

## CANADIAN WEST SWEEPED BY HUGE STORM OF GOLD

April Gale in Prairie Provinces  
Presages Bumper  
Crops.

25 KILLED IN U. S.

Grandstand Partly Demolished  
in Baseball Park At  
Dallas, Texas.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 9.—The greatest blizzard within the memory of many ancient settlers now holds the far western prairies firmly in its grip.

Since midnight Saturday snow has been falling steadily and a driving north wind has been piling it up in huge drifts in many districts. Latest reports indicate that in many places the prairie lands lie beneath a solid blanket of snow more than six inches deep; while other districts report that it is melting about as fast as it falls.

West of Banff, within the outer ring of the Rocky Mountains reports say that the fall of snow is heavier by far than that experienced in the foothills district, and it is drifting heavily before the onslaughts of a driving "Northerner." It is feared that in this district, as well as on the rim of the foothills, there will be a great loss of stock, occasioned by the filling in of pasture valleys and the general effects of the storm. At present, however, no definite reports have been received as to losses sustained by ranchers.

**Range of the Storm.**  
The general range of the storm is over Southern Alberta, from Red Deer, in the north, to the American boundary line in the south. On the east it stretches into Saskatchewan, as far as Swift Current, while to the west its range includes the eastern section of British Columbia, where it is stated that the snowfall is by far the heaviest.

Out on the prairies, frequently, the wind veers from north to east and this has the effect of greatly increasing the drifts. Reports received from points between Medicine Hat and Swift Current say that the snow has melted almost as fast as it falls. Alberta reports that up to two o'clock Sunday afternoon, approximately seven inches of a fall is reported and that it is not melting, but is drifting badly.

While the storm may do some damage to stock, particularly so in the mountain and foothill ranching districts, it is generally looked upon by the prairie farmers as a "dorm of gold." The frost is now out of the summer fallows, and in the "dry" belt of the south moisture was badly needed.

Farmers who are well acquainted with the conditions in Southern Alberta, claim that this moisture should be worth many thousands of dollars. It augurs well, they say, for a fine crop in the south.

Early in the week a three-inch snowfall held up seeding for a few days, but the farmers generally hoped that they would be able to get out on the land by the first of the week. The advent of the great Saturday blizzard has made this impossible, but the loss of time occasioned by it is not great and any disadvantage, such as this, is more than compensated by the benefits which will result from the blizzard.

### TEXAS DEATH TOLL 6.

DALLAS, Texas, April 9.—Heavy winds of cyclonic velocity and rain-storms swept north Texas and southern Oklahoma Saturday, causing the death of about 25 persons and immense property loss, according to meagre reports received here.

Tornadoes were reported at Cisco, where Mrs. R. W. Turner was probably fatally injured. A woman is in a serious condition at Ardmore. Lawton, Okla., reported 14 dead. Wichita Falls, Ranger and other north Texas towns report heavy damage.

One man was injured, three houses blown down and a portion of the Catholic Church demolished at Ranger.

Balling, Texas, reported six killed and 20th. In Eastland county, reported a cloudburst. The Milling's sanitarium at Cisco was wrecked, but no loss of life was reported.

The left field wall of the marine baseball park in Dallas was blown down and part of the roof of the grandstand ripped off.

Brownwood, reported a cyclone near Rowena, Runnels county, with 14 persons killed and heavy property damage.

### TEN DEAD IN OKLAHOMA.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 9.—At least 10 persons are reported dead as a result of cyclones throughout the southwestern part of the state, according to reports filtering into the weather bureau here.

Efforts were being made to confirm a report that four or five persons had been killed near Lawton. Another report said one was killed. All lines of wire communication were down. Another report said a storm had struck between Oklahoma City and Lawton. Several were reported injured.

### CHILDREN AMONG DEAD.

BALLINGER, Texas, April 9.—Six persons were killed in a cyclone which struck northwest of Rowena, in this county. The dead include two children of Frank Kavatt, one child of Joe Kohutek, an unknown white man and two negroes. The school house and many dwellings were blown down. Wire communication with the stricken district is down.

### TWO DIE IN AUTO CRASH.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., April 10.—Arthur Strough and Joseph LeBeau, both of Saranac Lake, met death last night when their automobile fell ten feet into a ditch and overturned.

## WORLD NEWS CUT SHORT

GENOA, April 9.—Among the rumors heard here is one that Lenin is in Genoa, disguised as a secretary, and is personally directing the work of the Russians.

