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Italian Royalty Carries Comfort to the Afflicted Quake Victims Many Millions of Dollars Involved in the Projected Power Deal

EX-PREMIER SAYS HE KNOWS NOTHING OF CROOKED DEALS

Sir William Hearst on Stand at Timber Limits Investigation.

FALSE RETURNS MADE

A denial by former Premier Hearst, that he had any knowledge of irregularities in connection with crown timber lands, was made before the Riddell-Latchford commission yesterday. On the other hand, Samuel Price, chairman of the workmen's compensation board, and formerly a commissioner of the crown lands department, with headquarters in Northern Ontario, told of several fraudulent transactions he had come across. Mr. Price said that owners of the Fort Frances Lumber Company had made false returns. In another case, a lot of timber had been cut and no returns made. About \$20,000 in dues should have gone to the government.

Mr. Price also stated that false returns were made, in connection with which one Johnson had demanded \$1000 from Mr. Preston, manager of the company, or he would hand over the proper sheet to the government.

Witness said Preston immediately notified the government of this and sent in all the affidavits and reports he had, which led to the investigation. Justice Latchford: "Did the company pay the \$2000 additional, which, according to the original sheets, they ought to have paid?" "I presume they did."

The witness was asked if anyone was prosecuted, and he replied that Johnson was, but he got off before the judge because he said he had not sworn to the affidavits, altho Crown Timber Agent Watts had sworn he had. When Justice Riddell heard that Watts had not been brought before the judge, the commissioner made some caustic comment.

Get Valuable Limit.
Alex Pasken, barrister, testified that the Port Arthur Pulp & Paper Co. was a client of his and had applied for permission to sell timber.

CALL ON MEIGHEN TO STAY INCREASE

Wholesale Grocers Point Out Out Higher Freight Rates Will Prove Hardship.

The Canadian Wholesale Grocers' Association has sent the following wire to Premier Meighen:

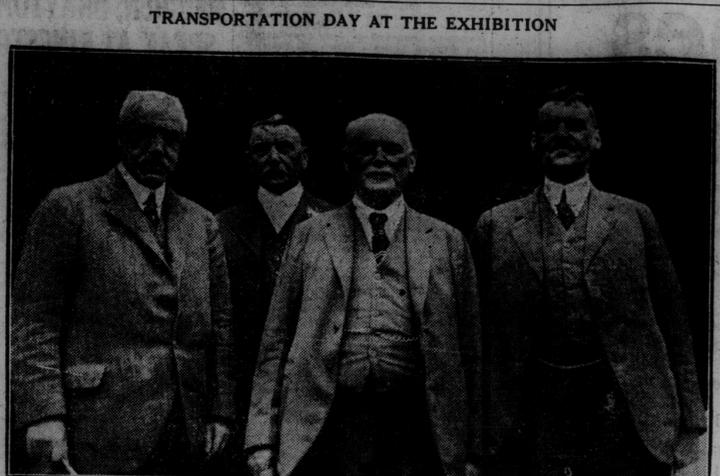
"In our opinion the Canadian Railway Commission are not justified in anticipating a condition that warrants such an enormous increase in freight rates to the railway companies. Prudence in view of the high cost of living, the serious unrest existing and the probability of economic depression in the management of the Canadian National Railway system would seem to dictate caution until business becomes more stabilized. It is impossible in the unsettled state of affairs to accurately forecast requirements. The investigation has not changed the opinion that the Canadian Pacific Railway may still be able to give an efficient service and provide a reasonable dividend to its shareholders. To take perhaps two hundred million dollars in advance under present circumstances is in our opinion premature and should be postponed for at least one year. We therefore appeal from the judgment of the railway commission to your cabinet and request that the decision should be reviewed by the railway committee of the privy council and that interested parties be heard."
(Signed) H. Blain, President.
(Signed) A. C. Pyke, Secretary.

FIRST ARRESTS AT THE EXHIBITION

Two Men Charged With Stealing Tickets—Another Alleged Receiver.

P. C. Kinney and P. C. Ellwood arrested Jacob Levy, 118 Lippincott street, and Frank Thompson, 24 Howland road, yesterday afternoon, at the Exhibition grounds, on the charge of stealing a number of grand stand tickets at the ticket wicket, handing them over to Joseph Harber, the booth representative of the O'Keefe Brewery Company.

It is also alleged that a number of O'Keefe tickets were found on the person of the men charged with theft. These are the first arrests made at the Exhibition this year.



The three men in the foreground of the picture are (left to right): D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railway; Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, and Grant Hall, a vice-president of the C.P.R. President Robert Fleming of the Exhibition is standing slightly in the rear.

POWER INTERESTS TO BE CLEANED UP?

Negotiations Between Sir Adam Beck, Representing the Hydro Commission and City of Toronto, and the Mackenzie Group Reported to Be Nearing Completion—Power, Radials, Light and Toronto Railway Company Involved.

