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ANOTHER FIGHT MARKS CUSTOMS PROBE

SUBMISSION OF BISAILLON RECORD CAUSE

Wrangle Over Document Holds Up Evidence

SPARKS RESUMES

Speaker Declares Montreal Man Guilty of Theft or Perjury

Canadian Press OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—References to J. E. A. Bisailon, former special inspector of the customs port of Montreal, was the signal for another clash between members of the Commons committee which is conducting the customs probe at the outset of today's sitting.

CALDER LIKELY COUNSEL

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—R. L. Calder, K. C., Montreal, will probably be appointed counsel for the whole committee conducting the customs administration inquiry.

Decision to engage one counsel for the committee as a whole, has been understood, according to reports by members of the committee. It is expected that the House will be asked today to empower an appointment.

Mr. Donaghy said that a false impression had gone out in the press yesterday concerning the handling of these remittances and the record he proposed to read was the official record from the Customs Department.

BENNETT OBJECTS

Hon. R. B. Bennett of West Calgary said the committee was not making this investigation for the press.

Mr. Donaghy moved in amendment that he be allowed to read the record first "in the interests of the public" and also members of this committee who do not seem to know the record exists.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, Vancouver Centre, said the whole committee had probably seen the record. He did not think this was the time to introduce the Bisailon matter again.

Mr. Stevens said that Bisailon was either guilty of some sort of theft from the public exchequer, or he had committed perjury.

Mr. Donaghy said that he was not asking for the privilege of cross-examining the witness. He was only asking for permission to read some documents.

CHARGES CHEAP TALK

Mr. Bennett: "That is the cheapest kind of political nonsense that any reputable man ever used. It is an endeavor to give Bisailon a certificate of character? I resent such cheap talk."

G. H. Henderson, K. C., counsel for Mr. Sparks, observed that any lawyer of experience would agree with what Mr. Bennett had said in regard to the matter. The witness had said nothing about any accounting which Bisailon had properly made already.

The chairman remarked that Mr. Donaghy might question Mr. Sparks later on evidence given by Bisailon. Mr. Bell said no decent court of law would interrupt evidence-in-chief to ask the defence to file a document.

Mr. Donaghy: "If you don't want to be enlightened, it's all right."

SPARKS RECALLED

R. P. Sparks, president of the Commercial Protective Association, was again called to the stand. He produced a pamphlet by the International Association of Garment Manufacturers and of the American Vanguard, dealing with ransom made goods.

Mr. Henderson: "What connection"

Total Death Toll of 70 Feared In Snowslide at Utah Mining Village

Record Cattle Shipment Sent From Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 18.—All records for cattle shipments from Western Canada were shattered yesterday when a special Canadian National train, consisting of 54 cars, left here with 300 head of beef animals and 1,000 hogs destined for old country ports. It was the largest shipment of hogs in 20 years.

Great interest was taken in the shipment by local and district livestock men, and many were at the station when the train pulled out. All pointed to the great strides being made in the promotion and advancement of overseas trade.

RETURN TO 2-PARTY SYSTEM HERE SEEN

London Times Comments on Progressive Relation to Liberal Policies

Canadian Press LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Times, in a leading editorial on the election of Premier King in Prince Albert, says that for the time being, at least, it is impossible for the present situation in the Canadian parliament to come to an end.

Observing that the Conservatives are the largest party in the House of Commons, the Times says the plain fact remains that Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, commands a majority and, until he resigns, there is little use for his followers to expect Premier King to resign.

DECLINE OF PROGRESSIVES

The really significant and outstanding fact as a result of the last Dominion general election, the Times says, is the growing tendency for the remnants of the Progressive party to submit to the Liberal discipline.

As a matter of fact, says the Times, the Progressive movement has faded away as suddenly as it began.

The Times concludes by saying that though the present political situation at Ottawa apparently is a deadlock, there are many signs that it implies a general return to the two-party system.

"When the process is complete," the paper adds, "it may be possible to expect from the electors of Canada, a clear cut decision."

ELEVEN PERISH AS STEAMER IS SUNK

Fatal Collision in Harbor at Port of Spain, Trinidad

Canadian Press PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 18.—Eleven persons, members of the crew and passengers of the Trinidad government steamer Naparima, perished when the steamer sank in a collision with the Lamport and Holt liner Vandyok, in the harbor yesterday.

The collision occurred while the South American ports, was clearing from her dock. The remainder of those on the Naparima were saved by small fishing boats in the vicinity.

The Vandyok is detained by the local government, awaiting the result of an official inquiry.

Confesses Slaying of Fifty-Three People

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—A Warsaw despatch tells of the arrest of a "blue beard" murderer named Rutuschke charged with killing 53 persons, mostly women and children, and also a priest.

He is alleged to have confessed that he lured his victims into the woods and killed them.