ATHENS, April 9.—The chamber of deputies yesterday passed the first reading of the bill authorizing a forced loan of 1,500,000,000 drachmas about \$67,500,000, with an amendment forbidding the cutting in two of banknotes, as provided in the original bill. Under this arrangement half of each note would remain in circulation, representing half of the note's value, while the other would be converted into a bond of the compulsory loan.

Another amendment permits the banks to defer for one month payment of all their obligations to residents of Greece.

MOSCOW, April 9.—Dr. Felix Klemperer, the German specialist who came to Moscow a few days ago to examine Premier Lenin, pronounced him "suffering from fatigue, but declared he had a strong constitution." M. Kalinin, president of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee, declared yesterday.

"You can judge," he added, "that a man who was able recently to deliver several three-hour speeches is not in a bad condition."

While in Moscow Dr. Klemperer apparently examined most of the Russian Soviet leaders, since M. Kalinin, remarked that the specialist's general opinion was that "all the Soviet public men possessed remarkably strong constitutions."

LONDON, April 9.—The 5 per cent war loan, the largest loan raised by the British government during the war, reached par of 100 yesterday for the first time, a premium of 5 per cent over the issue price, according to The London Times.

The advance came after the stock exchange closed and was a result of the favorable terms on which the treasury sold by tender £60,000,000 of treasury bills and 5 per cent five-year treasury bonds. The treasury bills sold at an average discount rate of 5 shillings below last week's rate, the lowest rate since the reintroduction of the tender system.

MUNICH, April 9.—In the royal chapel at Altötting, Upper Bavaria, an ancient place of pilgrimage, where the hearts of Bavarian rulers since the time of Maximilian II, Elector of Bavaria, have been deposited in silver caskets, another casket was placed yesterday.

This contains the heart of Ludwig III, who died last October in West Hungary. With solemn ceremony Ludwig's heart was laid next to that of his wife, Queen Maria Theresa, who died in 1919.

The casket was brought from Hungary to Munich, where it was venerated in the chapel of the Leuchtenberg Palace by ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht and other former royalties and leading monarchists. The ex-president of the Bavarian State, von Kahr, was also present at the service, which was conducted by Ludwig's confessor, the Benedictine Father Jud.

After the ceremony in Munich Rupprecht and others of his party accompanied the casket to Altötting, where, before it was placed in the crypt, a requiem mass was celebrated, with the casket resting on a catafalque.

### GEN. PANET TRANSFERRED

London Officer to Command Second Military District.

TORONTO, April 9.—(By Canadian Press).—Major-General Henry Panet, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed to succeed General Victor S. Williams, C.M.G., in the command of Military District No. 2, with headquarters in Toronto.

General Panet is a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, and later was adjutant of that institution. He has had a distinguished military career, extending over a period of 30 years, having seen a great deal of active service in both the South African and the recent great war, reaching in the latter the position of G.O.C., second divisional artillery.

General Panet will be succeeded in Military District No. 1 by an officer of the Canadian permanent force, whose services will shortly become available through the proposed reduction of the military forces.

**EXTRA SERVICE VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM ACCOUNT EASTER HOLIDAY TRAVEL.**

It is expected Easter holiday travel will be heavy this year, and in anticipation of same the Grand Trunk are making provisions accordingly. Extra sections of regular trains will be operated as follows:

April 13.  
No. 15-115 will leave Toronto 5:45 p.m. for Windsor. Dining car to London; parlor car to Windsor.

April 14.  
No. 15 will leave London 6:45 p.m. for Toronto, but will not run into Hamilton.

Extra sections of above-mentioned trains will make same stops as regular trains.

Additional coaches, sleeping cars and parlor cars are being added to regular trains where required. Convenient service, first-class up-to-date equipment to Montreal, Toronto, London, Detroit, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

For full particulars as to tickets etc., apply to Grand Trunk ticket agents. Apr. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

**OTTAWA RECORDS SHOCK.**  
Ottawa, Ont., April 10.—An earthquake of moderate intensity was registered at the Dominion observatory Saturday afternoon at 3:50. The distance, 2,260 miles. It is generally believed that the quake occurred in Mexico. The shock was felt at different observatories on the continent. The tremors lasted nearly one hour.

## VIMY VETERANS HOLD BANQUET

1,100 Canadian Heroes of  
Great War Assemble in  
Toronto.

COMRADESHIP LAUDED

Lord Byng and Sir Arthur  
Currie Greeted With  
Cheers.

TORONTO, April 9.—Ten Canadian generals and hundreds of officers were among the 1,100 guests at the banquet in Toronto last night in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917.

