert Anselmi, Genoa gangsters, under sentence to 14 years in prison for the slaying of two police officers.

The issue of the machine gun was passed along the line that he was on his way to Cicero, plans were quickly made and the slayers with their machine gun were on the scene. Captain Steeg asserted.

In connection with this theory, the Chicago Tribune said that only two gangsters, who might furnish clues leading to the identity of the machine gun crew.

SEARCH for the slayers began immediately under the direction of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, who declared he was astounded at the temerity of the slaying. A conference of state, county and city officers was called to lay plans for rounding up gangsters who might furnish clues leading to the identity of the machine gun crew.

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DUST STORMS CAUSE DAMAGE TO CROPS

Minnesota and Dakota Grain Lands May Have to Be Re-seeded

Canadian Press

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 28.—Dust storms caused much damage yesterday to farms in southwestern Minnesota and southwestern South Dakota. As a result several thousand acres of land planted in grain, may have to be re-seeded. Coming at a time when rain is badly needed, the storm is considered very damaging.

The gale at times attained a 50-mile velocity. Clouds which blackened the skies necessitated the use of artificial lights.

CLAIM WORLD MARK

Papers Say Welsh Driver Did 172 Miles an Hour in Auto

Canadian Press

PENDINE, Wles., April 28.—J. G. P. Thomas, driving a 400 horsepower motor car, is credited with covering one mile each way on the sands here, at an average speed of 169 miles an hour. He did one way at 172 miles an hour. The newspapers claim this is a world's record.

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HALIFAX, N. S., April 28.—A slight earthquake, estimated to have occurred about 2,500 miles south of here, was reported this morning by the Physics Department of Dalhousie University. The tremor was recorded at 11:26.

Descendant of Two Presidents Jailed For Assault In Rome

Canadian Press

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Hangar Completed At King's Bay For Norge

ANXIOUS TO GO

Pair Expect To Make History By Being First To Cross World's Top

EDITOR NOTE—Arthur Lewin, United Press Staff Correspondent, has arrived at King's Bay on the Spitzbergen island, far within the Arctic Circle, to tell the story of this year's polar expedition.

After a long and arduous trip by whaler and steamer through the icy waters of the far north, and after once being compelled to put back because of engine trouble on his steamer, Lewin is now established and has called his initial story to the United Press.

He is the first Press Association correspondent to arrive on the scene of Captain Roald Amundsen's jump off by dirigible to the pole, and his dispatches will be carried exclusively by United Press for readers of The Evening Times-Star.

By ARTHUR LEWIN

United Press Staff Correspondent

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KING'S BAY, via Spitzbergen, April 27.—Beautiful weather and favorable winds have combined to speed up the preparations of the noted explorer, Captain Roald Amundsen and his companion, Elnohs Ellsworth, for their next dramatic attempt to reach the pole. A week of feverish activity has followed the arrival here last Wednesday of the two Arctic pioneers.

The ship, the "Knut Skaustran," sailed up to the quay here blessed by a wind, sunshine and a temperature of only 40 degrees which combined to break the nearly fast ice in the bay. It seemed a good omen for the expedition, following as it did a long period of clear cold weather with north-easterly winds and severe frosts.

AWAIT DIRIGIBLE

This fine weather has continued with the result that Amundsen and Ellsworth are now ready for the arrival of the dirigible, the dirigible in which they expect to make history by being the first to cross the pole by air. The Norge is at Leningrad, whence it is expected to leave Saturday or Sunday for King's Bay. Its huge hangar here has been completed and is ready to receive it. The mooring mast was given its finishing touch today, and the work of unloading the cargo of the Knut Skaustran, the most important item of which is the hydrogen gas for the Norge, is virtually done.

ANXIOUS TO START

Meantime Amundsen and Ellsworth are restlessly awaiting their next step. They are taking long sprints about the surrounding country here to pass the time away.

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, April 28.—Sterling exchange steady. Great Britain 486, France 580, Italy 462, Germany 38.80, Canadian dollar, 2-15 of one per cent premium.

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The weather continues warm in the far west.

RAIN; THEN CLEARING.

FORECASTS:

MARITIME—Fresh to strong southerly winds, rain tonight, Thursday, southerly winds, milk and clearing.

NEW ENGLAND—Shows this afternoon and probably tonight, cooler tonight in west portion. Thursday fair, strong southwest and west winds, diminishing by Thursday.

TORONTO, April 28:

Temperatures. Lowest 8 a. m. Yesterday night

Victoria ... 54 72 54

Calgary ... 80 76 48

Edmonton ... 76 48

Winnipeg ... 84 62 26

Toronto ... 46 50 57

Montreal ... 38 48 84

Saint John ... 46 46 32

Halifax ... 46 50 32

New York ... 46 54 44

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