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EXPRESS RATES AND NEW BRIDGE OVER THE FALLS

Railway Commission in Session Here This Morning

Business Men Oppose Increase of 40 per cent. for Express Companies—The Bridge Matter Stands for a Short Time; May Be Hearing.

The hearing in the matter of the proposed increase in express rates, amounting to about 40 per cent, was opened before the Canadian Railway Commission here this morning. The board was composed of Hon. F. B. Carvell, K. C., chairman, A. C. Boyce, K. C., commissioner and R. Richardson, assistant secretary.

The express representatives present were—Hon. F. H. Phlippen, general counsel, and C. N. Ham secretary of the Express Traffic Association; John Pullen, president, W. W. Williamson, general auditor, C. H. C. Creighton, superintendent of the Atlantic Division, Canadian Express Co.; T. E. McDonnell, general manager, W. H. Burr, traffic manager, F. W. O'Connell, Asst. Supt. of the Atlantic Division Dominion Express Company.

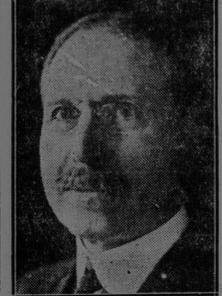
Mr. Crowell said that the application was made by the express companies on the ground that revenues would not meet operating expenses. According to evidence already submitted the Dominion Express Co., expected to have a loss of \$1,800,000 and the Canadian Express Co., would have about the same loss.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the board of trade read a letter from the Retail Merchants Association asking that the express distribution rates in the maritime provinces be allowed to stand as far as fruit was concerned.

Messrs. Willett, Estabrooks and Goodwin appeared as representing the wholesale fruit dealers.

In reply to Mr. Carvell, Mr. Hamma said all the fruit to the maritime provinces came in carload lots.

BRITISH DELEGATE



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WANT ACTION

Grocers Petition for Prosecution of American and Franklin Sugar Refining Companies.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Counsel for some 250 wholesale grocery companies in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland yesterday presented arguments to Attorney-General Palmer in support of their petition asking that the American and Franklin Sugar Refining Companies be prosecuted for violations of war time food price control legislation.

MORE GAINS FOR THE RED ARMIES

Occupation of the Crimea Reported Extended

Refugees From Sabastopol Still on Transports in Bosphorus—Soviets and Poles Open Final Peace Conference.

London, Nov. 18.—The Russian Bolshevik in their campaign against the Ukrainians, say they have captured amnest-Podolek, capital of Podolia and announced the extension of the Bolshevik occupation of the Crimea.

BANKERS' PLANS RE CUBA SAID TO BE ABANDONED

New York, Nov. 18.—It is announced that plans of United States and Canadian bankers to take over loans of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 held by Cuban bankers against sugar growers of the island, have been abandoned.

IN WOODSTOCK; DIED TODAY IN HOSPITAL

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM GROWS MORE SERIOUS

A. F. L. Executive in Session On Question

Direct Step to Eliminate Radicalism From Control in Labor Councils Reported to Be Determined on.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Facing an increasingly serious problem in unemployment in the United States and conditions contributing to it, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor continued its sessions here today.

Although it became known yesterday that direct steps to eliminate radicalism from any control in labor councils and to meet the menace of increasing unemployment had been determined upon by the United States labor leaders, there has been no definite revelation of the measures and policies thus far agreed upon.

AUTO DESTROYED

E. C. Atkinson of Fredericton Jumps in Time to Escape in Accident at Lincoln.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 18.—Ewart C. Atkinson of this city had a narrow escape last night when his automobile went over a bank at Lincoln.

KILLINGS NEARLY DOUBLED IN 20 YEARS IN STATES

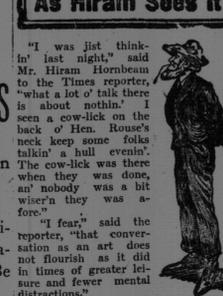
New York, Nov. 18.—Homicides in the United States have nearly doubled within the last twenty years, according to a summary prepared by Dr. F. L. Hoffman, an expert statistician.

