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## FLOOD OF WHISKEY IS RELEASED IN GREAT BRITAIN

### Ban Taken Off 115 Million Gallons by Government

M. P.'s Cheer Announcement—Liquor Trade Surprised and Orders Pile Up as News Spreads—Authorities Retain Price Control

London, Nov. 20.—One hundred and fifteen million gallons of whiskey, besides a quantity of other spirits in bond in Great Britain were released from war time restrictions yesterday and may be distributed to all comers who can persuade the dealers to sell.

The announcement of the removal of the restrictions, which was made without warning in the House of Commons by the food controller Tuesday, came as a surprise to the members, who greeted it with loud cheers.

The liquor trade was equally surprised, and was besieged by the well-to-do among the public as soon as the unexpected news spread. Many orders from fifty to a hundred dozens were placed immediately, in addition to numerous commissions for smaller quantities.

Although it is figured that enough spirits has been thus far to supply every man, woman and child in the country with thirty-six bottles apiece, it is doubtful if the public will find it easy at present to increase consumption to a great extent. The government maintains control of the maximum price, which, for whiskey, is ten shillings and six pence per bottle, and it is not believed that the dealers will sell much below that figure, as the existing high duty will remain.

Moreover, restrictions on distillation during the war and the necessity of holding large quantities. On the other hand, it is possible now to sell all the American whiskey which has reached and is still reaching England, through clearance from the customs may be slow.

## ALLENBY EXPLAINS POLICY OF GREAT BRITAIN IN EGYPT

Cairo, Nov. 19.—Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, British high commissioner in Egypt, has issued the following statement:

The policy of Great Britain in Egypt is to preserve the autonomy of the country under British protection and develop a system of self-government under an Egyptian ruler. The object of Great Britain is to defend Egypt against all external dangers or the interference of any foreign power, and at the same time to establish a constitutional system, in which, under British guidance so far as is necessary, the Sultan and his ministers are the elected representatives of the people may co-operate in the management of Egyptian affairs.

His Majesty's government has decided to send a mission to Egypt to work out the details of a constitution to carry out this object, in consultation with the Sultan, his ministers and the Egyptian representatives, to undertake the preliminary work requisite before the future form of government can be decided.

It is not the function of the mission to impose a constitution on Egypt. Its duty is to explore the ground and discuss with the authorities on the spot the reforms necessary and propose it is hoped in complete agreement with the Sultan and his ministers—a scheme of government which can subsequently be put into force.

Will Hold Firm.

London, Nov. 20.—Great Britain declines to be deflected from her Egyptian policy by the demonstrations that are taking place in Egypt on the part of the nationalists, according to well informed sources. She is absolutely determined, it is indicated, to continue in the course mapped out, as she regards herself as trustee for the whole people of Egypt.

Therefore despite the demonstrations against it, the commissioner appointed by Lord Milner, the secretary for the colonies, will proceed to Cairo in due course, it is declared.

## PRINCE TODAY WITH WEST POINT CADETS

New York, Nov. 20.—The Prince of Wales obtained a respite today from the strenuous rounds of public and private functions that have marked his two days visit to New York in that he will visit the United States military academy at West Point to review a dress parade of the cadets on the plains. He expressed his eagerness to see the West Point school and took special delight in the prospect of having lunch with the cadets.

The prince will return to New York late today. In the evening he will give a dinner on board H. M. S. Renown, anchored in the North River.

## PROVIDENCE, R. I., DRY AGAIN

Providence, R. I., Nov. 20.—War-time prohibition again went into effect here yesterday. Manufacture and sale of beer was suddenly stopped by the issue, in Boston, of a stay against the execution of Judge Brown's injunction forbidding the enforcement of the Volstead act.

## GOVERNMENT NEXT WEEK TO CONSIDER SUP-BUILDING

### Future Of Canadian Shipyards Problem

### THREE PROPOSITIONS

Montreal, Nov. 20.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says:—What the government's future ship-building policy will be, will be before the cabinet for consideration next week in preparation for the next session of parliament. Although the policy of government owned and operated freighters has been a success during the period of scarcity of ocean tonnage, and while freight rates were abnormally high, it is doubtful if the government desires to increase its fleet. The problem before the government is the future of the shipyards on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the Great Lakes. If the government discontinues orders, this great industry will be ruined unless private enterprise is equal to the capacity of the yards. At present, private capital is wary in investing in shipping in face of increased ocean tonnage and falling freight rates.

