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BASEBALL DEAL MAY BE CANCELLED

Marquard, Kopf and Scott, Players Involved. Question of the Condition of Scott's Pitching Arm Arises—Cobb, His Ankle Hurt, to Bat Once in Opener and Then Retire from Play.

(Canadian Press.)

Boston, April 11—Cancellation of the trade by which the Reds gave to the Braves Pitcher Rube Marquard and Shortstop Larry Kopf in exchange for Pitcher John Scott, is said to be under consideration by Herrmann, owner, and Morgan, manager, of the Reds. The fact that Scott's pitching arm has been bad all spring has caused the Reds to question whether the Braves' management knew his condition when the trade was made. Manager Cobb of the Boston team, said there was no reason to doubt Scott's condition at the time. He said Cincinnati regretted the deal an hour after it was made.

The Red management is reported to be gathering facts for submission to Commissioner Landis. Any disturbance of the deal as made would be serious in its effect on the Boston team, the Braves for this season being considered well rounded out with the addition of the effective southpaw Marquard and the fielding strength reported by Kopf.

Cleveland, April 11—Ty Cobb, who hurt his ankle a week ago, will participate in at least part of the opening game of the American League season tomorrow. He said today that he will go to the bat in the first inning, after which he will retire in favor of another player. Manager Cobb and speaker planned to put them through a light workout at Dunn Field today.

The Indians got what Manager Speaker pronounced their best workout of the year yesterday. It was their first appearance on the home grounds and a big crowd turned out to see them. Steve O'Neill, who is injured several days ago, practiced with the team, and it was said, will be ready to go behind the plate on Sunday or Monday.

Washington, April 11—A long practice session to put on the finishing touches for the opening of the championship race was scheduled today for the Nationals. Pennant talk was rife in the crowd following a testimonial dinner to the Nationals' new manager, Clyde Milan, attended by some 400 of the faithful last night. The new manager, who is the best prediction of a pennant winner at the dinner, declared he had a willing and able aggregation of ball players that would make any team hustle to stand ahead of it.

Chicago, April 11—The Chicago Americans were home today to round out their spring training with a game at their South Side park. Manager Gleason planned to send Faber to the mound tomorrow in hope of taking the season's opener from the St. Louis Browns.

The Chicago National League, raised out yesterday at Indianapolis, will engage the American Association team there today, weather permitting. From Indianapolis the team will move on to Cincinnati to open the season with the Reds.

St. Louis, April 11—Three regulars of the St. Louis Nationals may not be in the line up against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the opening game of the National League here tomorrow. Clarence Mitchell, center fielder; Jacques Fournier, first baseman; and John Vanhook, pitcher, are not able to play for several days to two weeks, according to the club's physicians. Manager Gibson and the Pirates were here today and held a practice session.

Boston, April 11—The Red Sox arrived here today after their southern trip to prepare for the opening of the season with the Athletics at Fenway Park tomorrow. After being defeated 12 to 13 by the Orioles at Baltimore yesterday, the Braves will play third with Gerber at short, McManus for second and George Sialer at first. The Browns rank with the best in the league in hitting. Several new players, including Dunn, outfielder, and Pruett, Danforth and Melne, pitchers have been added. Dunn is classed as one of the four twirlers upon which Fohl will place the burden of pitching.

Strengthened by the acquisition of Roger Peckinpaugh, former captain and shortstop of the Red Sox will be a heavy hitting outfit, slightly less certain in the field than of old, and with its pitching efficiency doubtful. To replace Same Jones and Bullet Joe Bush, traded to New York, four Yankee transfers are available in Jack Quinn, Rip Collins, Alex Ferguson and Bill Piercy. Fullerton and Dodge, recruits, have shown promise and Katt, a sub, is greatly improved. The infield will line up without the reliable Everett Scott, now of New York, and the flawless fielding of Stuffy McInnis, now with Cleveland. The outfield has two former Clevelanders, Joe Harris and Elmer Smith.

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Power Company Weeps Over The Widow and Orphan

Advocates Heard Today in Committee at Fredericton.

