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The Weather
Sleet or Rain

GENERAL MOTORS CO. OPPOSES OSHAWA PLANT

CAR MANUFACTURERS CLAIM
TARIFF CHARGES TO CAUSE
CRISIS IN CANADA INDUSTRY

Further Comment Withheld Until After Conference Today; Possibilities of Cut in Duty Known For Some Time
600 FIRMS, 22,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED
President of Automotive Industries of Canada Calls Results of Budget Announcement Staggering; Parts Manufacturers See Menace in Drawback Provisions

TORONTO, April 16.—The plant of the General Motors Corporation at Oshawa, Ontario, suspended operations today, and 3,000 employees were temporarily out of work. On arrival at the factory they found the following notice displayed:

"On account of tariff changes, the entire plant is closed indefinitely until the company is able to arrive at an intelligent conclusion as to what future course may be considered advisable."

R. S. McLaughlin, president of the company, declined to make any comment. Comment of other motor car manufacturers on the tariff changes, which they claim will result in a crisis in the Canadian motor car manufacturing industry, was withheld pending the outcome of the meeting which assembled at the Lansdowne building today, of members of the Automotive Industries of Canada. T. H. Russell, president, was in the chair.

Mr. McLaughlin stated his staff had been working through the night on the matter. He would issue a statement later in the day. Heads of the corporation in conference today went over the situation.

HAD INTIMIDATION
The General Motors staff apparently had previous intimation of the possibility of lowering duties on motor cars. It is said that a week ago men in certain departments were informed that if these changes were made effective, the factory would have to reduce the staff or close down entirely.

TORONTO, Ont., April 16.—T. A. Russell, president of the Automotive Industries of Canada, gave out the following statement in Ottawa today, in reply to a dispatch to the Mail and Empire, on the change announced in the budget affecting motor cars and trucks:

"The changes are so staggering and the results so far reaching to the 600 firms and their 22,000 employees producing materials and parts for complete cars and trucks that it is impossible even for those in the industry to forecast the results at present. Those interested in the Canadian motor industry and allied industries will meet in Toronto on Friday. They will consider the tariff changes and their effect on their industries, and will then issue a statement."

J. D. Chaplin and A. D. Chaplin, members of the House, respectively for Lincoln and Kent, are heads of factories making parts for motor cars, principally wheels. They see in the new measure giving a 25 per cent. drawback of duty on imported parts entering into certain cars, a great menace to their industry and others like it. Only those parts going into cars 90 per cent. of the cost of which is spent in Canada, get the benefit of this drawback. That would shut out all assembling plants, they say, and it would be better for them to import the finished cars than to assemble them here.

However, there is nothing very definite in regard to this and those interested prefer to wait until they carefully study the point before they commit themselves.

CHANGES IN EFFECT
OTTAWA, Ont., April 16.—Tariff changes provided in the budget, including the reductions in duties on motor cars, go into effect today. The changes in the sales tax are also effective as from today, and apply to all goods imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that date and to goods previously imported for which no entry for consumption was made before that date.

The change in tax on playing cards from 8 and 15 cents to a straight 10 cents a package goes into effect today. The budget provides that the income tax changes are applicable to income for the year 1926, and each year thereafter. The provision limiting the British preferential tariff to goods when conveyed without transshipment to sea or river ports of Canada becomes effective on January 1, 1927.

DIPLOMATIC PACT
Little Republic of San Marino Arranges Relations With The Vatican
CANADIAN PRESS
ROME, April 16.—Diplomatic relations between the smallest republic in the world—San Marino—and the Holy See have been arranged. The republic will be represented at the Vatican by Count Manasse as Minister Plenipotentiary, but it is not yet known who will represent the Vatican in San Marino. This step is looked upon as important, and is considered as a prelude to the more important diplomatic understanding, namely, that between Italy and the Holy See.

Former Councillor Denies Connection With Construction Co.

Mouse Is Cause Of A Jail Riot In Providence
Matron of Lady Hoosagaw Calls Reserve to Calm Women Prisoners

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 16.—Although the only official recognition given to the incident came from Captain Harry F. Drown, when he asked "Where can I get a good cat?" it was learned from unofficial sources that reserves at the Central police station were called into active duty to quell a riot caused when a mouse invaded the women's tier of cells in the lockup.

