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ON TO OTTAWA, SAYS VENIOT

Matter of Freight Rates to be Brought Before Government.

Call to Every Town—Would Have Whole Province Represented in Delegation to Ask for Justice to Maritime Provinces.

The question of railway freight rates was discussed by the Bathurst board of trade this week. The Northern Light report says—

Referring to the meeting of the Railway Commission held at Halifax the other day, Mr. Mullins said that to them the one most gratifying feature was a declaration by the chairman, Mr. Carvell, that the board had no jurisdiction over rail rates on the I. C. R. east or Montreal. This declaration was made in answer to questions put by Mr. Hance J. Logan, M. P., and Mr. E. P. McDonald, M. P., Mr. Carvell, in supplementing his declaration, stated that while the Canadian National management, now operating the I. C. R. accepted the rulings of the board, an appeal could be taken to the minister of railways.

That meant, said Mr. Mullins, that the government must assume the duty of dealing with the grievances of the maritime provinces respecting rail rates. "That is something new. It is more than that. It is something upon which we can base the re-opening of the whole question of freight rates. Formerly when we took the matter up with the federal government we were led to understand that they had no further jurisdiction in the matter."

It would appear from Mr. Carvell's declaration that they have everything "to do with it." The Railway Commission had said that they could only deal with petitions for reductions in freight rates on a business basis, and that if they were not presented on that basis they could not be considered at all. Apparently there was no way for the maritime provinces, but now at a meeting of the board in Halifax, Mr. Carvell had stated in answer to questions that there was a way out by indicating that the status of the I. C. R. was the same as that of the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Veniot called upon Hon. F. J. Veniot to give his views on the matter.

Hon. Mr. Veniot said he was in Halifax at the time of the meeting, and as he knew that the question of freight rates was coming up at the meeting, he stayed over to him. One thing that was amazing to him was the presence of representatives of an organization known as the Canadian Railway Association. He had been unable to find out how this association came into existence, or how it was created. However it was there with able lawyers representing it, and every man in the room was as much care and thoroughness as if he had been under oath. Every attempt was made to trap the witnesses. He believed they were really representing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and that they were there to prevent the government from going back to the old preferential rate.

NO MORE KISSING IN FAREWELLS AT CHICAGO TRAINS

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Station masters here have declared war upon the farewell kiss in railway stations. There have been instances where this farewell osculation jarred the dignity of rules and delayed trains, so no more kissing either inside or outside the train shed gates will be tolerated.

Nothing more violent than a well regulated chautauque salute is to be permitted. Persons who desire to kiss friends or relatives farewell must do so in the street. Nor will officials permit any more spooning in waiting rooms.

LARGEST LIQUOR SEIZURE EVER MADE IN N. B.

Campbellton Inspector Takes Three Cars, Carrying Total Cargo Valued at \$180,000—Supposed from St. John.

The biggest seizure of liquor ever made in the province of New Brunswick was accomplished by Inspector Smith at Campbellton, when, on Thursday of this week, he took into custody three motor cars loaded to the roof with whiskey, estimated in value at some \$180,000. Announcement of the seizure was made here this morning by Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne on his arrival from Fredericton.

The chief inspector said that word of the seizure reached him in Fredericton on Thursday evening in a telephone message from Inspector Smith. He said that the three cars, which had been originated in St. John and was consigned to the Quebec office, but had been side-tracked at Campbellton.

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COSTS OF NEW DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM HERE

Hardware Clerks Estimate it at \$800,000—What is Being Done by Toronto and London Commission.

(Contributed by Hardware Clerks' Association.)

Practically every engineer in the city of St. John has declared that through municipal distribution, and through municipal distribution alone, can the citizens reap the full benefits of the municipal development. H. Phillips, M. E. I. C., has very clearly shown it in all his letters and addresses; Sir Adam Beck, M. E. I. C., has expressed the same opinion, and all available information leads to the conclusion. It is, therefore, important that some estimate be available of the cost of a new distribution system. Engineer Jefferys of the Ontario Hydro Commission was asked by the city of Halifax to estimate the cost of a new distribution system for that city. After thoroughly investigating the matter, he named the cost at \$800,000. Since St. John has a population of twenty per cent. less than Halifax, the cost for the city of St. John would be about \$600,000, but as Halifax covers a much greater area, a further reduction of ten per cent. might be made, leaving the cost to St. John about \$500,000. This would give to the city a most up-to-date system, with a distribution of less than twelve per cent. instead of the present one of thirty-two per cent., and also provide for future expansion.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbostel to the Times reporter, "I'm a Hiram, but I don't wonder what kind of a gal a fapper was—but I found out her eye on one of 'em some of these days—then it won't be necessary for me to say a word. Don't it beat all? There's three or four inches of felt an' two or three buckles wasted when everybody's hollerin' about hard times. An' there's a lot of 'em rarin' around half dressed. I was thinkin' I'd say somethin' about it to Judge Ritchie. They orto be arrested. By Hen!"

