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Ontario Hydro Head Answers Charges of Former Secretary

BRITISH LEADER AND "TIGER" FOUGHT

HE REFUSED \$45,000 CHECK FOR SALARY AND LIVING COSTS

Says if Personal Bills Paid by Hydro, Secretary is Responsible.

DENIES LOAN

Says Deposit in Bank was Not to Secure Advance for Himself.

(By Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Nov. 13.—Answering before Judge Snider yesterday charges of his former secretary, E. C. Settell, accusing him and other Hydro officers of using money and automobiles belonging to the commission for their own convenience, and of using Hydro employees to do work for themselves, Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission, said that when he started on the Hydro Commission he served without compensation. At the end of the six years he was offered a cheque by Sir James Whitney for \$45,000, being at the rate of \$6,000 salary and \$1,500 living expenses a year. This he refused.

Later, said Sir Adam, he had a small flat for headquarters in Toronto. The commission furnished the sitting room and the bedroom for himself. Later a bigger flat was used and all the furniture for it was brought from his London residence.

When Mr. Sothman was appointed chief engineer, Sir Adam continued, he had stipulated he be allowed to do outside work as a consulting engineer. The commission had a full knowledge of Sothman's outside work.

Regarding charges that detectives had been hired to watch Home Smith's house, Sir Adam said that the late secretary came to him alarmed, stating that people were congregating in Home Smith's house, who should not be there. The secretary said he had reliable knowledge of the facts.

"I absolutely deny that Mr. Commissioner Interjected Settell from his place in court.

Sir Adam said, as remount officer early in the war, he had used a car (Continued on page 2, column 7)

Freshmen, Shorn of Locks, Retaliate

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 12.—Louisiana State University freshmen, whose heads were shaved by upper classmen, invaded the Baton Rouge High school and cut the hair of three teachers and a number of girls students.

IRISH BOUNDARY COMMISSION HALTS

Unable to Call Witnesses, May Need More Authority to Proceed.

London, Nov. 13.—The Irish boundary commission's work is at a standstill according to some of the newspapers which say it may be necessary to pass another bill through the British parliament before it can be resumed.

The commission met recently in London, but after two meetings adjourned indefinitely. The difficulty is said to be that the commission found itself powerless to summon witnesses and to pass documents, while it is also stated that the commissioners were not agreed respecting the scope of their work.

J. A. P. NEWSPAPER SCOFFS AT FISKE

Rebukes U. S. Admiral's Speech of Warning in New York.

Tokyo, Nov. 13.—(United Press)—Hear Admiral Brad, Tokyo Nichi-Nichi for his speech last Monday in New York in which he discussed the possibility of aerial attacks against the U. S. In an editorial headed "Hinges on the Warpath" the Nichi-Nichi says such speeches mark efforts toward world co-operation.

"It is impossible to enumerate every blatant exaggeration and truth-twisting attempt to give an impression that Japan is preparing to descend upon the U. S. with a vengeance," the editorial says. "Perhaps it is believed that patriotism may be properly demonstrated by such speeches which mark world peace and the efforts to unite Japan upon America in the stabilization of the Pacific."

"Americans in Japan pronounce the Admiral's speech as ludicrous. Japanese aviation, they point out, is in a rudimentary state. The largest Japanese airplane is no larger than little blimps. A naval project to fly to Korea, less than 1,000 miles distant, failed this week."

\$250,000 SMUGGLED JEWELS ARE SEIZED BY U. S. OFFICIALS

Customs Men Believe Gigantic Conspiracy Has Been Broken Up.

LEADER HAS FLED

First Clue Came From the Mors Murder, Involving "Kid" McCoy.

(By Canadian Press.)

Washington, Nov. 13.—Agents of the customs service have succeeded in breaking up one of the greatest smuggling conspiracies in recent years, it was disclosed last night at the treasury, where it was said that customs agents in half of a dozen sections of the country in recent months have seized and identified smuggled jewelry valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Information as to the success of the agents' efforts, which were inaugurated with the killing at Los Angeles last August of Mrs. Theresa Mors, with whose murder "Kid" McCoy has been charged, was received here yesterday when agents of the service in New York notified the treasury they had wound details of the smuggling operation. The treasury was informed that a man named Medianski, now in flight to a foreign country, was the person who actually had brought the jewelry in.