BOOST RENT OF NATIONS' LEAGUE

The Hague, Nov. 18.—The trustees of the Carnegie peace palace have decided that the League of Nations must pay higher rent for the palace.

DR. S. VINEBERG GOES TO POST IN CLEVELAND

As Hiram Sees It



"I was just thinking last night," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "what a lot of talk there is about nothing."

WIND 80 MILES AN HOUR AT SEA

Deaths in New York in Wild Storm

Some Killed by Autos, a Man Trampled to Death by Horses—Captains Say it Was One of Worst Blows in 20 Years.

New York, Nov. 18.—The wind last night, which at times reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour along the New Jersey coast and increased to eighty miles at sea, caused the death of five men and a woman and the serious injury of many others here.

OPEN VERDICT IN MANITOBA SHOOTING CASE

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 18.—An open verdict was returned by a jury last night when an inquest concerning the death of Alexander McCurdy, a provincial inspector, who was slain in the course of a raid on the Stockyard Hotel at St. Boniface was concluded.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. F. Steaper, director of meteorological service.

MAY LENGTHEN BALL SEASON

Proposal for Schedule of 168 Games.

Movements of the Teams and Players—A Banquet for Johnny Evers—Late Reports on Sport.

New York, Nov. 18.—When the major baseball leagues hold their annual meeting in February they will consider a proposition to lengthen each team's schedule to 168 games instead of 164, as heretofore.

TO VISIT CANADA

Sir Wm. Packingham, New Commander of British Station at West Indies.

CRITICIZES THE OTTAWA POLICY

London Times' Financial Editor Says Embargo on Import of Canadian Securities Shortsighted.

London, Nov. 18.—(Canadian Ass'n. Press)—The financial editor of the Times says that the concern now being felt by the Canadian wheat growers at the absence of an effective demand for their product furnishes an object lesson of the short sighted policy of the dominion government in establishing an embargo on the import of Canadian securities.

THREE MARITIME PREMIERS CONFERENCE

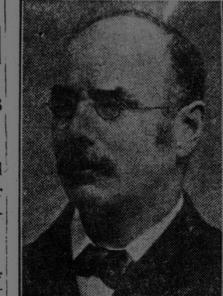
Meeting in Halifax Tomorrow on Matter of Compensation to Western Lands.

PRESS MATTER OF LUXURY TAX

Ontario Retail Merchants Association Criticizes the Federal Government.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 18.—Strongly criticizing the federal government for refusing to repeal the luxury tax and compelling the retail merchants throughout the country to act as tax collectors, 800 delegates to the annual convention of the Ontario branch of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, which opened here yesterday, decided to make further representations to the government urging the repeal of the luxury tax act and the substitution of a tax placed at the source of production.

PROMINENT AT GENEVA CONFERENCE



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THREE ESCAPE FROM JAIL IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Two Had Done it Before—Overpowered Jailer, Take Away Keys and Revolver.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 18.—Nash and Stevens, two prisoners in the jail here, who escaped and were recaptured a few weeks ago, escaped a second time last night with a fellow prisoner, Amos Gallant of Charlottetown. They leaped upon the jailer as he was leaving the ward in which they were confined, overpowered him, took away his keys and loaded revolver, locked him in a cell and made their way out.

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GREAT STRIKE OF FARMERS IN THE U. S. PROPOSED

Combat Falling Prices of Products of the Farm

Urged to Hold Back Produce of This Year and Also Threat of Reduced Production—National Farm Marketing Board.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 18.—A nation wide producers' strike to combat the falling prices of farm products was urged today by the National Farmers' Union to its local unions, which number some 800,000 members.

The proposed strike was urged in retaliation for what the convention considered abnormal deflation of prices of farm products through which it was alleged the U. S. farmers have been robbed of one billion dollars in reduced value of products now on hand.

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