Time-worn Arguments Presented on Behalf of Company in Connection With the Distribution of Hydro Power in St. John City—Strong Arguments on Behalf of City in Reply.

(Official Report.)

Fredericton, N. B., April 11—The Corporation Committee met this morning with Mr. Tolichaud in the chair.

The bill to incorporate the Parkdale Hall Association was reported with slight amendments.

The committee next took up consideration of the bill respecting the New Brunswick Power Company and the City of St. John.

F. R. Taylor, K.C., appeared on behalf of the Power Company in opposition to the bill. He gave a sketch of the history of the company. He said it was to serve the city of St. John and develop water power. Rights were acquired on the LePreux and Musquash and large sums were spent. In 1917 the company took over the St. John Railway Co., the legislature approving of the transfer and ratifying it. Various bond issues were made and because of increased operating costs due to the war it became necessary to apply for increased rates to make both ends meet. The company came to the legislature, which appointed a commission which made a thorough investigation into the company's affairs. The legislature fixed the rate base at \$3,100,000, and the rate at eight per cent, or \$248,000 a year with one per cent extra for extensions. He said it could not have been the intention of the government to allow those rates when the hydro policy was decided upon. Shareholders and bondholders bought bonds and shares of the company through some of the best houses in America, but had been getting only an intermittent return on their investment. Two dividends were passed last year, \$85,000 being paid. On account of preference stock the company was in arrears two quarters dividend.

He would point out that \$100,000 was paid last year to the city and John in taxes, rates, etc., about three times what the investors got. The company had been investigated and re-investigated each year since 1918 and surely the shareholders had a right to expect protection and a return on their investment. It was generally acknowledged that the company had been efficiently and economically managed. This bill was aimed at nothing but the destruction of the company and the taking of the property of the shareholders. There was not a single honest thought in the bill from its first line to its last. Confiscation was what was aimed at. The first section he said, sought to give the city the right to enter into competition with the company in the city and county of St. John and in the parish of Rothesay. It could be noticed that no power was sought to give a service in the direction of Westfield, a well developed section in which the company had a profitable end of its business. The street railway and the gas production were unprofitable, but no mention of them was made. It evidently was the aim of the city by means of the two million dollar investment of the province to make power and light rates so low that the company could not compete. The bill was cleverly drawn to leave the company with the departments which it must operate at a loss the city was to compete with current production by the provincial investment. The city of St. John was economical. It did not use its own money.

The second section, he said, provides that the city be given power to sell out the company's property. Of course no one else would want to buy but the city, which would get the property for nothing. Here was another instance of economy. The city was to hit the company over the head with a club furnished by the provincial hydro development and then go through its pockets as it lay helpless.

Mr. Scully requested Mr. Taylor to explain what was included in the payment of \$100,000 a year to the city.

Mr. Taylor explained the arrangement by which taxes were paid on the street railway and money paid for snow removal and for the foundation of the streets on which tracks were laid. He also touched upon the agreement made by the former government that the street railway was to be exempt from taxes for a period of twenty years in return for assistance in the building of the bridge at the reversing falls. In spite of that agreement the city had come in with a bill to tax the company.

Mr. Hayes—The city did not know about it.

Mr. Taylor—Well, the city of St. John generally knows what is going on. Hon. Mr. Veniot—As a matter of fact the city solicitor of St. John in his capacity of attorney-general prepared the bill.

Mr. Taylor said that \$107,000 was paid by the company to the city, province and dominion, the city getting almost all. The company had made an effort to distribute Musquash current without profit, and would be ready to refer the matter of rates to an independent commission. Engineers employed by the city had reported in favor of distribution by the company.

A committee of citizens, some of whom were certainly not friendly to the com-

pany, had reported that the company was distributing at 6.22 and the city at 6.55 with their calculations of the cost of the city distribution system at least fifty per cent, under what it should be. Hon. Mr. Byrne—"When was that offer made?"

Mr. Taylor said there had been no formal offer but the matter had been discussed and the company's attitude was well known by all concerned.