Any information concerning the identity of Medianski which was furnished to officials, but it was indicated that his knowledge was not definite as to how long he has operated or how much jewelry in the aggregate had been smuggled into the country.

The jewelry possessed by Mrs. Mors was the first to be identified positively. From that beginning the agents, it was said, ran down a series of clues in Pacific coast cities. They found much jewelry both in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The trail led eastward and the port of entry was found to have been New York, from which base Medianski, according to customs officials, directed the distribution and sale of the jewelry.

Monday of Harry I. Katz, another trail was opened and this, it developed, had resulted in the finding of more jewelry.

Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 13.—An explanation, unsatisfactory to the police of what he was doing during the seven minutes between 5:38 p.m. and 6 p.m. last Monday, within which period Harry Katz, diamond broker and musician, was shot and killed in his apartment here, caused Hal Hall, real estate broker of San Monica to be held in the city jail last night charged with suspicion of murder.

LARGE POTATO CROP IN U. S. IS EXPECTED

Will Be Slightly More Than Record Harvests of 1917 and 1922.

Wakefield, Mass., Nov. 13.—(United Press)—As a result of a late season and the extended drought, the U. S. potato crop this year promises 454,119,000 bushels, "slightly more than the big crops of 1917 and 1922," the New England crop reporting service announced today, declaring "there will be an ample supply of good potatoes this winter at moderate prices."

The late season permitted growing far into October while the absence of rain "generally prevented or checked rot which a month ago threatened heavy loss."

Northern crops ran far above earlier estimates.

Policy of Standard Weight Loaf Urged

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 13.—A broad loaf of standard weight was urged today by J. Harry Foley, State Superintendent of Weights and Measures, submitted to Governor Silzer. Inspectors of the department have succeeded in checking up short-weight coal deliveries and prosecuting those responsible, the report said. Local officials have co-operated with the department.

Some method of co-ordinating efforts of manufacturers and dealers in ice cream was declared to be necessary, and the report urged that ice cream in delicacies and by-product instead of bulk be sold by weight instead of by measure, as at present. People of New Jersey consumed 6,588,831 gallons of ice cream in 1923, the report showed.

Has Prize-Winning Bouquet



Little Elaine Cochran displays three prize-winning chrysanthemums from a New York flower show.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE WILL BE AMONGST FIRST OF QUESTIONS FOR NEW HOUSE

Bitter Discussion Expected on Anglo-Persian Oil Shares Issue.

By H. BAILEY. (British United Press)

London, Nov. 13.—The revival of the imperial preference in 1923 which will give preference to apples, tobacco and fish, dried fruit and honey senting Britain from the dominions is to be one of the first proposals put before the House of Commons when parliament meets.

The free traders are reconciled to these duties and it is pointed out today that in the last trade statistics the dominions made increased purchases of British goods during the last quarter increasing the aggregate from £75,000,000 to £86,000,000 while exports to the United States and Germany declined.

The question of selling the Anglo-Persian oil shares on the other hand is likely to raise the most bitter discussion. Baldwin is in favor of selling but there is a large group in the Tory party with influential backing outside which will strongly oppose any effort to get rid of the shares. A clear profit of £15,000,000 could be secured by selling now, but on all hands is heard the insistence that the Empire's oil holdings should not be disposed of to oil trusts.

Lord Beaverbrook is into the fight and is having a lively tussle with the Morning Post on this issue. Those who oppose the sale say that Canada and the other dominions, if consulted, would never approve of the transaction.