THE women prisoners who discovered the visitor shrieked for help and other women prisoners, believing nothing short of murder to be going on in the neighboring cell, joined their cries to those of the first inmate. Mrs. Ellen Mills, for a quarter of a century matron of the lady hoosagaw, had more than the usual number in trying to pacify the excited ones. It has not been clearly stated whether she called for help or the patrolmen in the headquarters room heard the commotion and responded. Every available man went into action. The mouse escaped.

OTAWA, Ont., April 16.—Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, commenting on the budget brought down in the House yesterday, said that the increased exemptions brought down to married and single persons were very satisfactory from a labor point of view and were in harmony with the request formerly made by Labor in its recent memorial to the Premier and members of his cabinet. Information is not available, he said, as to whether there is to be any increase in exemptions on account of children or other dependents. Labor would certainly expect that, he said, rather than decreased taxes for wealthy people.

WATERLOO, N. Y.—This city experienced the coldest April 15 on record, with the thermometer standing at 13 below zero several times.

BOSTON.—George Herman Ruth, pitcher for the King and Queen baseball league, will not have the Massachusetts tax commissioner's aid in his fight against a \$100,000 fine levied against him for failure to pay taxes. The commissioner threatened arrest, the state paid tax claims yesterday for the past two years.

LONDON.—It is officially announced that the King and Queen will hold court at Buckingham Palace on May 13 and 14.

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—L. Frank Wead, who spends a good deal of his time looping the loop several thousand feet aloft, is in a critical condition in the hospital from falling down stairs.

RICHMOND, Va.—A marriage license has been returned unused by a man who refused to promise and a woman who insisted on saying only "I will do the best I can."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A man who committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest, was identified as Edward Fusselback, catcher of the Philadelphia Athletics.

DEFERS AGREEMENT
Newfoundland Premier Holds up Prospect Pact With Besco

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 16.—Premier Monroe announced yesterday that ratification of the proposed new agreement between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the Newfoundland Government, under which the iron mines at Bell Island are operated, would be deferred for the present. It was stated, in his announcement, that the bill to be introduced in the Legislature, ratifying a new agreement, would not be presented at once, as it was the intention of the Government to lay before the corporation certain proposed changes in the regulations.

N. Y. State Surgeon Is Slain; Nurse, Accused of Act, Jailed
MORGANTOWN, N. Y., April 16.—Dr. Wm. B. Borror, 47, prominent physician and surgeon, was stabbed to death in his office here yesterday, and last night District Attorney French Hunt said Mrs. Georgia Ridgeway, the doctor's nurse, who is in jail, would be charged with the slaying. Mrs. Ridgeway refused to make a statement and Dr. Borror died without throwing any light on the tragedy. District Attorney Hunt attributed the slaying to jealousy. He said Rose Hastings, 25, the doctor's stenographer,

returned to home
Louis Vogel Back in Capital After Being Sent Away to Woodstock
Special to The Times-Star
FREDERICTON, April 16.—Louis Vogel, an aged German, who has been a resident of New Brunswick for the greater part of his life, turned up again in Fredericton last night. He reported to the police, who sent him to the Municipal Home. Vogel was sent away from Fredericton several weeks ago after writing a letter to the Mayor protesting against his detention in the Municipal Home. He then went to the office building where the stabbing occurred. The girl said she ran from the room when Mrs. Ridgeway grabbed a knife and shouted, "You are killing me!"

LABOR LEADER LAUDS INCOME TAX REDUCTION

Still Looking For More Exemptions For Children
SILENT ON TARIFF
Hopes Curtailment Will Not Affect Old Age Pensions' Legislation

LONDON Plans Theatre For Broadcasting

LONDON, April 16.—London shortly will have a theatre where plays will be staged for broadcasting and not for benefit of audiences. An attempt was made recently at Covent Garden Opera House, where an opera was performed and broadcast, there being no stage setting or costumes used. The public was admitted to the performance for a small amount, which, however, defrayed the cost of production, which has, heretofore, recommended itself to the broadcasters.

