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HOPES TO SEE AIM ACCOMPLISHED ERE YEAR RUNS ITS COURSE

Lloyd George's Cable to Canada; Quebec Governor Sends to King a Message of Loyalty

HON. B. BLAIR DEAD IN BOSTON

Manager of Royal Bank of Canada Here Passes Away in Massachusetts General Hospital

The citizens of St. John, and especially the business community, will learn with some regret of the death of Thomas B. Blair, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, in this city, which occurred in the first day of the New Year. He was 61 years of age, and had been in failing health for several months, and for the last two weeks had been confined to the hospital for treatment, but the net was unavailing, and death came yesterday.

Mr. Blair was the eldest son of the late Robert Blair of this city. He was employed by the Bank of Nova Scotia from 1880, and as the years passed represented that bank in places in the maritime provinces, for a time in Minneapolis. In 1906 joined the staff of the Royal Bank, as manager in this city added greatly to the popularity of that institution.

Mr. Blair was married to Miss Mary M. Thomson, daughter of the late John Thomson, of St. John. He was also a member of the St. John's Club, and was a member of the St. John's Club, and was a member of the St. John's Club.

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PROPOSAL FOR SARDINE PLANT

Matter Discussed at Common Council Meeting NO ACTION TAKEN YET

Bonus To Two City Officials For Work Well Done—Commissioner Fisher Wants One Track in Union Street Taken Up

At a meeting of the common council this morning R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the board of trade, presented a proposal in writing on behalf of the Booth Fisheries Company. The letter stated that this company proposes to build and equip in West-Union street a sardine plant, to cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000, also that they undertake to have the plant completed and in operation in time to take advantage of the 1918 school of herring, the factory to employ 1200 to 1500 men, women and fifty or sixty men, under sanitary and well paid labor conditions. This plant, it was said, would also give employment to a large number of boatmen, and ensure the sale of a large quantity of herring caught locally, which sometimes goes to waste due to weather conditions and transportation. The company agreed to pay the present water rates but thought the city should make certain concessions to the founders of the new industry.

Mr. Armstrong dwelt at some length on the proposition. He spoke of the advantages in the new industry. He then introduced S. G. Grady, who was representing the company, and he explained several features in connection with the proposed plant.

Mr. Armstrong read a resolution, which he asked the city to have added to the by-laws. It was as follows: "In order to promote and protect new industries and to insure the maximum benefit to citizens of this city, the city should make certain concessions to the founders of the new industry."

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MONTREAL ARENA PREY OF FLAMES

FORECASTS CHANGES AT BRITISH EMBASSIES

Report of New Men for Washington, Paris and Petrograd

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The Montreal Arena, the biggest rink in Eastern Canada, caught fire this morning. One side of the building was quickly destroyed when an automatic plant used for making artificial ice exploded and blew down a wall. The fire started about 11:30 and in less than an hour the flames leaped across Wood street and set fire to six houses.

The fire started in one of the dressing rooms of a professional hockey team. It is believed the fire will stop spreading to the arena, but the fire is still burning in the N. H. L. building.

ON TRAINING SHIP. The steamer Governor Duple of the Eastern Steamship Company has been taken over by the United States shipping board as a training ship and is at present in Boston. Joseph Johnson, formerly of St. John, has been retained as first assistant engineer.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The report that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice will retire from his post here was confirmed today in official circles. The ambassador arranged to see Secretary of State Lansing this morning and it was understood he will be followed by any change in the office of the British ambassadorial service stands now too high today.

NEWS OF CANADIANS IN THE HANDS OF GERMANS

London, Jan. 1.—The Red Cross has received news that the following Canadians are prisoners in the hands of the Germans: Lieutenants L. Kert and T. W. Morse, Sergeants Coote and Guy, Corporals Bedcome and Hawkins, Privates Vogel, Wilkinson, Cobb, Lowridge, Sullivan, Mathewson, Goodwin, Alcock, McEwan, Johnson, Campbell, Wolf, Harris, Pountney, Bedard, Watkins, Selman, Selby, Rothwell, Robinson, Price, Penn, Mitchell, Diegel, Pirock, Mary Mitchell, Chubb, Sinclair, Woodhead, White, Tuttle, Smith, Robinson, Marchand, McMillen, McPhail, Jones, Johnson, Horn, Cloak, Burnett, Brown, Bigelow, Barnard, Anderson, Northcott, Laggett, Cassidy, Willis, Thompson.

YOUNG GERMAN FROM KITCHENER IN TROUBLE

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 2.—Bernard Latta, aged twenty-six, a German from Kitchener, who has been held in Sandwich jail since the immigration authorities found he had failed to register, will be charged with perjury so soon as he is released this week. He came to Windsor last September with the wife of an overseas soldier and soon got into trouble by talking too freely. It is now alleged that he obtained a passport here by swearing he was British born. The authorities allege he had frequently related to friends how easy it was to evade the immigration laws.

