

# The Evening Times Star

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1920

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## Keep on Paying War Tax on Correspondence

Montreal, April 17.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Gazette says that "there is not much likelihood of the postal war tax of one cent being removed this year, although it has been removed in the United States. It provided a revenue of about \$6,000,000 last year, and there was another \$2,000,000 from the war stamp box on checks. The heavy increase in the expense of maintaining the postal service makes the removal of the tax impossible in Canada. Even if the tax is retained, the postmaster-general expects a heavy deficit on postal operations next year."

## PROPOSAL OF WATER SURVEY FOR THE CITY

In the mayor's office at city hall this morning a private conference was held regarding a letter received by his office concerning the matter of a water survey in St. John. The letter was from F. W. Smythe, maritime representative for the General Supply Company of Ottawa, who was in the city today. Smythe gave the estimated cost of such a survey as \$5,000 and it is said the installation of machinery afterwards in order to benefit by the survey would cost in the vicinity of \$20,000.

The letter spoke of a Pitometer survey of the water system by dividing the city into certain districts with a measurement of the flow into each district throughout twenty-four hours being recorded for a time. A test of all pumps would be made and accurate measurements of daily consumption taken with an investigation of sub-divided districts where excessive wastes were indicated in order to find any underground leaks in mains and services and to determine the sections where waste occurred through leakage in plumbing fixtures. A house to house inspection under the supervision of the company's engineers would be made if desired. There would also be a test of all manufacturing consumers to detect possible illegal use of unmetered water through fire lines or otherwise and a test of all large meters if desired. At the completion of the survey a report would be made with charts showing the variation in the flow, boundaries, general findings and other features.

The letter speaks of the per capita cost of water in this city as being very high. It also refers to surveys taken in other places having paid for themselves in this way. The letter was made. It was referred to Commissioner Jones at this morning's meeting.

## SITUATION IN CHINA WORSE

Amoy, China, April 17.—The Chinese troops which maintained an Anhui retreat, succeeded in getting possession of that town, to the northwest of Amoy in Kien province. Their success was aided by factional forces from Chang Chow, southern Kueien. Fighting also is reported in other places in the vicinity, with Christian churches being seized for the use of the soldiers.

The forces of Gen. Chen are said to be gaining strength. Troops of the northern army have captured several hundred cantonese, southern forces, near Amoy.

Shanghai, April 17.—Serious disturbances have occurred in the province of Honan and civil war is imminent, according to advice received by Chinese officials here. This situation, it is said, is the result of a change of tuchons, or military governors, in the province by the Peking government.

## HERE'S SNUB FOR D'ANNUNZIO

Fiume, April 17.—Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio has been completely ignored by the Italian National Council in the formulation of demands for a settlement of problems relative to the future status of this city. Delegates appointed by the council will meet Premier Nitti and carry on direct negotiations with the Italian government.

## CHARLOTTE STREET STORE TO REOPEN

Attention is called to advertisement of F. G. Spencer's in another column, offering for rent a small store in Charlotte street opposite the Dufferin Hotel.

## SYDNEY FIRE

Sydney, N. S., April 17.—Damage estimated at \$25,000 was done by fire this morning in Harrison's drug store building. The loss is only partially covered.

## Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents

## BIRTHS

MITCHELL.—At the Evangelical Maternity Home, on the 16th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mitchell, a daughter.

## MARRIAGES

FERGUSON-BOND.—At the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. H. A. Goodwin, April 16, Miss Jennie O. Bond and Charles Ferguson were united in marriage.

KELLY-GRADY.—At Holy Trinity church, on April 14, 1920, by Rev. Simon Dray, Mary Veronica Grady, Rev. Dr. Clement M. Kelly, both of this city.

## DEATHS

READ.—In this city, on 17th inst., sadie, wife of Ernest Read, leaving her husband, one daughter, three sisters and four brothers to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence, 20 Peter street, Monday afternoon, 22nd inst., 10 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

## AFFLICTED FAMILY NOW IS HOMELESS

Further Particulars Concerning Case Reported in This Paper Yesterday.

Among the tumble-down tenements on a portion of the waterfront there is one beneath which the harbor tide sweeps when so inclined, for it is at the extreme end of the street. Shunting freight trains blow their smoke and cinders in the windows, many of which are broken, and the loosely boarded floors and the stairs have all the appearance of being part of a house that was in the war zone. The house has no telephone, electric light or sewer connection.