Wife of Lieut.-Col. Loggie Died Today

Fredericton, Nov. 13.—(Special)—Mrs. Ada Jean Loggie, wife of Lieut.-Col. T. G. Loggie, died this morning at her home here after a lingering illness. Major Gerald P. Loggie, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, Winnipeg, the only son, arrived here early this afternoon. Mrs. Loggie was 69 years old. Another son, Purvis P. Loggie, died while on service overseas with the Royal Flying Corps. Mrs. Loggie was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Purvis, of Pictou, N. S. The deceased had been a resident of Fredericton for the greater part of her life and had a wide circle of acquaintances. The funeral will take place Saturday.

MEXICAN DEBATE ENDS IN SHOOTING

Two Members of Chamber Are Seriously Wounded—Many Shots Fired.

Mexico City, Nov. 13.—Two members of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies were seriously wounded in a shooting affray which came as a climax to a stormy debate in the chamber last night. Deputy Lewis Morones, the most prominent Labor leader in Mexico, was shot through the stomach, while Leopoldo Guerrero, aged deputy from Zacatecas, was wounded twice in the chest.

General Jose Maria Sanchez, former Governor of Puebla, had demanded from the speaker's stand that Morones retract charges which he made against Sanchez in a speech last Sunday. He gave Morones the alternative of a meeting of honor, but the deputy declared the matter could be settled immediately.

Friends of the disputants went into the corridor and shots were heard. The chamber was immediately adjourned, deputies flocking into the corridor and out into the street and the shooting became general. It is estimated that more than 200 shots were fired before order was restored.

Made Wine in Home, Jury Acquits Him

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 13.—Representative John Philip Hill, of Baltimore, was acquitted by a jury in the United States court today of violating the Volstead Law by manufacturing and intoxicating wine and cider at his home here.

The trial was the result of a test case forced by Col. Hill, who maintained the Volstead Law gave the farmer the right to manufacture cider and wine, but withheld from the city man the right to manufacture beer. The trial brought from Judge Soper the opinion that the clause of the Volstead Act defining beverages of more than half of one per cent. of alcohol content as illegal, did not apply to home made wines and ciders provided the product is non-intoxicating "in fact."

BRITISH CABINET STARTS PROBE OF ZINOVIEFF LETTER

Report is Expected at Meeting of New Ministry Next Week.

NEW RUSSIAN ANGLE

Lemberg Paper Says Man Who Carried Letter is Being Hidden.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 13.—The cabinet has appointed a cabinet committee to investigate the alleged letter from M. Zinovieff calling for increased activities on the part of the British Communists, according to statements in some of the morning newspapers. It is believed that the committee's report will be ready for submission to the cabinet at the next meeting probably early next week.

PREACHER WEEPS

Faces Court Trial on Charge of Taking Unauthorized Collection.

New York, Nov. 13.—Weeping as he protested his innocence, the "Rev." Isaac Solomon vainly pleaded with officials of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Yonkers, when he appeared in City Court charged with taking up an unauthorized collection at the Sunday school here.

Judge Charles W. Hoole adjourned the case and advised Captain D. A. Cooper of the Yonkers detective bureau to have District Attorney Arthur Rowland notified. Attorney Charles Wallace, for Dr. Solomon, protested that his client had committed no crime. He admitted that he took up a collection but asserted that the Sunday school superintendent himself contributed to the fund. Wallace insisted that Dr. Solomon was innocent and should be acquitted.

Judge Hoole said by giving a wrong address and no evangelist or good Christian should do that.

JAPANESE IS CONVICTED OF ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRINCE REGENT.

Tokio, Nov. 13.—Daisuke Namba, charged with an attempt to assassinate Prince Regent Hirohito, while the latter was driving from the imperial palace to the Diet, on December 17 last year, was yesterday condemned to die. The trial took place in the Supreme Court, the public being excluded.

Namba armed with a pistol cantered on the automobile in which the Prince Regent was driving to the opening of the Diet and fired a shot at him. The glass of the motor car was shattered but no one was injured.

Weather Report

Synopsis—Pressure is highest over the Great Lakes and northwestern states and barometer is falling in Western Canada. There are some indications that a tropical storm, now near Bermuda, may move towards Nova Scotia. The weather is becoming milder in the west.