Hon. Mr. Veniot—"Will you make that offer today in writing?"

Mr. Taylor said he would and the company would also guarantee to reduce maximum charges from the present rate of fifteen cents to twelve cents the first year, eleven cents the second year and ten cents the third year. The public utilities commission examiners could go over the company's books and see if it were possible in any way to make the rates even lower. The company realized that the Musquash development was for the public and wanted no profit from it. All it wanted was not to be knocked on the head and robbed while down. The city had the right to expropriate under the act of 1920 and could make use of it at any time. This present bill was brought in to avoid expropriation and to get the property for nothing. So ashamed had the city been of this bill that it had not advertised it the required length of time.

Hon. Mr. Foster—"You have brought bills up here yourself without advertising them?"

Mr. Taylor said the Hon. Premier perhaps referred to the Sugar Refinery bill. The city had fought that but it was generally admitted that it was a good thing that the establishment of the industry had been a benefit to the entire province.

Hon. Mr. Foster—"I helped you with that sugar refinery expansion?"

J. M. Robinson said he appeared for the Canadian Bond Dealers association in protest against the bill. A measure so drastic, he said, seldom was heard of in the history of the Dominion. Bankers, brokers and shareholders all demanded protection.

Hon. Mr. Foster—"Do you say that the bill is an expansion?"

Mr. Robinson said that he did. The bill was intended to give the right to step in and take the property from the hands of the bondholders. The enactment of the bill would introduce a principle which would mean that no charter granted by the province would be safe.

Dr. L. M. Curran asked how the company could offer to distribute Musquash current for two cents when it had reported that the cost had been reported to be 6.22.

Mr. Taylor said that twelve cents was a maximum charge, whereas the 6.22 was the company's lowest rate at the present time was 2.91. The company's guarantee would be to reduce present charges to two thirds in three years.

Rupert Taylor, postmaster of east St. John, said he appeared as a small investor to object to the bill. He had made his investment on the belief that the legislature had authorized the New Brunswick Power Company to earn a dividend of five per cent. (Continued on page 3, third column.)

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam: "I was astonished this morning to observe how wonderfully the grass had started up in the last two days." "I don't see nothing queer about that," said Hiram. "The grass starts up quick. Why wouldn't it? The boys woke up—'an' the grass has to be in the fashion. But it won't grow in the streets—nor among the feet of the noo city council—if I'm in any judge. I'm expectin' to see it grow in the streets here afore the summer's over—yes, sir. As 't'aint on account of who's gon to be elected, nuther. It's on account of the people wakin' up. That's the thing. When they set up 'n' take notice, the hull machine works better. Say—I bet whoever runs that there noo elevator down to City Hall won't have much time to chew gum or read news—By Hen!"

DEFICIT ON THE RAILWAYS SOME \$5 MILLIONS

Ottawa, April 11—It is expected when Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways today makes his statement on the year's operations of the Canadian National Railways, will show a deficit of approximately \$5,000,000 on the national roads, including the Grand Trunk Pacific. This is an improvement of about \$1,000,000 over the showing of the year previous.

REDISTRIBUTION RESOLUTION IN THE COMMONS

Ottawa, April 11—(Canadian Press.)—The House of Commons today passed a resolution on the order paper "that in the opinion of this house a redistribution measure should be introduced during the present session of parliament." The resolution will probably bring on an interesting debate in view of the premier's recent announcement that redistribution could hardly be dealt with this session. The resolution will not come before the house until after Easter.

RACE TRACK BILL LIKELY TO PASS

London, April 11—(Canadian Press.)—In the House of Lords, yesterday, Lord Mulgrave-MacKenzie easily obtained second reading for his gambling bill, which deals with questions created by a recent judgment regarding payment by check to bookmakers.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pheridano. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupari, Quebec, meteorological service.

Synopsis: The disturbance which was over Kansas yesterday has moved northwards to Lake Michigan with increasing intensity, causing heavy rains over the greater part of Ontario. Showers have occurred in many parts of Quebec and the maritime provinces, while in the west the weather has been fair.