In this house there are four tenants who pay an aggregate of \$28 a month. The third floor, reached at night through the imminent peril of one's life and limb, is occupied by a man, his wife, who is an expectant mother, and a little girl two years of age. They have been in the city for two months, coming here from Dalhousie. Last night an eviction notice was served upon them by the landlord and there seems no place for the family to go, for the three have scabies in a very chronic form; the legs, hands and arms of the wife, especially, being covered with the loathsome sores. The mother, following their arrival in the city, was among the first to contract influenza, being confined to the hospital in St. James street with both influenza and pneumonia. For one week, while his wife was in hospital, the husband worked in a local cost yard, but since has been unemployed and says that he cannot find work anywhere.

The rental charged for the two rooms which this family occupied is \$8 a month; lately the smaller room has been rented to another man who pays \$1 for the privilege. The furniture consists of a small coal stove, two chairs and a kitchen table, a pallet in the corner of the room, on the floor, served as a bed for some time, but recently an iron bed was added to the equipment.

The third floor rent, of three rooms, is the home of a laboring man, his wife and ten children, and for two months these people have been in danger of contracting the disease which has so marked the other tenants.

When "the front tenant" was stricken with influenza it was the woman living in the rear of the house who summoned a doctor, and she had to call up seven before medical aid was secured. The patient to the hotel this morning acted as nurse besides caring for her own large family.

Rev. George Scott, agent of the Children's Aid Society, and Rev. Fr. J. Young, of the Mission church, were informed of the conditions at this house and after making an inspection agreed to take the family to the hospital. The affected family would not be allowed into the hospital, for they have not been long enough in the city to be considered residents; the city, however, is his, been reached by the family back to Dalhousie, where they came from, but the woman is not in condition to travel. The board of health had the family medically examined, but could not provide any place for them to remain. It has been suggested that the child could be looked after in one of the institutions, but the father (who has been subjected to a nervous disorder) does not want the family parted. This is the family to which reference was made in the last night's Times.

Rev. Mr. Young was able to get the family to the hospital, but the matter up today took the matter up with Magistrate Ritchie in an effort to get them properly cared for. He was unable to get the mother and child, at least, placed in the epidemic hospital.

## STREET CAR FARES AND EXPENSES IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., April 17.—The Herald says that an understanding has been reached with the outside employees of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, under which the latter will advance the payroll to which the increase applies also to the mechanical departments. Operators on the new one-man cars are to receive five cents an hour in excess of those on the old cars, because of their additional responsibility. The pay of motormen, conductors and operators is graduated according to length of service, the maximum for an operator under the new arrangement to be thirty-seven cents an hour, and for a motorman or conductor, fifty-two cents. The advances are said to be contingent on an increase in rates that is to be based from legislation.

This advance provides for a flat fare of seven cents or a strip of four tickets for twenty-five cents.

## PROVINCIAL TURF

Fredericton, N. B., April 17.—Bill Sharon, 216-1-4 would probably have graduated to the grand circuit had he not been bought this week by Archie Alcorn, of Blackville. Yesterday T. V. Monahan received a letter from W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, who wrote from Hartford, Conn., to say that a well known horseman had expressed a desire to see the better part of the year. The Woodstock Driving Club will stage a matinee meeting at their track on Wednesday Day and on Dominion Day will have four classes, 213, 219, 234 and 230 mixed events.

## SECRETARY FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sydney, N. S., April 17.—Rev. F. M. Milligan of Sydney Mines, has accepted an appointment as secretary of religious education for the Presbyterian church in the Maritime Provinces.

## ST. JOHN BILLS ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS

Very Busy Morning for Municipalities Committee

Three Sections of Lancaster Highway Tax Measure Struck Out—Some Moncton Bills Are Held Over for Year.

Fredericton, N. B., April 17.—(Official Report).—The municipalities committee met at 10 o'clock. The bill relating to the water supply of the town of Devon, for the purpose of extending the system, was considered and reported with amendment.

The bill relating to assessment to the town of Woodstock, requiring all persons liable to assessment to file sworn statements of property and income and granting exemptions on \$800 of all incomes was reported.

The bill to authorize the city of Moncton to issue debentures to an amount not exceeding \$807,500 to be used as follows was reported:—\$116,000 for permanent streets, \$14,000 for permanent sidewalks, \$115,000 for additional water sewers, \$8,000 for fire department building, \$20,000 for balance on contract on which the city of Moncton is reported.

The bill to establish a Municipal House in Carleton county was reported. The bill authorizing the city of Moncton to purchase and take over the electric lighting plant and tramway system of the city of Moncton from the Moncton Tramways, Electricity and Gas Co. Ltd., was reported.

The bill to amend the city of Fredericton assessment act was considered. The first section, providing for the assessment of personal estate, wherever situated, of deceased residents during the year in which death occurred, was struck out and the bill was reported as amended.

