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The speediest amateur skaters of the Continent will arrive in St. John this week from tomorrow for the Big International Indoor Skating Meet at the Arena here?

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Air Control May Cause Friction Between Great Nations  
DOG STRIKE TO BE FELT HERE

C. B. Fire Loss Quarter Million

ATTITUDE OF LABOR WILL BE WATCHED

Tuesday's Debate on Air Defense Will Tell of Progress.

FRANCE IN LEAD

More Than 1,500 Planes are Now Owned by the Government.

(By British United Press.) London, Feb. 16.—The attitude of the Labor government in next Tuesday's debate on air defence will indicate the progress of current Anglo-French negotiations for the settlement of the Ruhr and reparations problem. Poincaré's determination to pursue inflexibly his policy of holding the Ruhr as security until reparations are paid in spite of the opposition of four successive British governments and the simultaneous vast increase in French air armament has caused public as well as official disquiet in England for many months.

France at present has easily command of the air. Attached to the French army and navy today is an air fleet of 174 squadrons, comprising over 1,500 planes. Britain has only 34 squadrons of about 400 planes. In the French fleets 130 squadrons are held in France, while only seven British squadrons are available for home defence.

Startling Testimony

The discrepancy is a startling testimony to British determination to solve her European difficulties peacefully, but MacDonald's strong criticism of Baldwin's weakness in recent negotiations and his attitude since he took office signifies a decision that British policy shall assert itself more forcibly in this matter unless modifications which he believes to be necessary for the peace and development of Europe are speedily assured.

MacDonald's methods of foreign policy are different from the old diplomacy. He writes letters as Foreign Minister direct to Poincaré at the French press. He plays his cards face up on the table. Poincaré, astute and persistent practitioner of traditional diplomatic methods, has outmaneuvered Baldwin, Lloyd George and Bonar Law in steady succession. How he will meet the MacDonald methods remains to be seen.

More Coming Here From Hebrides

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Plans have been completed for settlement in Canada of another group of Scottish immigrants from the Hebrides in the spring. They will go to Western Canada and there is also a proposal on foot to send some of them to the Queen Charlotte Islands, off the coast of British Columbia.

Toronto Mayor Gets Threat of Death

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Written on black bordered note paper, Mayor Hiltz yesterday received an unsigned note warning him to be prepared to meet his Maker, as his end was near.

Lawyer in Trouble Over War Claim

New York, Feb. 16.—Because he charged the widow mother of a war veteran killed in action \$1,500 for collecting \$10,000 in war risk insurance, Joseph M. Margolis, a lawyer, was fined \$250 by Judge A. N. Hand in United States District court.

WANT VETS TO GET THE PREFERENCE

Returned Men Organize to Protect Interests in Civil Service Cut.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Organization has been effected by former service men to look after the interests of such men in the civil service in connection with expected reductions in the service in the economy programme of the Dominion Government under which the recently appointed audit board is to act.

39,709 Veterans in Service

C. Grant McNeil, secretary of the Dominion Command, G. W. V. A., stated that the total number of ex-service men appointed to the service was 39,709, of which 12,681 received permanent appointments. In the appointment to the service under the new legislation removing certain positions from the Civil Service Commission's jurisdiction and placing them under patronage, 15 per cent. had gone to returned men, whereas in appointments made by the commission 55 per cent. had gone to former soldiers.

Omitted Prayers For Royal Family

Edmonton, Feb. 16.—When Speaker O. L. McPherson omitted the special petition for His Majesty the King and members of the royal family in the daily opening ceremony of the Alberta Legislature, J. C. Bowen, Liberal, Edmonton, protested yesterday and introduced a resolution after the Speaker had declared he would use his own discretion in following the form of prayers prescribed in the rules of the House.

Wire Briefs

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 16.—Falling 60 feet down the shaft at the Keeley Mine yesterday, Garfield Morris was instantly killed.

Christiana, Norway, Feb. 16.—The documents relating to Norway's recognition of Russia were signed yesterday.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—J. R. Booth, pioneer lumberman, who has been ill for some time, is reported today to be greatly improved in health.

Mitchell, Ont., Feb. 16.—John Robinson, 70, of this town, died yesterday of injuries received when he was kicked by a horse while attending an auction sale.

Fredricton, Feb. 15.—Over \$1,000 has been paid by the province in wild-cat bounties since the commencement of the present fiscal year on November 1, 1923.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Fire which broke out after midnight in the Day building, 124 Richmond street W., this morning caused a loss of about \$150,000 in half a dozen tenements.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Feb. 16.—President Obregon left Guadalajara yesterday in the direction of Mexico City after a conference with Secretary of War Serrano, Gen. Amaro, federal commander on the Jalisco front, and various other generals who participated in the victorious attack on this city.

14 BUSINESS STANDS ARE WIPED OUT

Forty Occupants of Premises Lose Everything in Big Night Blaze.

