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NEWS WHILE IT'S NEWS

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SYDNEY PRISONER RUNS AMUCK IN DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY

BILL TO LIMIT BANK INTEREST RATE KILLED

Proposed Measure Defeated in Parliament by 88-64 Vote

STEVENS DEFENDS RELIEF PROPOSALS

"Blank Cheque" Legislation Necessary Under Circumstances

OTTAWA, Ont., March 16.—The House of Commons yesterday killed a bill to prevent banks from charging an interest rate higher than seven per cent. It provided a maximum fine of \$500 for any bank violating the seven per cent limit and \$100 for individual bankers.

By a vote of 88 to 64, the House defeated a motion which would have the effect of prolonging the life of the bill. Seven Conservatives bolted from the ranks of the government supporters and voted for the bill. They were C. N. Doron (Quebec-Montmorency); W. A. Bayman (Moose Jaw); J. L. Barbeau (Champlain); F. J. Lafleche (Richmond-Wolfe); W. J. Louche (Rosterton); E. E. Perley (Qu'Appelle) and F. W. Turnbull (Regina).

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N. Y. AMERICANS OUT OF PLAY-OFFS

All Three Canadian Teams Enter N. H. L. Final Series

MONTREAL, Que., Mar. 15.—The teams which will take part in National Hockey League playoffs as representatives of the Canadian section were definitely established following tonight's games. The teams will be Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Maroons, though not necessarily in that order.

New York Americans were eliminated from the playoffs although they defeated Canadiens tonight. They have captured 38 points in the league race with three more games to play, making a total possible pointage of 44. Montreal Maroons, by defeating New York Rangers, brought their points to 45, one more than the Americans can get by winning all their games.

Noon Stock Report

NEW YORK, March 16.—Stocks were steady in the initial dealings today. Minor fractional gains appeared in U.S. Steel, American Telephone, International AmTch Preferred, Case and Allied Chemical, Santa Fe and New York Central were unchanged.

ACTIVITIES PROBED BY COMMITTEE



Senator Donat Raymond, whose activities in connection with the organization of the Beauharnois Power Corporation, are being investigated by a committee of the Senate.

JOSEPH PENNY, FORMER SYDNEY RESIDENT, DIES

Manager of Nova Motors, Ltd., Was One Time With Royal Bank Here

Halifax was deprived of one of its most popular business men after the week end in the death of Joseph C. Penny, well known manager of the Nova Motors Limited. The late Mr. Penny was also President of the firm of John Penny and Sons, Limited, of Ramea, Newfoundland.

The late Mr. Penny had been in ill health for the last six months but carried on despite it. A little more than a week ago pneumonia developed and, although the illness was considered serious there was no thought of immediate danger and the end came Saturday with shocking suddenness to the immediate members of his family and to his large number of friends in the city and province where he was widely known.

He was born at Ramea, Newfoundland, forty one years ago, the son of the late John J. Penny and Mrs. Susane Penny. At the age of sixteen he entered the service of the Royal Bank of Canada at Halifax, where he was employed for twelve years. He was also manager of the Halifax branch of the Danlop Rubber Company, Limited, and at one time was accountant in the Royal Bank of Canada in Sydney. His father died seven years ago. Mr. Penny had been manager of the Nova Motors for the last ten years. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Commercial Club of Halifax.

Accent Agreement "In Principle"

TOKYO, March 16.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The government announced today that it approved "in principle" a tentative agreement for a Sino-Japanese armistice reached on Monday at Shanghai conference between the Chinese and the Japanese with neutral mediators present.

Report Denied By Baldwin

ILFORD Essex, March 15.—Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council in the British government in Ceylon of an address here tonight, branded as fictitious reports that a cabinet crisis had arisen concerning the composition of the British delegation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa next July.

POLICE STILL FOLLOWING VAIN LEADS

Search for Missing Baby Continues all Over Continent

SCORES OF TIPS ARE INVESTIGATED

Detectives Believe Kidnaping Was Carried Out by Three Men

HOPEWELL, N.J., March 16.—Schooled to skepticism by a fortnight's pursuit of vain leads, police seeking kidnapped Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., wearily turned their attention today to the newest lead.

They investigated a tip from Mrs. C. Leandro Lightfoot of Highland Park, N.J. She said two foreigners left her employ the day after the kidnapping and that a child and some wood used to pack furniture were missing from her home.

She would like an opportunity, she said, to inspect the child and ladder left behind by the kidnapers who stole the missing baby.