QUEBEC TO START REFORESTATION

Hope Next Year to Plant a Tree for Every One Cut Down.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—Speaking before the Pulp and Paper Association convention here, yesterday, Hon. H. Mercer, Quebec minister of lands and forests, predicted complete reforestation of waste timber lands in the province in the not distant future. He further expressed the hope that, beginning next year, his department would be able to plant at least one tree for every tree that is cut.

LINCOLN AGAIN IS IN CUSTODY

Man Who Figured in Episodes During the War.

New York, Jan. 28.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, international spy and former member of the British parliament, was taken surreptitiously into the United States yesterday by an agent of the department of justice.

Mr. Lincoln was taken into custody at the request of the immigration service of the department of labor for surreptitious entry into the United States in November last.

STOLE \$270,000 FOR KIN TO SPECULATE

\$8,500 Secretary Pleads Guilty, but Says He Will Make Restitution in Full—Would Aid Prosecution.

New York, Jan. 28.—Harry P. Gibney, 34 years old, who lives at the Hotel Touroline, in Brooklyn, pleaded guilty in the Court of General Sessions to two indictments charging him with grand larceny in the theft of \$270,000 from his former employer, Sidney Mitchell, President of the Electric Bond & Share Company, 71 Broadway. Gibney was employed as Mitchell's personal secretary from May, 1918, to January, 1921, and is charged with stealing money belonging to Mitchell himself, not the company. Gibney received a salary of \$8,500 a year from Mitchell. He was married and owned his own home at 78 Penrose street, Brooklyn. He also owned an automobile. In a signed confession, which was made part of the court record, he said that he was a reliable man, and that he was responsible for his thefts. He said this man induced him to turn over money to him for speculation and loss.

"I have at all times been ready and willing to do everything in my own power to help Mitchell recover the money by prosecuting this relative and have offered my services to go before the grand jury," said Gibney in his confession. "I am still willing to do everything in my power to aid in the recovery of the money for Mitchell."

If he has the chance, Gibney says, he will make restitution in full. He has turned over this house and automobile to Mitchell. Samuel Furstenberg, Gibney's former attorney, for Gibney, admitted that his client was guilty of the charges, but said he expected to make restitution in full. He would turn over to Mitchell in partial restitution.

Gibney has been employed recently as assistant to S. J. Florentine, President of the United Barber Shops, Inc., of New York. Florentine has written a long letter appealing on Gibney's behalf to Judge Thomas T. Crain, before whom the case was tried.

"He (Gibney) was a hard and willing worker and I considered myself very fortunate when he accepted the offer I made him in March, 1921, to become my assistant at a salary of \$8,500 a year. He was a very capable man and I believe he would have been a valuable man in many ways."

"If there is any possible way for me to retain Gibney in my employ, I stand ready to increase his salary to \$20,000 per year now, with further increases as the business of the company warrants, and in addition I will give him outright from my holdings in the United Barber Shops, Inc. the entire block of stock over to Mr. Mitchell, together with such portion of his salary as may be necessary for his living expenses."

GREAT GYPSUM AREAS IN C. B. CHANGE OWNERS

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 28.—The Eastern Gypsum Company, owners of extensive gypsum areas in Victoria county, Cape Breton, near the tidewaters of Bras D'Or Lake, have sold their property to the Great Bras D'Or Gypsum Company, Limited, which is being formed by a syndicate of American and local capitalists, so it was announced here last night. The new company will, it is said, spend \$200,000 on development work this summer. The gypsum areas involved are the most extensive in Nova Scotia.

TWO REPORTS ON MINERS' WAGES

Finding by Board in Nova Scotia Completed—Miners' Man Makes Minority Report.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 28.—The condition which required into the wage dispute between the miners and operators of the coal companies of the British Empire Steel Corporation last week in Halifax, has forwarded their finding to the department of labor.