The government has three plans before it to continue the shipbuilding industry. One proposition is further government construction, and the third is government assistance in financing. The first does not appeal to the government, the second is opposed by the farmers, and the third is of little assistance. Some policy will, however, be developed to continue the industry that gives employment to many thousands and to utilize the product of the new plate mill at Sydney.

Canadian shipyards may have an opportunity to build large vessels for the French government, according to reports in circulation here. France, it is said, is anxious to buy or have built freight carrying vessels to replace her tonnage on the Mediterranean and to build up her commerce generally. If arrangements could be made, it is reported, the French government would be prepared to spend \$180,000,000 upon ships of all sizes to the number of more than a hundred, and to pay as much as \$170 a ton for them. It would be glad, moreover, to place orders for the vessels in this country.

## CASE OF HAYES ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT ON SHERIFF WILSON

The case of the King vs. John Hayes, charged with assaulting Sheriff Wilson on June 2, 1915, came before Judge Chandler at an adjourned sitting of the Supreme Court this morning. Mr. Wallace, K. C., for the crown, and Daniel K. C. for the defence. The following petit jury was sworn in: W. Amund, J. Chesley, W. Coleman, S. Hoyt, D. A. Fox, W. Campbell, J. A. S. Kierstead, C. H. Frazelle, J. Brittain, J. C. Barry, J. Eagles and J. Collins. The evidence of the following witnesses for the crown was taken: Sheriff Wilson, C. H. Ferguson, clerk of the court; County Deputy Sheriff A. B. Clifford, Constables R. Crawford and F. McBriarty. Mr. Mullin in opening for the defence said that he would prove that the sheriff had assaulted the prisoner first. F. C. Owen was then called as the first witness for the defence. The court adjourned until 2 p. m.

## HARD TIMES DON'T KILL; WE ARE GOING AHEAD

Boston, Nov. 20.—At a dinner tendered members of the International Trade Commission last night, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, of Great Britain, said: "Hard times don't kill, we're going ahead. If the allies who fought together can stick together, I hope to see civilization go forward by leaps and bounds and the Caucasian race supreme."

The dinner closed the first of a two days' visit to this city by Industrial Leaders of Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, who are seeking to obtain co-operation in solving reconstruction problems in Europe. They will go to New York from here.

"We are relying on our will for this work," said Eugene Schneider, of France, "but also on our friends. What we have done in war we must do in peace."

Governor Coolidge and Mayor Peters officially welcomed the commissioners.

## TRIAL OF FORMER GOVERNOR OF VERMONT POSTPONED

Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 20.—The trial of former Governor Horace F. Graham, charged with embezzlement and larceny from the state while he was state auditor, was postponed yesterday until Jan. 20 at the request of the prosecution.

Attorney-General Archibald said his principal witness, an accountant, could not be present for the trial immediately.

Sang in Halifax. Halifax Chronicle—Hew Walker, lately manager of the Sailors' Home in St. John, N. B., was the soloist in St. Paul's on Sunday evening last. He took as his theme a very beautiful rendering of "Rock of Ages," which he sang with excellent effect.

## BLOCKS OF WOOD SOLD AS OPIUM

### Montreal Chinese Victim Tells Story in Court And Two Arrests Are Made

### Wong Tong told the court that he had been asked to call on the "doctor" who with "Pete the Barber" had taken him to the docks where, after he had paid \$800, a parcel of forty-five packages was given him. These, when he opened them, were found to be blocks of wood the size of an ordinary package of opium, wrapped in Chinese paper and tied with red string, the same as opium. On asking Schnolkofer and Pete to refund the money they had expressed regret and told him they had not got his money.

## THE MONCTON BOOM

St. John Man Writes of End of the Spirit of Progress in the Air

(By a St. John man who recently visited)

In these days of civic reawakening many have been talking of Moncton, which appears to be enjoying considerable prosperity, backed by a progressing spirit among its citizens. Perhaps one of the first ventures that attracted public notice this year was the whitehearted manner in which the city council acted after the government housing bill.

Not only did the town bestir itself to provide more accommodation under the housing scheme, but individuals were not backward about investing their means and as a consequence many private dwellings are under construction besides some erected for purposes of sale. Building permits this year in the railway town exceed \$2,000,000, and construction is not confined to any particular section, but the whole community appears to be experiencing a building boom.