A story told by an inmate of the Toms prison in New York city, led to a hasty investigation last night. Oliver, the inmate, who is also known as "Fitzgerald," told authorities that one Willie Fitzgerald proposed to him to kidnap the child while they were held in the Hudson county penitentiary, that they kidnaped the Lindbergh infant and five it to Mrs. Catherine Danusek. Mrs. Danusek confronting Oliver in Jersey City, denied the story. Mrs. Danusek, described as the inmate's landlady was questioned at length, but police indicated they merely wanted to find out what she knew. She was released.

Elimination of Frank H. Berg, Jr. from consideration was announced by H. Norman Schwartzkopf, head of the state police. Berg was arrested but freed in 1925 after Mr. Phillips, collar magnate, said an attempt had been made to take him aboard Berg's yacht.

Police checked and eliminated a tip from John Vanmarman, now in Federal County Jail, that he heard three men plotting the kidnaping in a Yonkers, N.Y., restaurant.

Detectives, it was learned, have now reached the conclusion that no woman took part in the kidnaping, but that it was carried through by three men.

TRADE VOLUME SHOWS DECREASE

Canada's Imports and Exports Fall off Considerably

OTTAWA, Ont., March 16.—Total exports of Canadian produce during the eleven months ended February 29 last amounted to \$336,394,995. During the same eleven month period imports entered for consumption totalled \$521,056,328. Consequently Canada came through the eleven months with a favorable trade balance of \$18,538,667.

Trade figures, however, show a considerable falling off when comparison is made with those for the corresponding eleven months a year ago. Export of Canadian Produce in the period which ended with February 29, 1931, totalled \$774,694,470. Imports entered for consumption during the same period amounted to \$831,231,817. Figures made public by the Department of National Revenue show that during the eleven months just ended Canada exported wheat to the value of \$109,860,133. Newsprint was sent out of the country to the extent of \$84,860,187. Wood pulp exports accounted for another \$25,437,212. The value of fish exported from Canada was \$22,869,357. Unmanufactured nickel left the country to the value of \$11,278,259.

Aid Sought for N. B. Industry

FREDERICTON, N.B., March 15.—Two speakers in the debate on the budget today urged that the Provincial government take steps to insure the coal industry of New Brunswick of "fair play" from the Dominion. They were W. B. Evans, (Conservative, Queens), and A. D. Taylor (Conservative, Sunbury). Both took the view that any concessions made to the coal industry in Nova Scotia should also apply to that in New Brunswick.

Two Newfoundland Sealing Ships Send Out Calls For Help

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 11.—Two of six sealing ships that sailed north from St. John's more than a week ago were in distress this morning and asking for assistance.

Word came to St. John's this morning that the Neptune was helpless fifteen miles from Fogo Island with her main shaft broken.

Yesterday a wireless message stated the Ranger was jammed in heavy ice ten miles north by east of Fogo. Her main shaft was broken and the ice had carried away her propeller. The Ranger carries a crew of 150 men, but Captain Badcock's message stated there was no immediate danger.

EVERY ECONOMY TO BE PRACTICED IN P. E. ISLAND

Premier J. D. Stewart Budgets for Surplus of \$2,405

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Mar. 15.—Necessity of practicing every economy consistent with efficiency in the various departments of Government was emphasized by Premier J. D. Stewart in his budget address in the Legislature tonight, in which he announced total estimated revenues for 1932 at \$1,299,379,885, and estimated expenditures at \$1,297,466—a surplus of \$2,405.88.

Details of estimated revenue include Dominion subsidies, \$487,181.88; C. N. R. property tax, \$40,000; succession duties, \$25,000; domicile companies, \$45,000; motor vehicle licenses, \$137,000; prohibition commission, \$23,000; gasoline tax, \$150,000.

The provincial debt had increased from \$887,756 in 1910 to \$1,176,264 in 1920 and by the end of 1931 had increased to \$3,342,241. The present Government, on coming into power last summer, had been faced with an overdraft of almost \$1,250,000. The Premier criticized the previous administration for not converting this overdraft into bonds "at an opportune time."

The Premier intimated that the rebuilding of Prince of Wales College and Falconwood Hospital would be undertaken as soon as possible. For this expenditure and for the payment of the overdraft a bill authorizing the Government to issue debentures to the amount of \$2,000,000 has been authorized.