Major-General Robert Rennie occupied the chair, and among the guests at the head table were: His excellency the governor-general, General Sir Arthur Currie, Brigadier-General J. A. Gunn, Brigadier-General C. H. Mitchell, Lieut.-General Sir H. Burdall, Major-General Sir E. W. B. Morrison, Major-General Fotheringham (surgeon-general), Major-General J. H. MacBrien (chief of staff), Surgeon-General Ryerson, Major-General H. De B. Panet, Major-General V. A. S. Williams and Hon. George P. Graham, minister of militia.

There were only two speeches. The chairman submitted the health of the governor-general, and Lord Byng, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud cheers. He said:

**Lord Byng Cheered.**

"Brother officers, thank you for that reception. You in the old corps know what was done on this anniversary. You know just as well as I do what you did. I want to tell you one thing that you did that I don't think you quite realize—not only did you beat the Germans, but you made yourself a corps. You forgot any little trouble there was between individuals, between battalions, between brigades, divisions, you went over that top one great whole Canadian body."

"Now, gentlemen, let's be all one great whole Canadian body in the future. Let's go in; and gentlemen, I want to help. I am here to help, because you asked me to come. Now, gentlemen, if we are going to do it, let's all be in it together."

"I know you do not want a speech; I know you do want to meet each other. Gentlemen, I wish you very best wishes that anybody can possibly frame words for. Your best of luck is my object and aim. I want, for the five years I am here, to be one of you in everything you take up. I can only say, gentlemen, one last word."

"What we are going to do I do not know, but we are going to make this Dominion the finest in the world. And gentlemen, we are going to be one in doing it."

**General Currie Speaks.**  
General Sir Arthur Currie, who was tendered a splendid ovation, said:

"Your excellency and gentlemen: I know that I am voicing the sentiments of every man here when I say that we regard it as a great privilege to have as our guest our own corps commander. We do him every honor in the proud position which he holds as the governor-general of Canada, but to us he will always be our own old and trusted leader."

"And I give him the assurance which he asked for; that in every effort he makes for the betterment of this land he can count on a wholehearted manner on the Canadian corps. I feel that it is good to be back again among old comrades."

"That is the finest phrase that came out of the war—'comrades.' We had a good many words coined during the war—'camouflage,' 'whizzbang,' and 'prohibition'—(laughter and cheers)—but the best word of all was 'comrades.'"

**Stands For Loyalty.**  
"It stands for loyalty, friendship, working together, unselfishness and every ideal for which we fought. And if we are going to play our part to make this land happier and more contented we must carry over before us that ideal of comradeship. And that is the message I am going to leave with you. The returned men have never yet since they returned played their part in cherishing those ideals which they fought for, and until we do that we are not going to be the force we ought to be."

**TWO DROWN WHEN PARRY SOUND DAM GIVES WAY**

Cecil Stalker and Donald Bruce Victims of Flood Accident.

PARRY SOUND, April 9.—Two persons lost their lives and several others had narrow escapes from drowning when the dam at the Parry Sound Lumber Mill went out this afternoon. Cecil N. Stalker, the young and popular principal of the Victor School, and Donald Bruce, a boy of nine years, were washed away in the raging flood at the moment the frail barrier on which they were standing was burst by the force of the swollen river. Kathleen Bruce, sister of the dead boy, leaped to safety as the dam went out, while a boy named Fleming clung to a portion of the broken dam and was rescued.

Mr. Stalker and a number of others had gone this afternoon to watch the raging water as it surged over the dam. Swollen with the melting snow, and fed by thousands of tributary torrents, as it made its way to the lake, the river was a magnificent sight at this point. Suddenly, without warning, the dam, which seemed massive enough, but which was unable to cope with the force of the torrent, gave way. Mr. Stalker and Donald Bruce were swept down in the mass of entangled debris, and the great flood water that surged over the ruin of the dam. Their bodies have not yet been found.

The best insurance against unproductive property is Want Advertising.

Expect St. Lawrence To  
Be Clear of Ice Today.

MONTREAL, April 9.—The St. Lawrence will probably be cleared of its ice by Monday afternoon. The ice is moving on all parts of the river.

Last night's wind and rain did much to start the break-up. Havoc was played with the ice until it was broken into cakes, large and small.

The ice at Sorel moved this morning, and it is expected to push again any time.

At Belmouth there was a more pronounced push of several hundred yards.

## TO REPORT SALES AND PURCHASES

St. Thomas Second-Hand Dealers To  
Make Weekly Statements to  
Police.