Forecasts: Wind and Showers. Maritime—Northeast winds, rain tonight. Wednesday strong winds or moderate gales, with showers. Gulf and North Shore—Fair today, followed by strong winds and gales from eastward with rain tonight and on Wednesday. New England—Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight. Cool on the mainland tonight; Wednesday cloudy and cooler, increasing south and southwest winds. Toronto, April 11—Temperatures: Highest during the day, 58. Lowest, 46. Stations: Prince Rupert, 50; Victoria, 58; Kamloops, 54; Calgary, 52; Edmonton, 52; Winnipeg, 50; White River, 50; Sault Ste. Marie, 50; Toronto, 50; Quebec, 48; Kingston, 48; Ottawa, 40; Montreal, 38; St. John, N. B., 38; Halifax, 38; St. John's, Nfld., 40; Detroit, 60; New York, 68.

HE CHALLENGES PREMIER DRURY

Conservative Leader Arraigns Government in Ontario and Calls for Summer Elections.

Toronto, April 11—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Ontario Conservatives last night made a severe arraignment of the Drury government and challenged the premier to bring on a general election this summer.

"The quicker they call it the better we shall be pleased for," said the Conservative leader, "for since 1905 have the prospects of the Conservative party been brighter than they are now."

Ottawa, April 11—The standing committee of the House on Marine and Fisheries is to investigate fisheries conditions in British Columbia, and more particularly the depletion of the salmon fisheries of the Fraser River.

Lunenburg M. P. Wants All Fishery Licenses Reduced or Abolished.

Ottawa, April 11—The Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of fisheries, said that the proposed reduction in character and could be dealt with only by joint action between Canada and the United States.

William Duff (Liberal, Lunenburg, N. S.) thought the resolution should include also the fisheries of Canada. The late government had done nothing for the fisheries. He wanted the fees for fishery licenses reduced or abolished.

NEEDS \$1,865 TO KEEP HIS FAMILY

Miners' President in the West Presents Case at Conciliation Board Meeting.

Calgary, Alta., April 11—The first sitting of the board of conciliation appointed by the federal government to enquire into the coal strike in District 18 comprising southeastern British Columbia and Alberta fields, commenced here yesterday.

Calcutta, April 11—Bank robbers made a rich haul here on Monday night when they rifled the safe in the local branch of the Bank Di Sicilia, making away with 6,000,000 lire in bank notes, about \$486,000 at present exchange. The doorkeeper and two watchmen have been arrested.

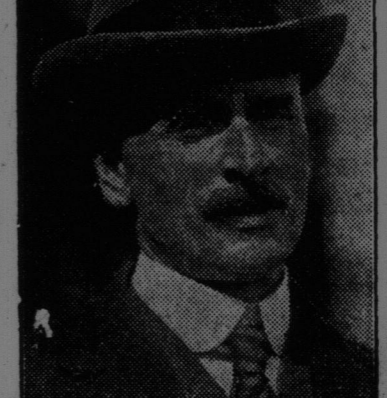
GIVE HOTELS A MONOPOLY IN TWO PER CENT?

Toronto, April 11—Attorney General Raney suggests that a monopoly of the sale of two per cent beer might encourage a better class of hotels in rural Ontario.

AIR RAIDS AGAIN IN FIGHTING WITH THE MOROCCANS

Madrid, April 11—Renewed activity against the Moroccan rebels is reported in an official despatch which recounts the bombing of villages in the vicinity of Velez de La Gorgona. The village of Saserio was set afire by bombs. Both land and sea planes took part in the raid.

FORD GETS SITE IN CORK FOR HIS TRACTOR FACTORY



H. A. FRICKER, Director of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, who is touring part of United States with the choir. They have been accorded great receptions wherever they have sung.

Cork, April 11—The city corporation today decided by a vote of eighteen to thirteen to grant Henry Ford the site of his tractor factory here in fee simple.