Forecasts: Maritime—Fresh northwest winds, fine and cool Friday north and northeast winds, fair. Northern New England—Partly cloudy tonight, Friday increasing cloudiness probably followed by rain, not much change in temperature, moderate northeast winds. Toronto, Nov. 13.—Temperatures:

Table with columns: Station, 8 a.m., Highest during day, 4 p.m., Lowest. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.

Emma Goldman Is Barred From U. S.

London, Nov. 13.—(United Press)—Emma Goldman who has found the United States, Soviet Russia, and Germany unsuitable places of residence, England is still the home of political refugees.

"The United States is just as stupid as ever," she said during a caustic reference to a telegram received here from Commissioner of Immigration Hubbard in which it was announced that she had been permanently barred from entering the United States.

First Break Made In Nfld. Strike

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 13.—The first break in the longshoremen's strike, which has for the last week tied up shipping in this port, occurred this morning when the sanitary men who belong to the Longshoremen's Union returned to work. Considerable public feeling was expressed against the quitting of work by the sanitary men and it was said yesterday that unless the men returned today the municipal council would fill their positions with other workmen. The truckmen have reaffirmed their intention to stand by the striking longshoremen.

"Sure, Why Not?" Asks Mary Garden

New York, Nov. 12.—(United Press)—Mary Garden, the prima donna, who arrived here yesterday from Europe, on the Olympic, in confirming reports of her swim in the Mediterranean, said "Just to get out in the sunshine and into the cool waters of the sea, just as God made you, is the real tonic for the human system. I went out in my element about two miles off shore, got out of my bathing suit, sunned myself for an hour, then swam for another half and assure you there is nothing so invigorating."

2 KILLED; 13 HURT IN P. O. EXPLOSION

Bomb in Mail or Escaping Gas Are Theories in Michigan Fatality.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 13.—Two men were killed, one is dying and 12 are injured as the result of a terrific explosion which late yesterday destroyed the loading dock and receiving room at the main Grand Rapids Post Office with a property damage of \$50,000.

The dead are Ernest A. Roth, 30, a truck driver, and Herman Petersch, 47, a clerk, both legs blown off. The seriously injured: Dale Newhouse, possible skull fracture; Fred Petersch, P. O. Petersch, Roth and Newhouse were on the loading platform at the time of the explosion, which sent fragments of the platform a hundred feet into the air, hurled a loading truck upon the federal building, buried five automobiles and shattered hundreds of windows within a radius of two blocks.

Two theories, that escaping gas collecting beneath the platform was ignited or that a bomb sent through the mails exploded prematurely, were advanced by postal inspectors and police following a preliminary investigation.

Turks Must Quit Mosul By Saturday

London, Nov. 13.—(British United Press)—The Turks are expected to withdraw from Mosul under instructions from the League on Saturday but so far they have given no signs of going. The British government is quite prepared to give them a few days grace but if there is any attempt to evade the League's ruling the British are quite determined to take the necessary steps promptly and effectively.

Betting Firm Pays Million On Smith

New York, Nov. 13.—W. L. Darnell & Co., a gambling commission, announced that they had decided to liquidate \$800,000 worth of bets placed with them on the basis of Governor Smith being re-elected by a plurality of 100,000 or more. The firm said it figured the Governor's plurality to be about 110,000.

Total election bets already paid off by the firm were said to be around \$1,000,000.

Careless Customer Causes Destruction

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 13.—A match carelessly thrown by a customer waiting for gasoline ignited a gasoline tank in front of Harold Meek last night and caused the explosion of three casks of gasoline, three of kerosene and the total destruction of the store.

"I've done everything to gratify him," I receive him at the foot of the staircase as though he were the King of England," said still he's not satisfied." Clemenceau added, Steed says, that talking to Wilson was futile, that they would never reach an understanding.

FAIR DEAL FOR ALL'S SLOGAN OF RAILWAY BOARD, SAYS CHAIRMAN

(By Canadian Press.)

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 13.—"I have heard nothing to convince that the burden should not be equalized. We are going to try to find the solution and, if we can find the light in our research, we will have no hesitation in applying it. If we think the thing is right, gentlemen, then we are going ahead to do it."