WILL INVESTIGATE ATKINSON CHARGES

R. B. Smith Summoned to Appear Before Public Accounts Committee
CANADIAN PRESS
FREDERICTON, N. B., April 16.—E. C. Atkinson, member for Sunbury, has requested the Public Accounts Committee of the legislature, to summon R. B. Smith, former member for Sunbury, and A. D. Bailey, to appear before the Public Accounts Committee on Tuesday to proceed with the investigation of the charges made by Mr. Atkinson in his budget speech, to the effect that Mr. Smith, a supporter of the Veniot administration in the House, obtained special rights and privileges for the River Valley Lumber Company.

N. B. LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS TODAY

Next Week to See Grand Falls and Other Important Items Discussed
FREDERICTON, N. B., April 16.—The provincial legislature will adjourn this afternoon until Monday evening. The sitting this afternoon and that on Monday evening, will be devoted largely to passing of supply, upwards of \$200,000 or about one-ninth of the total which the House has to deal with being passed before adjournment last night.

FRANCO-SPANISH PEACE ENVOYS OFF TO MOROCCO

MADRID, April 16.—The French and Spanish peace envoys are on their way to Morocco. They left here last night by train for Malaga, where a Spanish warship is waiting to take them to Melilla. The negotiators are to meet emissaries of the insurgent Rifians at Oujda.

IRISHMAN WINS IN LONG-ODDS BATTLE WITH BOSTON OSTRICH

BOSTON, Mass., April 16.—Up in court for the murder of an ostrich, William McIntyre, an Irishman, felt uneasy when he was informed that in his struggle with the African bird he had only one chance in 25 of victory. McIntyre, describing how he fell foul of "Governor" in Franklin Park, admitted that he was slightly intoxicated. He was about to retire for the night in the camel house, when he was felled by a terrific blow on the chest. Judgment on the charge, which was called "cruelty to animals," was returned for the count of two. On his second recovery of his legs, the man reached out and took hold of something "long and skinny," the neck of an eight-foot ostrich that weighed 200 pounds. Completely in the dark as to the identity of his assailant, stupified by a rain of blows, and tossed from one side of the arena to the other by the ferocious bird, McIntyre clung to the "long, skinny thing" as a drowning man clings to a straw. How long the battle raged he did not know, but he felt the neck grow limp in his hands. Judgment on the charge, which was called "cruelty to animals," was returned for the count of two. On his second

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JOHN J. DUNLOP
Special Correspondent of The Times-Star
FREDERICTON, April 16.—That he was not now a member or ever was a member of the Maritime Construction Company, Ltd., which had the contract for the Fairville road work last summer, as charged by Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, was the sworn statement of John T. O'Brien, former councillor and former chairman of the Lancaster Highway Board, before the Public Accounts Committee, when the charges preferred by James Lewis, M. L. A. for Saint John, were again under consideration this morning here.

ICE BARRIERS MAY FORCE 18 LINERS NOW MONTREAL BOUND INTO SAINT JOHN OR HALIFAX

QUEBEC, Que., April 16.—That the eighteen trans-Atlantic liners, now on the ocean bound for Montreal and Quebec, will be forced to discharge their passengers and cargo at Halifax or Saint John, N. B., seems altogether likely from the latest ice conditions in the St. Lawrence. The ice in the Gulf still forms an almost impassable barrier to navigation. It appears probable that navigation will not open until the beginning of May.

NURSE, ALONE, QUELLS NFLD. FEVER SCOURGE

WORCESTER, Mass., April 16.—Miss Marjorie Hirtle, Worcester nurse attached to the Dr. W. T. Grenfell Mission in northern Newfoundland, has subdued a scarlet fever epidemic in her district after a single-handed fight against the disease. This became known through her mother, Mrs. Charles W. Hirtle, who since January 23 has waited anxiously for news from her daughter.

ARRIVES AT LENINGRAD

LENINGRAD, April 16.—The Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible Norge arrived at Trotsk, a suburb of Leningrad, last night.

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THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Victoria, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, and New York.