Since September 1st about fifteen new businesses have started up in Moncton. Some, of course, of this number, are beginning on a very humble scale, but nevertheless, these new business enterprises, small or great, indicate that men expect prosperity to continue and are on hand to get their share.

The good sidewalks and generally clean condition of the streets have attracted favorable comment from visitors. While rents are high, a person seeking housing room, usually referred to as the growing condition of the place, which causes scarcity of accommodation, and even the tight tenement seeker is made to feel that while he is unable to find a suitable location at once, he certainly has hit the right town once he can get a spot in which to store his goods and his family.

It is this spirit of optimism about Moncton and its future, as much as anything else, that seems to be advertising the town. Traveling men along the North Shore talk of Moncton; you hear it in Sackville and Amherst and the expression most frequently heard is the effect that it is the busiest, most lively town in the maritime provinces.

The local merchants appear imbued with the idea that Moncton represents the population will have reached at least \$2,000,000. Some venture \$6,000,000 and more, but most are agreed that the town is destined to increase very rapidly in citizenship within a year or two.

This is not written with the idea to boost Moncton, but to give an idea to those who have not been there recently of the way the place is expanding and how it impresses a casual visitor.

Last week in St. John the firm's manager of an upper Canadian firm said he had not received the glad hand from a single business man in the city since coming here six months ago. He said he mentioned to a couple of Moncton business men that he thought of moving there, and they almost overwhelmed him with helpful suggestions.

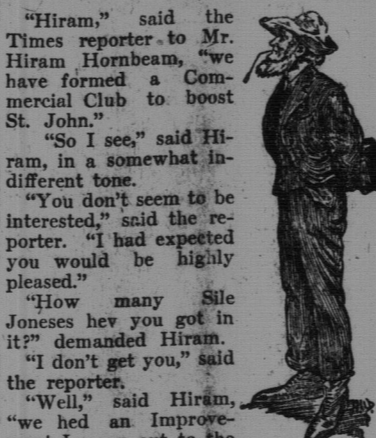
These things count a lot even in business, where sentiment is not supposed to be found. Enthusiasm about St. John the real booster spirit would soon advertise the splendid advantages of the city in a more potent way than pamphlets or even newspaper articles.

Moncton just now is moving rapidly and the chief element in its locomotion seems to be the citizens themselves who are pushing things along for all they are worth.

## LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Quebec, Que., Nov. 20.—The Protestant committee of the Council of Public Instruction is preparing to launch a campaign of educational meetings in the province of Quebec next month. These meetings will be held mostly in the constituent townships. The speakers will be: Rev. Dr. Rexford, chairman of the Protestant committee; Hon. Sydney Fisher, Howard Murray, Rev. Dr. Parroche, Dean Laird, Professor Dale, Principal McBurney, Professor Carrie M. Derick, W. W. G. Mitchell, Provincial Treasurer, W. S. Bullock, M.L.A.; Dr. G. W. Parlee, J. C. Sutherland, and the instructor of schools for the district.

## As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "we have formed a Commercial Club to boost St. John."

"So I see," said Hiram, "a somewhat different tone."

"You don't seem to be interested," said the reporter, "had expected you would be highly pleased."

"How many file indices have you got in it?" demanded Hiram.

"I don't get you," said the reporter.

"We had an improvement League out to the Settlement," said Hiram, "we had a meeting to start it an' 'Sile made a speech. He said we was all proud to be British subjects an' he held the flag aloft like true descendants of the Loyalists. We was a Christian people an' he no crime in it. I thought it was time for the collection he made. We got together right away we wasn't on the map the way we ort to be, an' it was time to show the seeds of progress for our children to reap when we was gone. He said we didn't have the spirit that made our God-fearing forefathers hew out homes in the wilderness. We ort to get together right away an' take stock, an' start in to make the Settlement a place where everybody 'ud like to come an' stay. Well, sir, they all took it like new milk. They elected officers an' begun to look around for something to do. An' 'Sile was right then with better live stock—an' what we needed was a pedigreed bull. The way he talked about prizes at the county fair an' fame for our Settlement fixed it all right. Of course 'Sile knowed where the bull could be got—an' they authorized him to buy. Well, sir, when that bull come your cow knocked us down with a feather. It appears some fellow in the next Settlement owed 'Sile, an' he took a sawaway old scrub bull for pay. It cost us the price of a pedigreed bull an' more. After that the Improvement League sorto went off on its feet, an' didn't live long."