No statement was given out in Halifax by the board, but it is understood that U. Gillen of Toronto, chairman, and Col. W. Thompson of Halifax, representatives of the companies, agreed on a majority report, while Mayor James King of New Waterford, miners' representative, presented a minority report.

It is rumored that the majority report envisaged a lessening of the coal wage cut of the coal operators by five to ten per cent.

The wage cut, which was put into effect at the beginning of the year, wiped out the twelve and a half per cent. increase granted contract men and also went 25 per cent. beneath the Mackinnon award, the scale which preceded the adoption of the Montreal agreement. The miners say that this meant an average reduction of thirty seven and a half per cent. while the operators put the figure at 38 per cent.

MAY DELAY THE CONCLAVE A DAY

Give All Cardinals Time to Reach Rome.

Paris, Jan. 28.—A Rome despatch to the Havas Agency says the opening of the conclave to elect a successor to Pope Benedict will be delayed 24 hours in order to give time for all the cardinals to arrive. The conclave originally was set for Feb. 2.

NEW ASPECT OF CHURCH AND STATE MATTER

Rome, Jan. 28.—The question of closer relations between the Vatican and the Quirinal assumed another aspect yesterday when it became known that several republican members of the chamber of deputies were considering interpellation of Premier Bonomi upon the subject. The republican members of the chamber were considering interpellation of Premier Bonomi upon the subject of the Italian government's official recognizing the Pope. The attitude of the Sacred College of the Church towards a rapprochement, as has been stated in preceding despatches, is expected to be defined in its choice of a successor to Pope Benedict.

The republican deputies became interested in the question when they learned that President de Nicola, of the chamber, in accord with the government's policy, intended to pronounce a eulogy for the late Pontiff, when the chamber reconvenes on Feb. 2, which is also the date of which the Sacred College will convene to choose the new Pope.

Semi-official newspapers yesterday published a statement that Signor de Nicola and President Tittoni, of the senate, were officially announce from the tribunes of their respective houses the death of Benedict and pronounce eulogy, as is the custom following the death of foreign potentates. Immediately thereafter denials were issued from the Vatican by Signor de Nicola's desk, one of which protested against the death of Benedict and the eulogy of the Vatican by the visit of Signor Mauri, minister of agriculture, to the Holy See.

Conferences were held throughout the afternoon in which Premier Bonomi and Signors de Nicola and Tittoni endeavored to induce the deputies to postpone or withdraw their interpellations so as to make eulogy of the late Pontiff unanimous.

HON. MR. MURDOCK ON NEED OF HOUR

Labor Minister Wants a Pull Together to Change Present Conditions.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—(Canadian Press)—"What we want today is a cohesive effort and determination on the part of Canadian citizens without regard to the position of business connections—an effort of labor men, business men and professional men to co-operate and unite to end that we shall change certain undesirable conditions that today exist."

The statement made here today by Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, in addressing the annual meeting of the Ottawa Board of Trade, was signed until today when we find in Canada some 200,000 men out of work and business generally in some respects, in a most uncertain state. He ascribed this condition as largely due to the disturbances arising out of the war.

Mr. Murdock declared that "conditions seem to have gone from bad to worse since November 11, 1918, when the armistice was signed, and that the late Post's policy of closer relations with the Quirinal, if a compromise is reached, it is expected that the next Pope elected will adopt the name of Pius XI, following the non-extremist policy of Pius X. The only eventually not provided for in the general speculation is the election of a foreign cardinal, which is pointed out, by some, perhaps without preference a name not chosen heretofore."

New York, Jan. 28.—Cardinal Beign of Canada, went aboard the S. S. Le Loraine this morning, to await the arrival of Cardinal Dennis J. Dougherty of Philadelphia, who will accompany him to Rome. He hopes to arrive before the Sacred College has announced the election of a new Pope.

Cardinal Dougherty arrived last night after a holiday voyage to the West Indies on the steamer Port St. George, and hastened immediately to his home in Philadelphia. Father Jos Whittaker, chancellor of the Philadelphia diocese, will accompany the two princes of the church. Neither of the cardinals would make any comment concerning the conclave.

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, the only other North American cardinal to go to the Vatican for the election of the new Pope, is already on his way to Rome.

WAR RUMORS ARE FOOLISH TALK, SAY MEXICANS

Mexico City, Jan. 28.—Rumors of a war between Mexico and Guatemala were described by a high Mexican official last night as "too ridiculous to be taken seriously." The official said that he had received information from reliable sources that there was no possibility of a war between the two countries.