The bill authorizing the Moncton Board of Trustees to issue debentures to the amount of \$200,000, and a bill relating to sewers and marshlands in the parish of Moncton were reported.

The bill relating to assessing of taxes in the city of St. John was considered. It increases the exemption on widows from \$200 to \$500, requires notice to the assessors of the winding up of the estate of a deceased person, and provides that a person or company taking over business liable for taxation in some respects during the year in which the business is taken over, shall be liable for the taxes on the business for the year in which the business is taken over, and for the year in which the business is taken over, and for the year in which the business is taken over.

The bill relating to the assessment of the town of Woodstock, providing for the assessment of property on a basis of 85 and 15 per cent on property on respective sides of a street in which a sewerage system is being constructed, was reported.

The bill relating to the assessment of the Portland Mill Mills, St. John, was reported.

The bill relating to the town of Shediac, authorizing the Newcastle school trustees to issue debentures to the amount of \$85,000, and a bill to authorize the town of Bathurst to issue \$10,000 were reported.

The bill to amend the provisions for the qualifications of voters and candidates for civic office in the city of Moncton, which had been opposed by a large delegation, was considered. Mr. Sweeney urged that the bill be allowed to stand over for a year as requested by the delegation. Mr. Campbell concurred.

Mr. Baxter said he felt it would be advisable to allow the bill to stand until the citizens could familiarize themselves with it.

Hon. Mr. Robinson said this and the assessment bill had been carefully considered by the Moncton city council, and he felt that, with a change in the qualification clauses, every one would be pretty well satisfied. Regarding the assessment bill he felt that it was along the lines Moncton needed, and that if it were struck out, the citizens probably could reach an agreement by next year. Mr. Sweeney believed that every man earning an income should be permitted to vote. He thought the bill should go to the committee of the whole for decision.

Mr. Sweeney's motion that the bill be laid over for a year was carried.

The same action was taken with respect to the bill relating to rates and taxes in Moncton, and it was recommended that the fees for both be returned.

The bill relating to rates and taxes in the parish of Lancaster, providing for a special tax for highway purposes on horses and motor vehicles was amended by striking out the section making any such horse or vehicle used in the parish for forty days liable. Sections 3 and 7 were struck out and a section was added providing that the assessment should not be more than one-third of actual value.

The bill providing for the extension of the franchise in the parish of Lancaster, which had been opposed by a farmer resident on the grounds that it was for the benefit of summer residents alone was recommended.

The bill to enable the municipality of the town of St. John to extend the franchise to public hospitals and the St. John County Hospital, authorizing loans for hospital purposes, to the municipality instead of the parish, and also to empower the medical health officer to order the removal of the East St. John hospital of tuberculosis patients who may be a danger to others, was amended by making the first section applicable to the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium, and so recommended.

The committee adjourned at 1 o'clock.

## LOST LIFE ON BRANCH OF TAY

Wilson Thomas Drowned in Driving Operations.

(Special to Times).—Fredericton, N. B., April 17.—Winslow Thomas of Woodstock lost his life yesterday afternoon on the south branch of the Tay, a tributary of the Nashwaak. He was employed by Frasers Ltd., and was preparing for driving operations. He and another man were working behind a dam clearing away ice. Thomas went down just when between the ice cakes and his companion says he thinks he went through the gates of the dam. He was aged twenty-one years and is survived by his wife and two children. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, whose illness prevented him from taking his place in the legislature at last night's session, is seriously ill. He left his bed but had to return to it.

The big ice jam in the St. John River nine miles west of Fredericton is gradually going to pieces. There has been a very heavy run of ice from the north since this city today. The water is still rising. Stream driving has begun and crews left this city last evening to work on some of the smaller waters. Others will go today.

## LOCAL NEWS

TRAINS LATE.

The Boston train was delayed five hours and the Montreal four and a half hours today. The cause was not definitely known, but it was said to be a washout on the line in Maine.

## VESTRY MEETING

At a meeting of the vestry of St. John's (Stone) church last evening, the Rev. Canon Kuhring, presiding, committees were appointed for the year. The Rev. Canon Kuhring, presiding, committees were appointed for the year. The Rev. Canon Kuhring, presiding, committees were appointed for the year.

## AUCTIONS TODAY

A house in Albert street, West St. John, offered at auction today by F. L. Pettis, auctioneer, at Chubb's corner, M. W. G. M. of the Orange Order of British America would reach the city this afternoon.

## HANDS BURNED

While repairing a car in Fagley's garage at Glen Falls, this morning, Robert Floyd had one of his hands quite badly burned. His hands were covered with gasoline and when the engine back fired the spark ignited the gas.