"We have no 'Sile Joneses in St. John. In the words of the red man we are all one brother now."

"That's what 'Sile said," observed Hiram. "I wish you well, Mister. I wish you well—but keep an eye out for 'Sile."

## All the Way By Water From the Great Lakes

### Canada's Waterways Association Endorse Project—Speaker Says Freight Transport Will Cost Only Tenth of Rail Charge

## CRERAR COMING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

He and Editor of Grain Growers' Guide to Rally Farmers of This Province

(Special to Times.)

Woodstock, Nov. 20.—Hon. T. W. Crerar and W. C. Chipman, editor of the Grain Growers' Guide, will arrive in Woodstock on Dec. 9 and will address a public meeting, the first of a series of meetings to be held throughout the province.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 20.—Unqualified endorsement of the Great Lakes-to-the-Atlantic waterways project was voted by the Canadian Waterways Association, organized here yesterday by delegates from fifty Canadian cities.

O. P. Craig of Duluth, who acted in an advisory capacity to the conference, declared the project to connect the lakes with the Atlantic through the Welland Canal-St. Lawrence River route "would place the world's greatest producing areas thousands of miles nearer the world's greatest markets."

"Water transportation without reloading, such as would be furnished by the undertaking," he said, "can only be a matter of time and would cost only one-tenth of rail transportation."

Frank H. Keefer, M. P. of Port Arthur, Ont., declared every farmer in the Canadian House of Commons favors the waterway project. He pledged co-operation in parliament in obtaining help from the Canadian government in the plan.

Other speakers declared that enormous saving of the world's coal resources and relief of congestion in Atlantic seaboard harbors would be effected through reviving railroads on a large part of traffic in raw materials.

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## WILL CALL ON THE SURETIES IF RURAL MAIL MEN STRIKE

### Warning Note Comes From Inspector H. W. Woods—Grand Falls Bowes Lose to Fredericton

Fredricton, N. B., Nov. 20.—The latest in strikes which has come to light in this section is a threatened strike on the part of mail contractors in the employ of the Post Office department. All these contractors are under signed agreement to do the work for which they enter, and also are required to give sureties. How they can strike under the circumstances is not clear. There is evidence that the postal authorities will stand for no nonsense from the mail contractors, as a circular has been issued by Inspector H. W. Woods, of St. John, warning the sureties that they will be held responsible in the event of a strike, not fulfilling their agreement, and suggesting that they make arrangements to do the work of the contractor in the event of a strike. Sureties in this section have responded to the circular to the effect that they approve of the attitude of the department.

It was announced within the last day or two that the strike of mail contractors in Prince Edward Island had been delayed, possibly on account of the attitude of the department.

A Grand Falls bowling team, composed of McCluskey, Babbitt, Collins, McLeod and Burgess, has been extended fifty pins at the Palace alleys here last night. The Fredericton team was made up of Kierstead, Garvie, Power, Edney and Smith.

Word from Quebec is that Mrs. John A. Morrison, who suffered a broken hip in a fall there recently, has been expected by a specialist, who states that she will be unable to leave her bed for three months.

## WOODSTOCK OUTLINED WHILE CLEANING GUN

(Special to Times.)

Woodstock, Nov. 20.—Chester McDonald, seventeen years of age, was instantly killed this morning while cleaning a gun. The weapon was loaded and the charge passed through his brain.

## 'PHONE COMPANY EXECUTIVE IN SESSION

Directors of the New Brunswick Telephone Company met in St. John today attending meetings at the company's headquarters, Prince William street. The managing board was in session all this morning and it is understood the time was taken up very largely with the consideration of reports which will be presented at a meeting of the directors this afternoon.

Attending the meeting of the managing board this morning were President S. H. White of Sussex, Dr. F. B. Black of Sackville, Senator F. P. Thompson of Fredericton, R. O'Leary of Richibucto, and H. P. Robinson of St. John. In addition to the members of the managing board those who are attending the directors' meeting this afternoon are W. B. Snowball of Chatham, F. W. Sumner of Moncton, Hon. I. R. Todd of Milltown, Hon. P. J. Veniot of Bathurst, J. M. Robinson and R. B. Emerson of St. John.