CONVENTION WILL BE HELD SHORTLY

District U. M. W. Gathering to be Held Next Month

GLACE BAY, March 15.—The U.M.W. District Board that was in session here since Sunday afternoon, concluded its findings today and the out of town officers left for their homes. At the conclusion of the Board's session, President D. W. Morrison stated to the Post that the Board had decided to call a special District Convention to be held in about a month's time, to deal with the situation in District 26, caused by the majority of the miners voting against acceptance of the wage recommendations of the Duncan Commission as laid down to the different Locals by the District Executive Officers.

Illinois Doctor Is Kidnapped

PEORIA, Ill., March 15.—Police tonight said they were confident that Dr. James W. Parker, 65, a physician, had been kidnapped and that his family soon would receive ransom demands. His automobile was found abandoned this morning near the municipal golf links.

Italian-Spanish Treaty Signed

MADRID, Spain, March 15.—The Minister of State today announced the signing of an Italian-Spanish commercial treaty in Rome to take effect on March 31, on which date the text will be made public.

BEAUHARNOIS COMMITTEE HEARS HAYDON

Liberal Senator States Ferguson Sought to Obtain \$200,000

"POLITICAL DREAM," SWEZEY STATES

Evidence Taken at Senator's Bedside in Ottawa

OTTAWA, Ont., March 15.—"That's a pure political dream, and I deny it categorically," declared Robert O. Swezey, former president of Beauharnois, tonight when he was asked to comment upon the statement made this afternoon by Senator Andrew Haydon. Giving evidence to the Senate Beauharnois committee at his own home today, Mr. Haydon declared that talking with Mr. Swezey at Queen's University in 1929, he had asked what contracts for hydro-power Mr. Swezey had been able to secure. Mr. Swezey, according to the Senator, replied that he had a contract lined up with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission. Asked by the Senator if this was a political dream, Mr. Swezey declared to have answered, "No. Howard Ferguson won't let it be signed until he gets \$200,000."

"There was no such thing as that," Mr. Swezey said tonight. "I think Senator Haydon must have had a dream."

OTTAWA, March 15.—Senator Andrew Haydon today declared that about the beginning of 1929 Robert O. Swezey, former president of the Beauharnois Company informed him he could not get a contract with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission.

MERCURY FALLS NEAR ZERO MARK

Temperature Drops to 7 1/2 Above in Sydney

Port Simpson was the coldest spot in the Dominion today, the thermometer having registered a reading of 34 below zero. At Dawson City, Akivik and Churchill, it was 16 below; Fort Simpson, 14 below; Edmonton and Prince Albert, 4 below at each place.

According to Richard Laphen, it was 7 1/2 above last night, and in his opinion the coldest night Sydney has experienced since the cold snap made its appearance a week or so ago. Although the sun was out bright and warm today it offered but little succor from the chilling blasts of the old March winds which are driven from the ice floes off the coast. Zero weather was felt in Quebec yesterday while in Ottawa it was two above, and four above in Kingston.

Pantages Will Produce Films

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 15.—Alexander Pantages, theatre magnate, announced today that within the next few months he would assume control of between 200 and 500 theatres scattered throughout the United States and produce his own motion pictures.

Effect of Six Hour Day to be Probed

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—President Hoover yesterday agreed with Congress that the Interstate Commerce Commission should ascertain what effect a six hour day would have upon railroads and employment.

He signed a joint resolution adopted by House and Senate ordering the Commission to make an investigation as to the possibility of establishing the "short day for railway workers."

George Synco Dies From Shock After Being Shot Down by Prison Guards

HOMEWARD BOUND AFTER LONG TOUR



After winning all the first prizes in her class, Sonja Henie of Norway, Olympic figure skating champion, sailed for home, recently.

SERIOUSNESS OF CRISIS REVEALED IN BANK REPORT

Reichbank's Annual Statement Holds Reparation Payments Are Impracticable

BERLIN, Mar. 15.—The annual report of the Reichsbank, issued today, reflects in figures the seriousness of last year's economic crisis as well as the efforts of Germany's leading bank to maintain the stability of the Reichsmark.

The turnover of the bank declined about 10,000,000,000 marks, as compared with 1930, to 893,736,000,000. The bank purchased 256,000,000 marks in gold from foreign countries. At the same time it lost 1,508,000,000 marks in its efforts to regulate the stability of the mark.

Its reserves in foreign countries dropped from 400,000,000 to 172,000,000 marks. Its obligations in foreign countries at the end of 1931 amounted to 428,000,000 marks compared with only 133,755,000 in the preceding year.

Gross profits were 209,000,000 compared with 127,000,000 in 1930. Net profits, however, dropped to 13,300,000, compared with 14,000,000 in 1930. A dividend of 15 per cent, the same as paid at the end of 1930, again was proposed.