THE LUMBER CUT. Bangor Commercial—Hon. N. M. Jones who returned Monday after a business trip to New York left this morning for St. John. Mr. Jones states that the lumber cut in New Brunswick this winter will be less than usual. Pulpmoat is not in as much demand as a year ago, the market being well supplied, and prices therefore lower.

SAYS ISSUE DECIDED IN NEXT SIX MONTHS

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 2.—The Entente Allies are entering the hardest period of the war, but a period which will prove richest in decisive results, "if we know how to play a good game," and the issue will be decided in the next six months, according to Captain Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, who returned to this country yesterday. While Captain Tardieu pointed to the possibility of a strong German attack on the western front during this winter, he is "absolutely confident that it will be another Verdun."

Peace Negotiations Are Reported Off

Bolsheviki Said To Have Acted Because of German Attitude in Regard to Poland and Lithuania

London, Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolsheviki government, owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania, and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Lbava, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News, appearing in a late edition of that paper today.

The Bolsheviki aim, he adds, is a world revolution at peace on their own terms, which they think will discredit the imperialists generally. The correspondent continues: "And if, in the long run, Russia is driven to conclude a separate peace on any other terms, I prophesy that the Russian signatories to such a peace will not be the Bolsheviki, but members of opposition political parties."

NEW YORK RULE ON WAR BASIS, SAYS NEW MAYOR

New York, Jan. 2.—The government of New York city must be placed on a war basis, the new mayor, John F. Hylan, told the newly appointed heads of departments in his inaugural address yesterday. This must be brought about, he said, through the elimination of useless positions, the enforcement of a policy of strict economy and conservation of public funds in every possible way.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT JUNE?

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The Globe states that it has been informed that the general election for the province of Ontario is to be held next June, probably on Monday, June 24.

ADMIRAL MARX HERE

St. John was yesterday honored by a visit from Admiral C. Marx, C.B., a retired imperial naval officer, who is at present the commander of the Canadian coast patrol service with headquarters at Sydney, C. B. He was accompanied by Commander Roberts of the naval service.

LIGHT VOTE IN ELECTIONS

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Municipal elections were held in six Ontario municipalities yesterday. The cities which voted were Toronto, London, Guelph, St. Catharines, St. Thomas and Chatham. A feature of the contest in every city was the small vote polled. In most instances it was the lightest on record. Married women, who are property holders, voted for the first time, but even they did not turn out in any great numbers.

THE HALIFAX INJURED

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—The work of the medical relief committee, organized by Colonel Bell, is gradually becoming less necessary to Halifax. About 600 patients injured in the explosion are still under treatment. The discharge of patients has been so rapid that very few outside doctors and nurses are now doing work in Halifax.

BRANCH BANK BURNS

Saskatchewan—Fair today and Thursday; moderately cold north and mild south. Alberta—Fair and mild. New England—Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday, moderate to fresh north winds.

FINANCES OF PROVINCE

Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The Royal Gazette today contains the financial statement for the year ended October 31, 1917. The total ordinary revenue is given as \$1,772,225.25 and the total ordinary expenditure as \$1,988,267.84. In addition to this expenditure the sum of \$75,641.80 on contracts during 1917 was paid during 1917 and should therefore be added to the total expenditure. The amount expended on permanent roads under the act of last session was \$834,066.50, but it is understood that more than one-third of the amount went to pay for motor trucks ordered by the old administration. The expenditure on permanent roads was \$268,679.66. The total financial transactions for the year amounted to \$3,665,288.30. The balance on hand is given as \$273,972.28.

NOTHING SAVED WHEN QUEBEC CHAPEL BURNS

Quebec, Jan. 2.—A fire, starting from unknown origin at two o'clock this morning, destroyed the temporary church of Limoulin parish in this city. Nothing could be saved; even the Holy Host was consumed. This was a temporary chapel, being used for worship, the parochial church having been burned to the ground last winter.

WAR NOTES

There has been a sharp recovery on the Italian front. Both French and Italian score victories, driving the Austrians back across the Piave. The British yesterday drove the Turks north of Jerusalem, inflicting heavy losses. The admiralty announced yesterday that the mine sweeping sloop Arctus and the armed boarding steamer Grive have been sunk as the result of being torpedoes in bad weather.

TANKS IN RECRUITING TOUR IN STATES

New York, Jan. 2.—In an effort to give impetus to enlistments in the British and Canadian forces the British armored tank Britannia will be started on a recruiting tour of the United States on January 14.

ASSIGNMENTS. Vera McEwen of Cham, milliner, has made an assignment to High Sheriff William F. Cassidy. Fred A. Johnson of St. John, merchant, has made an assignment to W. B. Wallace.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—A disturbance now centered in Kentucky is moving southeast towards the Carolina coast. The weather continues fair and cold from Manitoba to the maritime provinces and mild in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Upper Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Northerly winds, fair and very cold today and on Thursday. Superior—Moderate winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday. Manitoba—Fair and moderately cold today and on Thursday. Saskatchewan—Fair today and Thursday; moderately cold north and mild south. Alberta—Fair and mild. New England—Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday, moderate to fresh north winds.

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