Druggists are opposed to this measure. Toronto druggists last night the feeling was expressed that Hon. W. E. Rance's anti-combine bill will, if adopted as it stands, have a serious effect concerning the sale of certain articles handled by druggists under verbal understandings with various wholesale druggists and manufacturers.

Geo. Gibbard, secretary of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, said the association had received hundreds of letters of protest from all over the Dominion, and that the writers urge the attention of the Ontario government be called to the fact that the measure would compel retail druggists to sever connections with firms which desired to stabilize prices to maintain a standard of business.

STATEMENT RE RAILWAYS TODAY

Ottawa, April 11—(Canadian Press.)—Today in the commons the minister of railways will make his annual statement in regard to the government railways.

Yesterday in the commons a bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act and one to amend the Criminal Code and one to amend the Railway Act were introduced.

BANK ROBBERS GET BIG SUM

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BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN IN POOR HEALTH

Brussels, April 11—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth have left here for Versailles. Their departure was due to the king's physician recommending a change to a drier climate. King Albert is suffering from rheumatism and nephritis, and the queen from the results of exposure during the war.

MAJOR GEN. V. A. S. WILLIAMS, C. M. G.

Extraordinary police protection was taken at the palace and forces of military and carabinieri lined the main street leading to the meeting place. A large crowd assembled to witness the arrival of the delegates.

RUSSIAN HOLDS HIS POSITION

Says Genoa Conference Need Discuss Armament.

Declares It Useless Otherwise to Talk of Reconstruction of Europe—Opposition to Germany and Russia at Principal Committee is Overcome.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Genoa, April 11—George Chitchein head of the Russian Soviet delegation to the economic conference, issued a statement today declaring it useless to discuss the reconstruction of Europe without also discussing disarmament.

Genoa, April 11—Admission of Russian and German representatives to the principal committee of the conference was strongly opposed today by both French and Belgian representatives.

At this afternoon's meeting of the principal committee of delegates to consider Russian affairs, Foreign Minister Chitchein of Russia protested against the presence of the Roumanian and Japanese delegates, because Roumanian was occupying Besarabia and Japan was occupying portions of Siberia.

Premier Facta and Foreign Minister Sennar, of Italy, intervened, however, and their conciliatory attitude finally resulted in the admittance of both the Russians and the Germans.

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Announcement by George Chitchein, head of the Soviet delegation that Russia was prepared to support any proposals that would avert war or lighten the burden of armament was accepted as a fling at the French military policy by Louis Barthou, who heatedly declared that France would refuse to discuss disarmament at Genoa.

While Lord George appealed to the delegates to adhere to the agenda as adopted by the supreme council at Cannes, he made the flat declaration that "unless the Genoa conference leads to disarmament, it will be a failure."

"But before you get to disarmament, the agenda is that the declaration of the League of Nations should be the first order of business. The second is that no country shall go to war on the institutions of another. The third is that no nation shall engage in aggressive actions against the territory of another. The fourth is that the members of one country shall be entitled to international justice in the courts of another."

Any "elementary conditions of civilized intercourse," he declared could not be excluded from the agenda. The agenda was arranged at Cannes provided a sufficient cargo for the conference ship, with the danger of wrecking it if new and controversial problems were added.

Genoa, April 11—The principal committee of the conference, composed of the chief delegates of all the states represented, and attended by the experts of the various delegations, assembled today in the Palazzo Reale. Considerable importance is attached to the deliberations of this committee.

Extraordinary police protection was taken at the palace and forces of military and carabinieri lined the main street leading to the meeting place. A large crowd assembled to witness the arrival of the delegates.

The Palazzo Reale was erected about 1650 by the Durazzo family, and was restored in 1842. It is announced that the representatives of the states composing the Little Entente are to hold a further meeting to decide upon their precise attitude toward the problems before the conference.

The delegates today made every preparation to settle down to the serious technical work of the congress, accepting, for the moment at least, the idea expressed yesterday by Lloyd George and Premier Facta that the agenda was arranged at Cannes provided a sufficient cargo for the conference ship, with the danger of wrecking it if new and controversial problems were added.