In the report the bank pointed out the disastrous consequences of loss of confidence throughout the world and registered that the Government to now had not succeeded in checking the developments of the after effects of the great war.

Reparations payments have been proven impracticable, the report added, and it said the Reichsbank's view was that there is no other way but to abolish the system formally and with the utmost speed if the world were to be preserved from new economic and social catastrophes.

Noon Weather Report

TORONTO, March 16.—Pressure is high over the lower lakes and southward along the Atlantic coast, with low pressure to the immediate west of the Great Lakes and over the southwest states. Severe storms are centered this morning in Hudson Straits and off Northern Newfoundland. The weather has been for the most part fair and cold in Eastern Canada with a tendency toward higher temperatures in the Great Lake region. Light to moderate snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and southern Alberta.

FORCASTS

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys: Fair and somewhat milder. Gulf and North Shore: Strong west and northwest winds or moderate gales, fair and cold today and Thursday. Maritime Provinces: Fresh to strong northwest wind, fair and cold today and Thursday. Grand Banks: Strong west winds and moderate gales, mostly cloudy with some local snow today and Thursday. American Ports: Fresh to strong northwest winds, fair and cold today and part of Thursday.

Synco, Aged 40, A Native Of Poland, Sentenced To Serve Two Year Term For Assault ---Crazed Man Strikes Down Fellow Prisoners With Crowbar, Then Launches Attack On Guard.

DORCHESTER, N. B., March 15.—Shot in the leg after he had struck down three fellow prisoners with a crowbar and was running in a mad frenzy towards the guard in charge of the gang George Synco, 40 year old inmate of Dorchester penitentiary died in the prison hospital yesterday of what was officially termed "shock."

Details of the prisoner's death were not available to the public until after the inquest begun in the penitentiary this morning, had finished in the court house this afternoon.

In their verdict, the jury exonerated N. P. Ward, the keeper, who felled Synco with a revolver bullet in the leg. He used no more force than was absolutely necessary to give the necessary protection to himself and the other prisoners in his charge, the verdict said, adding:

"We exonerate the keeper of all blame and from any intent to kill." One of the three men felled by the crowbar in Synco's hands is still in the prison hospital, receiving treatment for head injuries. The other two men were injured only slightly about the head and shoulders and soon recovered. The keeper was not harmed.

Synco, who was born in Poland, and never naturalized, as a resident of Canada, had worked as a laborer at Sydney, N. S., until he was sentenced last December at Sydney to two years in the penitentiary here on a charge of assault, causing grievous bodily harm. He has no relatives, so far as is known. He will be buried in the prison cemetery here. It was said at the inquest that previously he had been a well behaved prisoner and had given the guards no trouble.

Synco was working with a gang of prisoners yesterday morning in helping to build new huts on the prison grounds for members of the penitentiary staff. As the prison whistle blew at 11.20 a.m., to remind the guards to bring their gangs into the penitentiary dining hall, Synco, evidence at the inquest showed, ran amuck. Without warning, he raised the crowbar above his head and struck another prisoner to the ground. Then he made for two other men nearby and knocked them down. Shouting, he continued toward Ward, the guard, whose warning to halt was disregarded. His shot pierced one of Synco's legs and he fell to the ground, dropping the crowbar. He clutched a sledge hammer and suddenly hurled it at the guard, narrowly missing his head. Synco, still shouting, clawed pieces of frozen earth and threw them at the keeper. Then he became quiet and was rushed to the prison hospital where he recovered somewhat from his apparent exhaustion and attempted to kick a male nurse. An hour later he was dead.

Synco, a familiar figure in the foreign colony in the Coke Ovens district, was arrested by Detective Sergeant George Peck on December 14th, on a charge of assault occasioning bodily harm, having attacked Sarah Tarbot, another well known character in police circles, with a bread knife inflicting minor wounds to the back. He also struck her over the back of the head with a chair.

He was arraigned in the city court before Stipendiary Magistrate F. G. Muskhah and when convicted was sentenced to a two year term in Dorchester Penitentiary.

A native of Poland, Synco came to Sydney five or six years ago. He was a widower, his wife having predeceased him some years ago, and during his brief residence here he was employed in the general yard at the Steel Plant. He had a police record, having been arrested on several occasions charged with drunkenness and, about two years ago had to appear in court to answer to a charge of assault laid against him by a fellow com-patriot in the Pier district.

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