The "big clean up" in regard to power, radials, light, Toronto Street Railway, is said to be about completed. The shares of the Toronto Railway advanced seven or more points within the past few days and this would seem to indicate that the clean up is on the way to a speedy conclusion.

What is the deal and between whom? Between Sir Adam Beck, representing (a) The Ontario Hydro and Radial Commissions (b) The City of Toronto and the Mackenzie group who control: 1. Toronto Railway. 2. Toronto Power Co. 3. Toronto Electric Light. 4. Ontario Electrical Development. 5. York Radials—(a) Metropolitan, Yonge street to Lake Simcoe; (b) Kingston road, Toronto to West Hill; (c) Lake Shore road, Toronto to Port Credit.

All these companies have Sir William Mackenzie for president or on their boards, are all interlocked one with the other, and all securities (bonds, debenture stock, notes), are guaranteed by some or all of the associates.

What is the consideration? The city of Toronto will have to pay cash or its equivalent to an amount representing so much on the dollar for its common stock to the shareholders of the Toronto Railway (say about 50 to 60 cents on the dollar), and assume and discharge all the bonds, and notes issued by the Toronto Railway Co. on account of that undertaking. For this the city will get the balance of the franchise and all the assets, including (Continued on Page 6, Columns 3 and 4).

DRAYTON TIGHTENING SECURITIES EMBARGO

Bankers Requested to Make Inquiries Where Transactions in Sterling or Foreign Exchange Involve More Than Thousand Dollars—Local Brokers Discuss Outlook.

On the authority of Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, who last night attended the demonstration in honor of the prime minister, Hon. Arthur Meighen, in Sir Henry's constituency, Kingston, Ont., the following statement has been issued regarding the financial situation in Canada: "Owing to the financial conditions arising out of the war and the change in Canada in recent months from a favorable trade balance to an adverse trade balance, the minister of finance has requested the Canadian banks to decline to facilitate the importation or carrying of Canadian and other securities which have been held abroad. To that end the minister is requesting the banks to have purchasers of sterling or foreign exchange in amounts of a thousand dollars or over, and drawees of drafts received for collection from outside of Canada, for the like amounts, certify that the exchange so required or the draft from abroad does not represent the purchase outside of Canada of such securities." "The minister is of the opinion that it is impossible for Canada to absorb this portion of its foreign debt or foreign securities at the present juncture without embarrassment to general financial conditions. Every available dollar now in Canada is required for the business of the country, and particularly to finance the crop movement, and if money is withdrawn in the way referred to, the withdrawal will seriously affect and restrict the commercial activities of the country."

TIGHTENS THE STRINGS. Early in the year the minister of finance made a request that Canadian brokers enter into a "gentlemen's agreement" to refrain from importing securities, and at special sessions of the Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges members' co-operation was promised. The informal pledge has been kept strictly in the great majority of cases. It is believed, but there have been leakages in some quarters. A. E. Ames, head of A. E. Ames & Co. (Continued on Page 2, Column 2).

TORONTO'S LANDMARKS. Ask the average Torontonian what hat store he knows best on Yonge street, and the reply will invariably be "Dineen's," who have been doing business since 1867. Just now they are busy opening new fall hats. The extensive connections of the Dineen Co. enable them to place before the public the newest styles just as soon as they are out either in London or New York. Today a shipment of light color pearl soft hats were opened up. "Swell English styles," price \$4.95 to \$10.00. English overcoats for men, fall and winter weights. Raincoats—the finest goods imported. English tweed hats and caps. Dineen's 140 Yonge street.

NEW EARTH SHOCK KILLS RESCUERS

Attempts at Robbing Dead and Looting at Fivizzano Promptly Punished—Italian Royal Family Carries Comfort to Afflicted—Messina Disaster Recalled.

Florence, Sept. 9.—Already some of those working bravely to rescue and help the sufferers from the earthquake have been killed. At Fivizzano, three men, including a carabinieri, were trying to move masonry, from behind which they heard the groans of someone imprisoned, when a new earth shock occurred, the wall falling on all three and crushing them in sight of the onlookers. During the night, while others were engaged in the work of rescue, a determined attempt was made to carry off the strong box of the saved bank at Fivizzano. One of the thieves was attacked by peasants, and before the soldiers could rescue him, he received injuries from which he died.

Two women, living near the barracks, climbed out of a window to a balcony when the first shock occurred. This caused the collapse of all the floors of their building. For more than two hours they stood on the balcony, which was in such a threatening state that it was impossible to scale the wall. Finally they were rescued by means of ropes.

Royalty Aids Afflicted. King Victor Emmanuel, accompanied by Queen Helena and Princess Yolanda, today passed thru the smaller villages which suffered disaster from the earthquake. In these places, if the tragedy was on a smaller scale, the government's action of one nation would have been more effective.