Woman Tells of Loss of Life Savings In Music Co. Bubble

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 18.—How life savings were invested in the \$1,000,000 bubble of Joseph X. Hearst, president of the Hearst Music Publishing Company, the collapse of which brought great loss to shareholders in the United States and Canada, featured the evidence in the preliminary hearing of the "jazz wizard" here yesterday.

Hearst is charged with theft and fraud and many witnesses have come forward to tell of their losses, ranging from a few hundred dollars to thousands.

After a struggle of years, having started when 12 years old, Miss Eliza

U. S. ANTHRACITE MINERS RESUME AFTER STRIKE

Workers Back To Pits After 5 Months' Idleness

COAL IS RAISED

Operators' And Miners' Representatives Sign Five-Year Wage Contract

Canadian Press WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 18.—Trouble marked the re-opening of the anthracite mines here today, when 500 workers employed by the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Pittston went on strike a few minutes after the resumption of operations. The dispute arose over wage rate.

Trouble was also reported at the Woodrow mine of the Glen Alden Company, but operations were continued.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 18.—Mining was resumed last night in the anthracite regions when the vast army of underground toilers returned to their jobs after being idle more than five months because of the strike.

Thousands of workers thronged around the shafts of the different collieries everywhere in the coal fields at 8 o'clock, at which hour the miners began lowering their loads of human freight to the bowels of the earth, and begin the actual production of anthracite, the first since the strike went into effect.

Some coal was hoisted to the collieries and run through the chutes at 7 o'clock on this morning. The coal was mined by shifts that went to work in the mines last night.

The whole region became active as the mine whistles blew this morning for the first time in nearly a half year and thousands of workers entered the pits in compliance with the five-year peace pact formally signed here yesterday afternoon by the joint committee of operators and miners.

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Sees Menace In Rapid Growth of Prosperity

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The United States faces a financial headache if business improves too much this year, in the opinion of Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York. "It would be dangerous of this year turned out to be any more prosperous than 1925," Mitchell said. "It would mean inflation, the forerunner of deflation, which, in turn, means a headache."

Mitchell, who is en route to the Northwest on a business trip, was optimistic of the future, however.

U. S. TO BUILD TWO GIANT DIRIGIBLES

Each Will Be Thrice Size of Shenandoah—1,000 New Airplanes Also

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The House Naval Committee gave its approval yesterday to a five-year building program to cost \$85,078,000 for naval air service. It would become operative in the fiscal year beginning June 30. The program as recommended by the committee includes the purchase of 1,000 new airplanes and two dirigibles, each three times the size of the wrecked Shenandoah. The total cost of the two dirigibles will amount to \$20,000,000.

DEMPSEY'S MATE FOUND SHOT DEAD

Ralph Brooks Believed Suicide Victim—Was to Box Champ-ion Saturday

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 18.—Ralph Brooks, a sparring partner of Jack Dempsey, was found in a hotel room here late yesterday with a pistol bullet in his head. He died shortly after being taken to the hospital, while surgeons were probing for the bullet which a police officer was convinced, was self-inflicted.

A member of Dempsey's exhibition entourage, which arrived in Richmond Tuesday, Brooks was scheduled to meet the champion in a boxing bout Saturday night.

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Surplus of \$61,327 in Revenue For 12 Months

SERVICE BETTER

President, At Annual Meeting, Tells of Improvements Made in Equipment

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 18.—The New Brunswick Telephone Company held its annual meeting here today. The directors met this morning and the shareholders, this afternoon. Hon. F. B. Black, president of the company, presented the thirty-sixth annual report. A surplus of \$61,327.66 was shown by the financial statement. In addition, a dividend of \$59,848.20 was declared in December, last, for the year closing December 31.

Of the directors the following were present: Hon. F. B. Black, Sackville; Hon. I. R. Tood, Milltown; R. Leary, Richibucto; J. C. Allan, St. John's; H. P. Robinson, Saint John; members of executive, also J. M. Robins, W. C. Allison, C. W. McMain, Avilly, Saint John; E. W. McMain, Woodstock; J. E. MacPherson, Montreal; E. Sinclair, Newcastle. Directors in attendance were: Dr. A. F. Barnhill, Saint John; R. B. Hanson, M. P.; Superintendent; Archibald Fraser, Fredericton.

President Black was in part as follows: "The company has had a substantial growth, both in plant and revenue during the year. Sixty-seven miles of new telephone lines have been erected in the following localities: Andover, St. John's, Campbellton, Tide-Head and Woodstock. The total number of telephones in use is 27,288. There was also a gain of 30,000 in long distance mileage through the year."