N. SYDNEY AIDS

Losses May be Increased When Firms Can Make Statements.

By Canadian Press. North Sydney, N. S., Feb. 16.—A loss of approximately a quarter of a million dollars is the estimated damage done at Sydney Mines late last night when the Fowles building and all its contents were totally destroyed by fire and the adjoining premises, including the Francis stationer, partially destroyed.

Origin Is Unknown

The origin of the fire, which consumed the block in an hour under the draught of a thirty-mile blizzard, has not been accounted for as yet. When the Sydney Mines department reached the scene at ten minutes after 11, the building was burning from end to end and long tongues of flames were jumping the hundred foot space intervening to the four-story co-operative store and warehouse, threatening a conflagration that would have consumed the best part of the town's residential section. Sparks and burning embers were carried more than a mile and a figure which fell earlier in the evening, prevented a hundred roof fires in the path of the storm.

Heat Is Intense

After the most strenuous efforts on the part of the two fire departments who faced intense and blistering heat to prevent a spread, the adjoining Strand Theatre and co-operative building were saved from destruction. They fight a splendid one and Sydney Mines on today thank the handful of hosemen for the fact that the prettiest part of their town remains undamaged.

PESSIMISTIC AT ALLIANCE MEETING

Quebec President Says Temperance Work There Has "All Gone to the Dogs."

Montreal, Feb. 16.—"Ever since our forces have been divided, the temperance work in the province has, to use a slang expression, all gone to the dogs," declared S. J. Carter, president of the Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance at its 45th annual meeting here.

MILLIONS BEHIND

Toronto Paper Says Deficit of Several Will be Announced in Legislature.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—A Mail and Empire news item today says: "A deficit of several millions, with the exact amount not yet being disclosed by the provincial treasurer, will be presented to the Ontario legislative assembly in Tuesday next as constituting the record of the last year of Drury government stewardship."

Has Epidemic of Fire Extinguishers

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 16.—The village of Hillbrook has been subjected to an invasion of scores of agents for chemical fire extinguishers since the village council proposed that every householder have an extinguisher. The council bearing part of the cost.

START ROW OVER KING TU'S TOMB

Howard Carter and Egyptian Government in Deadlock at Luxor.

Luxor, Feb. 16.—Regarding the difficulties between Howard Carter and the Egyptian government in connection with the work at the tomb of Tutankhamen, press correspondents were officially informed today that the Egyptian government had decided to take energetic steps to fulfill what it considers are its obligations towards science and the public.

Both Sides to the Dispute Adhere Rigorously to Their Respective Views

Mr. Carter, according to the Cairo correspondent, has his own view of the matter and the peculiar position of the moment is that Carter holds the keys to the tomb but is not allowed to enter.

SAYS WIFE SHOT TO DEFEND HERSELF

Husband Says She Fired Fatal Shot Through Door and Killed Unwelcome Caller.

Hull, Que., Feb. 16.—That his wife, Mrs. Malvina Robillard, was driven in defense of her honor to fire the fatal shot through the door of her home on Saturday night last, which resulted in the death of Albert Turcotte, farmer of Lochaber Gore, for whose murder she now awaits trial in the Hull jail, was the statement made by Jean Baptiste Robillard, the husband, on his arrival here last night.

BANDIT ON RAMPAGE

Kills Policeman and Shoots Another and a Woman and Himself.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 16.—Patrolman M. S. Huntman is dead and Patrolman B. H. Honey and a man and woman bandit, Wm. Lee and Beatrice Hunter, are probably fatally wounded as a result of a gun battle in front of the New Grand Hotel here last night. The shooting followed a hold-up of a downtown cafe.

Two Brokers Get Prison Sentences

Toronto, Feb. 16.—"Guilty on all counts," was the verdict returned last night by a jury before Mr. Justice Wright against Adin E. Bryant and Norris P. Bryant, on six charges of theft in connection with the defunct Toronto and Montreal brokerage firm of Bryant, Isard and Company. A sentence of six months imprisonment in the Ontario Reformatory, to be followed by an indeterminate sentence of one year, was passed upon each of the two.

Grant McLachlan Leave To Appeal

Halifax, Feb. 16.—Leave to appeal to the Privy Council was granted this morning by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, sitting en banco, in the case of James B. McLachlan, the Cape Breton labor leader, convicted at the October criminal term of publishing a seditious libel, and now serving a term of two years in Dorchester penitentiary.

BRITISH ARE INTERESTED IN OIL DEALS

London Press Sees Far-Reaching Effects from Investigation.

DEPLORABLE STATE

Politicians are Rapped For Part Taken in Graft Ventures.

(British United Press.) London, Feb. 16.—The British press sees far-reaching effects, which eventually may become international in their scope, growing out of the oil-leasing scandals uncovered in Washington. Morning newspapers devote much space to what is described as a virtual "panic" in Wall Street as a result of the revelations.