In these words, Hon. H. A. McKewen, chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, summed up his opinion regarding the fight put up by British Columbia for equal freight rates, yesterday, following the board's sitting here, lasting several days, during which evidence and argument has been heard from many witnesses and counsel for the P. V. C. of Alberta and British Columbia and the railways.

"We are not going to cripple one locality to the benefit of another," said Hon. Mr. McKewen. "There is a solid basis of transportation facilities, with the welfare of those who have stocks in our railways and with the welfare of each section of the dominion."

LLOYD GEORGE HAD CLEMENCEAU BY THE COLLAR, SAYS STEED

Interesting "Inside Stuff" From Versailles Conference Revealed.

CALLED HIM LIAR

Former Editor Says Premier Demanded Apology from Frenchman.

(By Lloyd Allen)

(United Press Staff Corr.) London, Nov. 13.—Woodrow Wilson separated Lloyd George and Georges Clemenceau when the British Premier had the Frenchman by the collar and was demanding an apology for being called a liar, Wickham Steed, former editor of the Times, discloses in his book, "Through Thirty Years," published today. The row occurred during the Versailles Peace Conference, and led to Clemenceau challenging Lloyd George to a duel, Steed says.

The book, purporting to give what is known as "inside stuff," is certain to cause a sensation.

Duel Is Suggested. "Clemenceau flatly accused Lloyd George of repeated inaccuracies, the editor said, describing the incident referred to. Lloyd George rose and seized Clemenceau by the collar demanding an apology; Woodrow Wilson separated them. Then Clemenceau offered Lloyd George reparation with pistols or swords—as soon as the British Prime Minister should have refused to apologize."

On another occasion, Steed says, he himself suggested to Clemenceau that the French Premier talk with Wilson and ascertain what he wanted.

Steed quotes Clemenceau as retorting: "How can I talk to a man who thinks himself the first man for 2,000 years who has known anything about peace on earth. Wilson imagines he is second Messiah. He believes he is sent to give peace to the world, and that his preconceived notions are the only notions worth having."

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PREMIER SUGGESTS PARLIAMENT MAY STANDARDIZE WORDS OF "O, CANADA"

Mackenzie King Also Stresses Importance of Sport to Country.

(By Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Speaking at the banquet given to Hon. "Hal" McGovern here last night Premier Mackenzie King referred to the singing of "O Canada" at the different gatherings on his recent tour throughout Canada. He noted many different versions. Premier King said that there should be one verse that could be accepted by all. He suggested that parliament either by resolution or in some other way appoint somebody to choose one stanza of "O Canada" on which all would be agreed and which could be sung from one end of Canada to the other.

The Premier also referred to the importance of true sport in all planes of national life. The great benefit, which would result to the nation if all children could be taught to engage in some sport.

"If all employers participated in sport, it would not be difficult to solve industrial problems," he said. Sport emphasized the importance of co-operation. In business and politics team play and true sportsmanship were all important. A politician had to be chivalrous in his utterances not to seek to score on the weakness of others but rather to win through the strength of his argument.

Three Die On Way From Dance Hall

Baltimore, Nov. 13.—Three youths were instantly killed and another fatally injured while returning after a dance at Lutherville. Their automobile crashed into a Pennsylvania railroad train at a crossing in Lutherville.

The dead are: George H. Wright, Jr., 19, driver of the car; Charles L. Pickering and William Russell, all of Baltimore.

Must Let Police See Soft Drink Places

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 13.—The right of municipalities to compel soft drink parlors and restaurants to arrange their interior to afford a clear view of the interior to police scrutiny was upheld by Supreme Court Justice Minturn, when he dismissed an attack brought by John Thorne, soft drink dealer, who was convicted under such a law. Thorne contended that the regulation was beyond the power of a municipality.

Incidentally Justice Minturn held it to be a matter of common knowledge that attempts are made to violate the prohibition laws under the guise of soft drink sales and that the place where liquor is sold is "the favorite steam-grounds for criminals."