TO REPORT SALES AND PURCHASES

Council To Take Up Regulation of  
Taxicab Fare in City.

Special to London Advertiser.

ST. THOMAS, April 9.—Whether or not all second-hand stores of the city will be required in the future to report all purchases and sales to the police each week will be decided Monday afternoon when the police commission holds its first meeting of the year.

Believing that if such reports were made the police would be assisted greatly in tracing thefts, the city council tried one month ago to pass a bylaw forcing all dealers in second-hand goods to make such returns. It was found, however, that the city had no jurisdiction over the matter, for, according to the city solicitor, the police commission only had a right to order reports of this nature. The council was not discouraged by this setback, however, and so a committee was formed to wait on the police commission at its first meeting. Some action is sure to be taken, and it is expected that the recommendation will meet with favor at the commission's hands.

At the present time all junk dealers make daily reports to the police, but the department has no control over second-hand merchants.

It was expected at one time that the commission would discuss the possibility of the purchase of a police car for the city, but no action along this line is expected. The police under present conditions carry on with some difficulty as there is no patrol to carry prisoners to the police station, and no car in which pursuit can be given to fleeing miscreants.

Taxi fares will be discussed, it is expected, and some regulation made, as it is reported that some of the drivers are charging exorbitant fares.

The commission is composed of Mayor C. E. Raven, Judge Ross and Police Magistrate Maxwell.

## VON FALKENHAYN DIES IN GERMANY

BERLIN, April 9.—General Erich von Falkenhayn, former minister of war, and one-time chief of staff of the German army, died on Saturday at Wild Park, near Potsdam.

General Von Falkenhayn was appointed war minister of Germany in 1913, succeeding General Von Heeringen. Shortly after the outbreak of the world war he was appointed chief of the general staff, succeeding General Von Moltke, who at the time was declared to be ill.

In August, 1916, Von Falkenhayn was supplanted by Von Hindenburg, and shortly afterwards took the field in Transylvania against the Rumanians. Falkenhayn defeated the Rumanians in the campaign of 1916. Later he went to Asiatic Turkey where he commanded the Turks.

Von Falkenhayn was born in 1861, and was considered one of Germany's dashing commanders.

### HUGHES ADVOCATES TRIBUNAL.

LONDON, April 9.—(By Canadian Press).—Premier Hughes has come to the conclusion, says a Reuters dispatch from Melbourne, that the Australian federal arbitration court is unsatisfactory, and he now advocates tribunals composed equally of employers and employees with an independent chairman to adjudicate disputes.

## CATARRH OF THE STOMACH FOR EIGHT YEARS

The cause of this trouble is the fermentation of food in the stomach which generates a gas that is very frequently belched up. There is also a rumbling of the bowels and a discharge of gas therefrom; there is constant reching, and the meals are frequently vomited. There is a burning pain in the stomach, the appetite is fickle, the tongue coated, the breath bad, constipation is generally present and the sufferer becomes weak, nervous, depressed and exceedingly miserable.

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Mrs. Agnes Gallant, Reserve Mines, N. S., writes: "I had been a great sufferer for eight years, from catarrh of the stomach. I tried several, so-called, catarrh remedies without relief until a friend advised me to try Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills, which did and four vials completely relieved me. That was six years ago, and I have had no return of my old trouble."

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## DENIES CANADA HAS NATIONAL WORLD STATUS

Sir Clifford Sifton Declares  
Dominion Needs Absolute  
Self-Government.

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Fears Belligerent Liabilities  
If Great Britain Was  
Involved in Strife.

OTTAWA, April 9.—Denying that Canada had complete national status because "the marks of our subordination are distinct and unquestioned," but asserting and urging that it should be recognized that Canada was capable of absolute self-government and should take steps "to have a constitutional instrument drawn which shall specifically contain provisions conferring on the Dominion complete sovereignty and national status," Sir Clifford Sifton, former minister of the interior in 1896, speaking at the luncheon of the Canadian Club here on Saturday, gave his views.

Sir Clifford was decisive in stating that Canada could not execute international treaties without the authority of Great Britain, and that in matters of peace and war "we have no distinct existence at all," adding that "we could not declare war or make peace, and we could not get rid of the liabilities of a belligerent if Great Britain becomes involved in war, no matter where it is."

After quoting John S. Ewart, K.C., as a recognized authority "that the political status of Canada is impossible to determine," Sir Clifford gave his personal conclusion that "Canada had attained the position that in any conference to which the British empire is a party and the issue is either peace or war, this country has the right to nominate her own representative to attend such conference, and also has the right to call upon the British government to issue credentials necessary to enable Canada's delegate to appear under the aegis of the international status of the British empire."