COMB NEW YORK FOR THE BANDITS

New York, Jan. 28.—Detectives of the New York police department were today detailed to duty at all theatres and resorts in the theatre district, and others were ordered to round up men recently released from prison.

Seven armed bandits in three separate exploits, yesterday and last night, wounded two men and escaped with about \$7,000 in loot. One of the victims, a Philadelphia negro, is near death in St. Vincent's Hospital.

NEWS FROM VIENNA MAKES PARIS ANXIOUS

Paris, Jan. 28.—Disquieting news from Vienna is causing the French government considerable anxiety. There appears to be a disposition on the part of the government officials to do whatever is possible to help relieve Austria in the financial situation. It was said yesterday that probably would be an exchange of views among the allies with a view to determining what aid is necessary.

IN THEIR TRUE COLORS.
Moncton Transcript.—The Transcript is informed that Moncton will see a professional ball league this summer. Moncton is to be one link in the chain of many teams in the three Maritime provinces. It is understood that the victory in the event of a general cleanup of amateurs at Halifax when the probe held the "cinders" will be signed up and given an early spring drill in preparation for the season's activities.

THE SOUTH END RINK.
The biggest crowd of the season was on the South End skating rink last night and the checking rooms were filled to capacity with overcoats and boots. There was also a large attendance in the afternoon. Next Saturday afternoon for the special benefit of the school children, there will be a children's carol with first and second prizes for the girls and boys.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ON LUMBER MATTERS

(Special to Times.)
Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 28.—A committee of the New Brunswick Lumbermen's Association will confer in Moncton next Tuesday afternoon with Hon. W. Robinson, minister of lands and mines. The committee numbers seven, including President Beatty of the C. L. R., and will be accompanied by Mr. C. L. L. de la Roche, deputy minister, will attend the meeting.

Subjects for discussion are new methods for the protection of forests from fire and a reduced scale for timber cut on crown lands. The question with regard to fire protection will be whether the lumbermen or the province will handle the matter.

The advisory board of the department of lands and mines will meet on Tuesday evening at Moncton, following the conference. Matters of importance will come up.

ONTARIO REPORT RE LIQUOR SALE

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The Toronto Star says that leaders of the Conservative party in Ontario have decided to come out in the open. It is said, and was a vigorous campaign to have the rigors of the O. T. A. ameliorated by the wholesale granting of beer and wine licenses. Rumor further states that if they discover that this proposal meets with any considerable measure of public favor, they will then press for a system of government control of liquor, similar to that in force in British Columbia.

SOME INFLUENZA
IN RURAL ST. JOHN
(Special to The Times.)
Fredericton, Jan. 28.—Dr. G. G. Melville, chief medical officer, has announced that he had a report of seven cases of influenza in the St. John county sub-district. That district includes the City and County of St. John. The cases reported are in rural sections. The type was not indicated in the report.

RATS FLEE FAMINE
LAND; OVERRUN
BUDAPEST CITY
Budapest, Jan. 28.—Rats and mice are migrating in swarms from the Russian famine area across the Danube. The market-balls, food stores and warehouses are swarming. The rodents run about even in the daylight. So denizens have become that when disturbed they will turn and show fight. Several merchants have been bitten.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Stations	6 a.m.	Yesterday night
Prince Rupert	32	34
Victoria	30	34
Kamloops	30	30
Edmonton	10	16
Prince Albert	22	20
Winnipeg	26	30
White River	16	26
Sault Ste. Marie	20	24
Toronto	11	22
Kingston	8	16
Ottawa	10	14
Halifax	10	10
St. John, N. B.	12	32
St. John's, Nfld.	16	28
Detroit	14	14
New York	30	34

W. K. VANDERBILT HERE NEXT WEEK

Passenger on the S. E. Express of France—News of the Steamships.

W. K. Vanderbilt, vice-president of the Toledo-Ohio Central Railway, is one of the passengers of the Empire of France, which sailed from Liverpool yesterday on route to this port, and is due next Wednesday or Thursday. He will be met here by friends and will proceed in a private car to New York. After discharging here the Empire will proceed to New York to embark on a cruise to the Mediterranean.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN MAKING OF MOONSHINE

New York, Jan. 28.—An explosion occurred in the basement of a house in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn today set fire to the building and burned an unidentified man to death.