## Throng at Armory as Heroes Are Decorated

### Presentation of Medals to War Heroes by Lieut. Governor Pugsley This Afternoon

## DARTMOUTH COAL SHEDS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Halifax, Nov. 20.—Fire last night destroyed the coal sheds and office of Alex. Brysson in Dartmouth. A considerable quantity of coal was stored in the place, and on the floor above, plows and wagons there for storage, were burned. The office was destroyed and Mr. Brysson lost his books. He had no insurance.

## STATEMENT BY DOMINION CANNERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Referring to the G. W. V. A. charges, which allege that canned goods unit for human consumption were supplied to the British War Department by Canadian firms, and which despatches from Ottawa would indicate are to be pressed in the House of Commons, C. L. Marshall, Toronto representative of the Dominion Canners, said yesterday that, in view of the fact that all of his firm's products made for the consumption of overseas troops were passed twice by government inspectors, both on this side and Britain, it was difficult to understand how they would not be as they should have been.

## YALE PROFESSORS GET SALARY INCREASES

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 20.—Salary increases which will make Yale professors among the highest paid in this country have been given by the Yale corporation, it was announced last night. The normal salaries of full time professors who have had \$4,000, \$4,500 and \$5,000 have been increased to \$5,000, \$6,000 and \$7,000 with the understanding that in a few cases where men are of exceptional ability as teachers and productive scholars \$8,000 will be paid. The new list is retroactive to July 1.

## PANAMA CANAL BUSINESS

Panama, Nov. 20.—The tolls collected from ships passing through Panama Canal during October exceeded those of any previous month. They amounted to \$600,000, as compared with the next highest month, May, 1915, when \$644,000 was collected. Commercial vessels to the number of 196 passed through the canal in October.

## FATE OF TREATY AGAIN IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT

### Situation Same as it Was Six Months Ago

### Peace; so Far as United States is Concerned, no Nearer Than it Was on Armistice Day—No Developments Before December Session Expected

Washington, Nov. 20.—The fate of the peace treaty with Germany and the League of Nations, so far as the United States is concerned, today again is in the hands of President Wilson, failure, yesterday and last night, of all efforts to have the treaty ratified in some form by the senate brought the situation just where it was six months ago, when the pact was submitted to the Upper House of Congress and technically peace is no nearer than it was an armistice day, more than a year ago.

With the much debated and much contested document thrust back upon him, the next move is up to the president and today there was no intimation what course he would pursue. In any event it was not believed there would be any developments till congress re-convenes December 1, in regular session. Opinion as to what may be expected then is divided.

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## EMPLOYEES OF THE CANADIAN EXPRESS AFTER INCREASE

The Canadian Express employees throughout the dominion presented a revised schedule before the company at Montreal on Tuesday of this week. A delegate from New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, under D. J. Gillespie, looked after the interests of the men of the maritime provinces. It is understood that the employees' dominion wide, are asking for a 25 per cent increase on the present scale of wages, with an additional request for two weeks vacation. Nothing definite as yet can be recorded as to the acceptance or rejection of the demand of the men.

Superintendent H. C. Crighton of this division is at present in Montreal.

At a meeting held recently in the Odd-fellows' hall, C. E. Cole of Moncton organized a local council from a representative number of the Canadian Express employees of the city. Mr. Cole explained the nature of the constitution of the members present and a considerable number were enrolled as members. An election of officers will be held in December and in the first week in December the permanent officers will be installed.

## NAME DESCHENEL OR VIVIANI AS SUCCESSOR TO PREMIER CLEMENCEAU

Paris, Nov. 20.—(Havas)—Members of the chamber of deputies who have arrived here have indicated that beside Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber, Rene Viviani, former premier, is being considered as a successor to Clemenceau as head of the French government.

It is said that many members of the Republic Left plan to ask their colleagues to form a group which would back a new government. The first question to be taken up by the new chamber will be that involved in reducing the high cost of living.

### WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The Atlantic coast disturbance has proved comparatively unimportant and is now centered near Newfoundland with a pronounced area of high pressure covers the Great Lakes and middle states. The weather is mild throughout the west.

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Moderate northwest gales, colder with snow flurries, Friday, northwest winds, fair and rather cold.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Strong northwest winds, fair and cold today and on Friday.

Superior—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, fair and milder. Friday, fair and mild.

New England—Fair and mild.

Western Provinces—Fair and mild.

New England—Fair tonight; Friday, fair, slightly colder, warmer, diminishing northwest winds.