Killed in Fall From Factory Scaffold. When he fell a distance of 15 feet from a scaffold in the new Laura Second Candy Factory, Wellington and Bathurst streets, yesterday, Steven Connors, aged 55 years, of 13 Soho street, was so seriously injured that he died in St. Michael's Hospital.

MINERS TURN DOWN HORNE'S PROPOSALS. Decline to Appeal to Industrial Court or to Meet Committee of Owners.

London, Sept. 9.—At the conference held today between Sir Robert Horn, president of the board of trade, and a delegation from the miners' organization, Sir Robert is outlining the government's case, and the question of the price of coal was one of policy and concerned parliament. Regarding wages, he suggested that the miners' federation should refer the matter to the industrial court. He also suggested that the miners' committee meet a commission existing wage anomalies and discuss existing wage anomalies and a suggestion that might bear relation to the output.

MEIGHEN AND DRAYTON SPEAK AT KINGSTON. Defend New Taxation—Premier Says Canada Is the Pioneer With Sales Tax—If Government Is Defeated It Will Be Gain of Western Interests, Led by Crerar.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 9.—(By Canadian Press)—At a get-together banquet here this evening with W. R. Givens, managing-director of The Standard, the chief guests of the evening were Premier Meighen and Sir Henry Drayton, and at the Frontenac Club over one hundred guests of all shades of political opinion gathered to listen to the addresses of the distinguished visitors. Premier Meighen devoted most of his time to discussing taxation from all its angles, speaking of the methods which had been adopted during the war and comparing the course taken by the Dominion with that had been

BONUS GUELPH FIREMEN TO PREVENT WALKOUT. Guelph, Ont., Sept. 9.—(Special).—The trouble which arose in the Guelph fire department a few weeks ago, when the firemen asked for an increase, has come to an end and the firemen will not go on strike, as was expected. Instead of granting the men a permanent increase, the council have agreed to give them a bonus of \$10 per month until the end of the year, at the expiration of which time the matter will be further adjusted.

ITALIAN PREMIER'S INACTION BLAMED. Did Not Realize Importance of Metal Workers' Movement Till Too Late.

London, Sept. 9.—The Milan correspondent of The London Times thinks that Premier Giolitti failed to realize the magnitude of the metal workers' movement in Italy until too late, and that he then tried to bring pressure to bear on the masters. But these remained firm and accused the government of omission of timely action to protect and property, and they argue that to capitulate now would weaken and compromise their position forever.

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BURNING BARRACKS NOW REPLACED BY RAIDS FOR ARMS

Sinn Feiners Invade Homes, Occasionally With Fatal Results.
NEW ARMS FOR POLICE

Belfast, Sept. 9.—Raids for arms by Sinn Feiners have supplanted barrack burning in various parts of the country. Last night raiders entered the home of Sir Lambert Ormsby, former president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, held up his daughter at the point of revolver, and secured two guns. At Toombridge, Antrim, another raid on a farmer's house resulted in the death of the farmer's daughter from shock.

Killed By Armed Raiders. Dublin, Sept. 9.—John Moriarty, the young son of a farmer at Dingle, county Kerry, was shot and killed by armed raiders last night while he was trying to make his escape with two policemen who were visiting his father. The belief was expressed today at Dublin Castle that the two policemen were subsequently kidnapped by the raiders.

Dublin Houses Raided. Dublin, Sept. 9.—Numerous Dublin houses, including the city printing works, were raided by the military today. Copies of portraits of MacSwiney and Archbishop Mannix were removed. Five arrests were made, including Councillor McLaughlin, a prominent member of the corporation.

Will Be Better Armed. Londonderry, Sept. 9.—The Irish constabulary soon will be equipped with up-to-date service rifles and revolvers, quantities of which have arrived here, in Belfast and in Dublin.

Two Constables Killed. Tullow, County Carlow, Ireland, Sept. 9.—Armed and masked men attacked four police officers there last evening. Two of the constables were shot dead and another seriously injured.

Fight at Railway Station. Galway, Ireland, Sept. 9.—A constable was shot dead in the railway station here last night. Three of his assailants were killed and one or two wounded.

CHILDREN WARNED HANGING ON TRUCKS

Jury Recommends Boards of Education Provide Instruction in the Schools.

In bringing in a verdict of accidental death in the case of nine-year-old John Colangelo, who died as a result of injuries received on Sunday when he was struck by a truck on Teruley street, the jury added the following rider to their verdict: "We recommend that the different boards of education have the children instructed thru their respective teachers regarding the great danger in their hanging on to the rear of vehicles on the public streets, and we further recommend that the police be instructed to take the names of offenders and have their parents notified that criminal action will be taken against them if the law is not observed in this respect."

CHANGE TIME IN OCTOBER
Ottawa, Sept. 8.—It is announced that the city hall that daylight saving would cease at midnight on Oct. 2.



See Hok: Even Adam Beck must buy out Mackenzie pretty much on my plan of some years ago.
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