SERVICE IMPROVED

Cord circuit repeaters have been installed at Newcastle, Saint John and Woodstock for the purpose of improving long distance service, particularly to points outside the province. Eighteen thousand dollars was expended for these repeaters and with their use, together with other improvements, we can now give commercial service to Boston, New York, Montreal and most distant points.

You will note from the financial statement a net increase in plant value of \$205,014.67 and in real estate \$18,100. The gross revenue for the year increased about \$1,000,000 over the preceding year. You will note, however, that the net revenue shows a moderate increase and it is only \$1,000,000 over the preceding year. It is only fair to state that this net revenue has been produced by the most careful and judicious management of the company, reducing the percentage to be set aside for depreciation from 6.81 p. c. to 5 p. c., and consequently insufficient revenue for dividend purposes. You will also note the very slight increase in the reserve over last year.

SMALL RESERVE INCREASE

The fact is that the reserve, in proportion to our investment, is smaller than it has been for the past 12 years, and is really smaller than it should be. The storm of last October cost us something over \$8,000. While this is a small amount, it calls attention to the fact that the company has been exceedingly fortunate in having few losses of this nature in recent years.

GROUP INSURANCE

"In 1919 the company inaugurated a plan of group insurance covering all its employees, being the first in the province to adopt the plan. During the past year, we have extended the plan so that employees were enabled to secure additional insurance at very moderate rates."

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Allies Quit Cologne

Cologne is at last free of allied troops. The above photograph, just received, shows British Yanks departing. The historic event caused little interest amongst the German population, as the deserted streets testify.

35 KNOWN DEAD, SAME NUMBER STILL MISSING

Only 18 of Recovered Bodies Have Been Identified

TWO FOUND ALIVE

Owner of Boarding House Dug From Debris; Both Badly Hurt

BINGHAM, Utah, Feb. 18.—Thirty-five known dead, with an equal number of persons missing, was the toll early today of the avalanche that overwhelmed the Highland Boy Mining camp in Sap Gulch, near here, yesterday.

Officials directing the search of the scattered remains of a series of buildings, made up a list of 20 missing persons, one a three-story frame boarding house housing 50 persons, expressed the belief that in the neighborhood of 70 lives had been lost.

Frank A. Wardlaw, superintendent of the Utah-Delaware Mining Company, which operates the Highland Boy workings, made up a list of 20 missing persons, which included only the owners and lessees of houses destroyed. He was unable to say how many other persons might have lived in the cabins, some alien boarders not employed by the mining company. Only 18 of the known dead had been identified, and there was the possibility that the 17 unidentified bodies were those of persons listed as missing and believed dead.

TWO ARE RESCUED

The rescue workers numbering more than 50, were spurred on their attack upon the debris by the finding alive of Jimmy Macdonald and his wife, owners of the boarding house, after more than 14 hours imprisonment under wreckage. The Macdonalds were brought out late last night, after all hope had been given up for those remaining buried.

Glob Campbell, a miner, first heard their faint cries coming through the snow and splintered timbers. He slipped from his resting place on the thickly piled debris, after more than 14 hours imprisonment under wreckage. The Macdonalds were brought out late last night, after all hope had been given up for those remaining buried.

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19-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS HAILED AS OPERA STAR

Marion Talley Takes Ten Curtain Calls During Debut in New York Opera—Father, Telegrapher, Gives News of Success to the World.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Marion Talley, 19, of Kansas City, last night sang the role of "Gilda" in Verdi's "Rigoletto" at the Metropolitan Opera House. Her debut was a success.

The conclusion of the second act featured by her rendition of "Caro Nome" saw a packed auditorium in a frenzy. While shouts of "bravo" and "Talley" resounded, the new star took 10 curtain calls.

Then Mrs. Talley emerged beaming from the prima donna's dressing room and announced that her daughter was being hailed as an opera star.

Charles M. Talley, a former Associated Press telegrapher, was meanwhile tapping his key in the wings.

FATHER BROADCASTS

On the first opera ringside his dots Mrs. Talley said: "The things that the Talley family have been dreaming of for 15 years have come true. Our little girl is singing to the world as we always thought she could and would, sometime."

New York music critics are unanimous in proclaiming Miss Talley's voice of unusual loveliness and in giving her the highest praise.

Belated would be patrons last night offered ticket speculators as high as \$100 a seat. Eight men were arrested as ticket scalpers.

IS FIRST BRANCH OF NEW VETERAN BODY

Canadian Legion Has Inception in Saskatchewan—Will Be Dominion-wide

REGINA, Sask., Feb. 18.—Representatives of 88 districts in Saskatchewan today created the first provincial branch of the Canadian Legion to be formed in the Dominion.

Under the name of the Canadian Legion in the province of Saskatchewan the organization, into which all previous soldier bodies will enter in a province-wide and later a dominion-wide association, was brought into being when 111 delegates unanimously passed a resolution forming themselves into the first provincial convention.

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