Practically All Pits Are Under Operation in Cape Breton Zone

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 16.—Practically all the mines in the Cape Breton district are working today.

B. C. Firm Gets An African Contract

London, Feb. 16.—The Sudan government through Capt. E. C. Midwinter, general manager of railways and steamers, Sudan, Africa, has accepted a tender from a British Columbia firm for 150,000 railway ties of Douglas fir.

Algoma Steel Corp. Denies New Plans

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Emphatic denial was issued by officials of the Algoma Steel Corporation at its Toronto office yesterday of rumors that plans were being made for the construction of additions to the plant at Sault Ste. Marie, with the aid of new capital.

Canadian Beats His Own Record

London, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Press)—D. M. Johnson, quarter-mile champion of Canada, now attending Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from Quebec, yesterday won the quarter-mile sprint in the sports between Oxford and Cambridge Universities in 50.2-5 seconds. This is one-fifth of a second under Johnson's previous record.

C. N. R. Head Will Speak Over Radio

Calgary, Feb. 16.—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R., who will be in Winnipeg Wednesday, will speak over radio "CFRN" in Calgary in means of remote control accompanied by a long distance wire from Winnipeg to Calgary, an announcement made public here last night declared.

Canadian Relief Worker Weds In Near East

Nova Scotia Girl Marries American College Professor in Far Off Syria

WORD was received last week at the Near East Relief office in New York of the wedding in Beirut, Syria, of Miss Anne Sproule of Stellarton, N. S., and Professor Alfred Bastress of the American University of Beirut.



Miss Anne Sproule of Stellarton, N. S.

Here's Where You Can Get Your Tickets For The Big Skating Meet

They're on sale today. Get them early! What? Your tickets for the biggest indoor skating meet that St. John has ever attempted to hold.

SAY COUNTERFEITING PLOT PREVENTED

Washington, Feb. 16.—A nationwide conspiracy to make and distribute counterfeit treasury notes of \$1,000 denomination has been nipped in the bud, according to secret service operatives, through the arrest of James C. Houghton, employe of the bureau of engraving and printing, and Curt Jacobson, of New York.

Stribling Wins In Second Round

Savannah, Feb. 16.—Young Stribling, light heavyweight, last night knocked out Ross of Miami after 45 seconds of fighting in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The Atlantic storm has moved northward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while the western high pressure has spread over the Great Lakes and middle states. The weather is decidedly cold throughout the Dominion.

Second Brother Is Held For Sentence

New York, Feb. 16.—Joseph Diamond was found guilty last night by a jury of participating in the murder and robbery of two Brooklyn bank messengers last November and with his brother Morris Barlow Diamond, who was convicted of the same crime last week, will await formal sentences.

Jack Johnson Is Sued For Divorce

New York, Feb. 16.—John Arthur (Jack) Johnson, former heavyweight boxing champion, was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday by his white wife, Lucille Frances Johnson, for a divorce on the ground of infidelity. The action, undefended, was tried before Justice Wasservogel, who reserved decision.

WALKOUT EXPECTED TO BREAK SOON

No Serious Effect Along the Local Waterfront for Ten Days.

BRITISH ANXIOUS

Many American Ships to be Tied Up on Arrival in England.

That if the British dockers' strike is kept in force for any length of time it will seriously affect the port of St. John was the statement made this morning by H. C. Schofield, of the Robert Reford Co. to the Times. Mr. Schofield said that it would probably have no effect on this week's sailings from the other side as most of the ships sailed on Friday and would be on their westward journey, but the steamers reaching the other side over the week-end would not be able to unload until the strike ended.

Beside this difficulty in getting cargo at English ports, there would also be the bunker question, and that was a vital one to every ship which used coal for fuel. Another phase of the matter, it was pointed out by Mr. Schofield, and which he felt would make for an early settlement, was that such a strike cut Great Britain off from her source of food supplies and this was a most serious matter indeed.

London, Feb. 16.—As soon as the dock workers walked out at noon here today various lines put into operation such plans as they had already available for use in meeting the emergency. The United States lines, fearing the Plymouth tugboat men would follow the lead of those at Liverpool and bank the fires under their boilers, sent wireless messages to the captain of the steamship Franklin, due in Plymouth at ten o'clock tonight, informing him that his own crew would have to handle the mails.

MANY SEEK PLACES ON POLAR VOYAGE

Eager to Go to Icy North With Captain Bernier Next June.

London, Feb. 16.—Captain Joseph Bernier, Canadian Arctic explorer, who is in Glasgow in connection with the acquisition by the Canadian Government of the steamer Franklin for the proposed Polar expedition beginning in June, is receiving many applications daily from all kinds of people, who desire to join his party for the trip.

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Table with 3 columns: Stations, 8 a.m. Yesterday, Highest during. Rows include Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.