## PINK TEA AT ST. PHILIP'S

A pink tea given under the auspices of the Willing Workers of St. Philip's church, Thursday evening, was enjoyed by many. The tea was a success. The Rev. Canon Kuhring, presiding, committees were appointed for the year.

## BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James McSherry on Friday afternoon was the scene of a pleasant gathering when the birthday of their daughter, Miss Margaret, was celebrated.

## MRS. ERNEST READ

The death of Mrs. Sadie Read, wife of Ernest Read, occurred this morning at her home, 24 King street, West St. John, after a long illness. She was survived by her husband, one daughter, Miss Margaret Read, at home, three sisters and four brothers. The funeral will be held at 2:30 p. m.

## MORE ROAD CASES

Fred B. Hazen, of Silver Falls, and H. S. Hume, of St. John, were before Magistrate Adams in Brookville this morning and fined \$10 each for driving their automobiles on the Lech Lombard road during closed period. There are other cases to come up before the magistrate.

## THREE ACCIDENTS

W. E. Burdette, 241 King street, west side, a C. P. R. truck driver, injured his wrist yesterday afternoon when he caught it on a crate, causing a lacerated wound. He was treated at the emergency hospital and went to his home.

## THORNE LODGE I. O. G. T.

St. Mary's Band united fair, Monday, 19th inst., in lodge hall, Thorne avenue, near East End Ball grounds. Usual games and door prizes each evening. Admission 10c.

## MASS MEETING

Under the auspices of St. John County L. O. L. and I. O. O. F. A. mass meeting will be held tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at three o'clock in Ludlow street Baptist church to be addressed by the Rev. W. G. M. of British American, H. C. Hocken, M.P. Offering for the Provincial Memorial Home for Children. All Orangemen and members of the L. O. O. F. A. and their friends invited to attend.

## INVESTIGATE FIRE ON VESSEL AT DARTMOUTH

Halifax, April 17.—An inquiry is to be held on Monday by Consul-General Gaborit into the burning of the French steamer Barr last night.

## MURDER CHARGE AGAINST LLOYD GEORGE VERDICT

Outcome of Inquest Into Killing of Mayor of Cork—Other Phases of Irish Situation.

Cork, April 17.—Charges of wilful murder against Premier Lloyd George were brought in the verdict of a jury in an inquest into the death of Mayor Curtin, of this city, assassinated last month, which was rendered today.

The verdict also charges Viscount French, Ian MacPherson and several police inspectors with murder.

Belfast, April 17.—What is believed to be the first political assassination on the Ulster border occurred late last evening when Thomas Mulholland of Dundalk, forty-five miles northwest of Dublin, was shot in a street there and died an hour later.

Mulholland made a statement to the stretcher bearers. A man named McKeever, living near the scene of the shooting, said he heard three shots and found Mulholland writhing on the ground. McKeever declared he saw two policemen nearby and called to them, but they proceeded toward the barracks.

Dublin, April 17.—Eleven more hunger strikers were released from Mountjoy prison today. The doubts over the terms under which the prisoners have been released were not yet cleared up. Work progressed as usual and there was quiet throughout the city.

A mail train was held up by fifty armed men early yesterday morning at Kinsale Junction, south of Cork. They seized all the letters addressed to the police station at Brandon, near Kinsale. The train, Ireland, April 17.—Constable Patrick Foley was found dead in a mill yard yesterday with twenty-six bullet wounds in his body. He was blindfolded and his hands were tied behind his back.

Dublin, April 17.—The embargo on the export of bacon, pigs and butter, announced on Thursday, may have serious consequences. Relief is expressed here that it may threaten the solidarity which heretofore has been possible between labor and the Sinn Féiners. As the Sinn Féin farmers and the laborers are dependent on agricultural profits, it is considered unlikely they will sacrifice them.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Thomas H. McCauley of Calgary, Alberta, has arrived in St. John to join her husband, T. H. McCauley, general manager of the New Brunswick Power Co. She is accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Ruse of Toronto. They are at the Royal hotel for a few days before leaving for their home.

## WIDOW OF ALBANY GRASS DIED TODAY

(Special to The Times).—Fredericton, April 17.—Mrs. O. S. Grass, widow of Albany Grass of Sunbury county, who died a few days ago this morning at her home in Sunbury, was aged seventy-one years. She was the wife of a well-known farmer and a member of the United Farmers of Canada. Her husband died of a heart attack on April 10.

## SMALL MUTINY ON STEAMER AT DARTMOUTH

Halifax, April 17.—There was some trouble, amounting to a mutiny, on the steamship Empress for Digby (N. S.). Miss Kathleen McSherry left yesterday morning on the Empress for Digby. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. VanWart, Charlotte street, returned home yesterday afternoon after a visit to the New England States.

## LOCAL NEWS

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