In concluding, Sir Clifford declared that he was not sure that the British government would admit this right in all cases without objections.

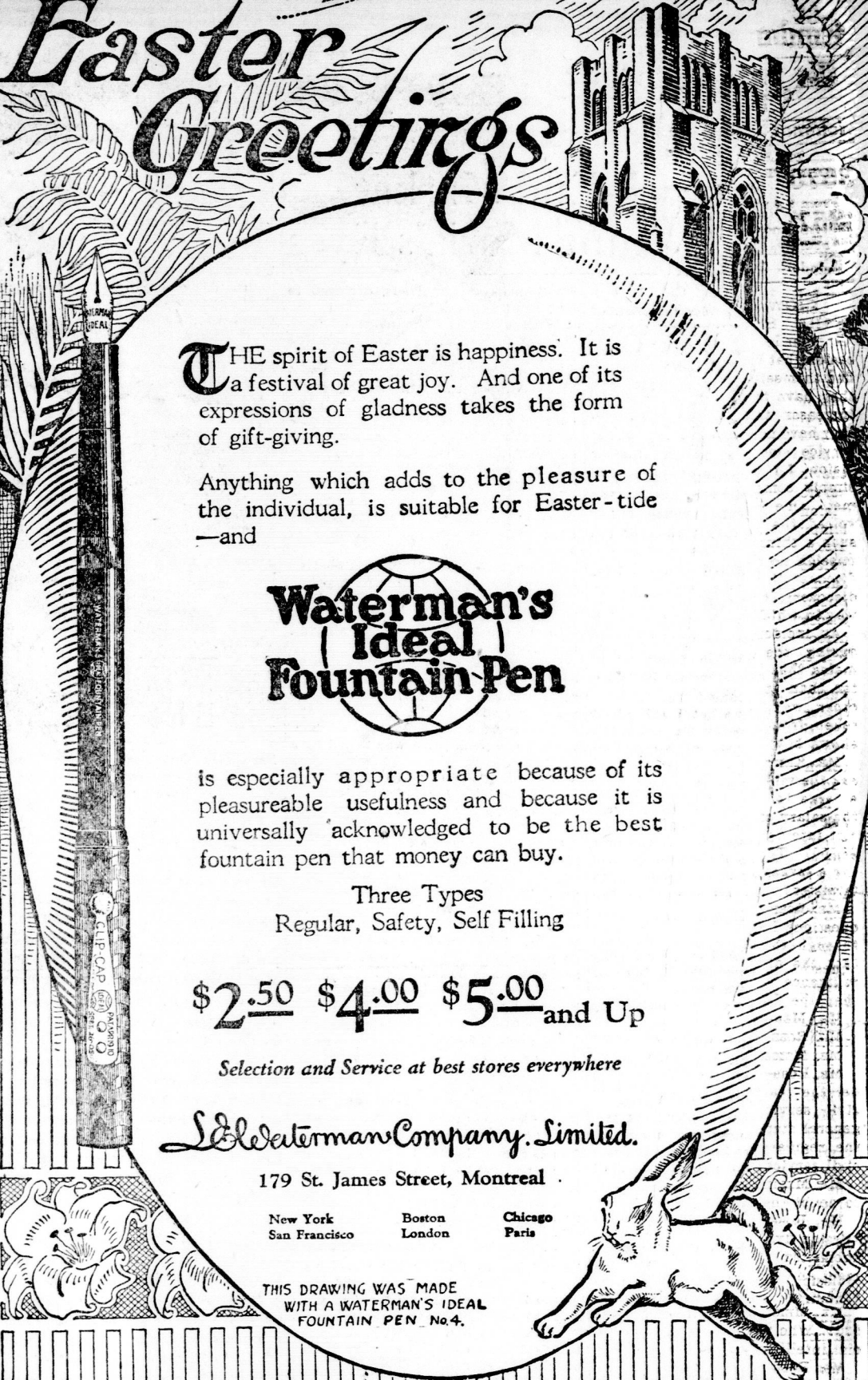
### FRENCH CHAMBER ADJOURNS.

PARIS, April 9.—The Chamber of Deputies adjourned until May 23 after a sitting lasting an hour this morning. The first item placed on the order of the day when the chamber reconvenes is the 18-months' military service bill, which failed to be put through the chamber this session.

# Easter Greetings

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