

The Evening Times-Star

Do You Know

The accession of King Edward VII. to the British throne was on January 22, 1901

Benefit City

The Maritime Skating Championships tonight and the Internationals Feb. 25, 26 and 27 are community events that help St. John. They command the practical interest of all citizens.

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St. John Port Makes Best Grain Shipments' Showing MILLION DOLLAR PLAN STRIKE

DECREASE IN GRAIN TRADE AT PORTLAND

St. John Makes Better Showing Than Other North Atlantic Ports.

MUCH WHEAT HERE

C. P. R. Have Large Amount in West Side Elevators—More Coming.

That St. John was making a better showing this season in grain shipments than any other North Atlantic port, was the cheering statement made this morning by Commissioner Bullock. He said that from enquiries which had been made it had been discovered that all the Atlantic ports were shipping a great deal less grain this year than last and at Galveston there was practically no grain being shipped at all.

He gave the following figures showing the percentage of decrease from last year at the following ports: St. John, 17 1/2 per cent.; Portland, Me., 35 1/2 per cent.; Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, 40 per cent.; New York, 30 per cent.; Galveston, 90 per cent.

This will be good news to the citizens who have been inclined to think that the falling off in this year's shipment of grain meant that St. John was losing its position as one of the great grain shipping ports of the Dominion. It shows that rather than this being the fact, the port was bettering its position in this respect and was still to be considered in the running.

A Marked Increase The last few days have seen a marked increase in the amount of grain being shipped and it is thought now that the last year will be given a close run when the figures for the season are added up.

The C. P. R. have a large amount of grain in the elevators on the west side and more coming all the time. The C. N. R. also have a large amount of grain here and enroute and there are at least two steamers in the harbor which will take full cargoes of grain.

These figures are especially cheering to far as Portland is concerned, where they are shipping less than one third of the grain they did one year ago. They prove conclusively that it is no matter of business leaving here to go elsewhere but that it is a matter of less grain being shipped.

SCORES LIQUOR LAW

Speaker at Quebec Alliance Meeting Refers to Control of "Distilled Damnation."

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Declaring that Government control of "distilled damnation" in British Columbia had not only failed to lessen taxation, but had debauched and demoralized the people and was creating bad feeling on the Pacific coast with the U. S., Rev. Dr. Maguire, recently of Vancouver, speaking at a meeting of the Quebec branch, Dominion Alliance here, said the people of British Columbia had "fallen for the lying arguments of the modernists who advocated government control in order to lighten their taxes."

Cattle Disease Cost Millions

London, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—The gross amount of money paid to farmers in the United Kingdom in compensation for animals destroyed by the authorities in an effort to stamp out the foot and mouth disease is estimated at £2,400,000. Reports of outbreaks have been dwindling of late and it is said that the epidemic has been brought under control.

Youth Sentenced to Death Second Time

Leon, France, Feb. 15.—Raoul Marchand, 20 years old, has just been convicted of murder and sentenced to death for the second time in a case which is believed to be unique in French justice. He was condemned first in August last for the slaying of a young girl. While in prison awaiting the results of his lawyers' efforts to obtain a reprieve from President Millerand, Marchand one day caught a prison attendant off guard and felled him with a chair in attempting to escape.

COSTS U. S. PEOPLE A MILLION A DAY

"Outrageous Profiteering" is Charged in Matter of Bread Supply for Nation.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Recommendation that the Senate adopt a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report the profits of all baking and milling companies as disclosed by their tax returns in 1918 to the present time is made in a report submitted by Basil M. Manly, director of the People's Legislative Service. The report charged that "as a result of outrageous profiteering, the American people are now paying more than a million dollars a day too much for their bread."

Wire Briefs

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The wholesale price of sugar here today is \$10.74 per hundred weight.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 15.—Acceptance of the new wage contract by the miners in District No. 26 now seems a certainty.

Moscow, Feb. 15.—It is reported that Leon Trotsky probably will completely recover within two months. He is now in the Caucasus.

London, Ont., Feb. 15.—Curtis Billings, well known horseman, died at his home here yesterday aged 62.

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 15.—The Lawrence building, on Main street, was destroyed by fire this morning and eleven persons are reported dead or missing. The loss is about \$200,000.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ended Feb. 13 are estimated by the Montreal Times at \$338,300 compared with \$192,400, the previous week and with \$490,825 the corresponding week of 1923.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Former Secretary of the Interior Fall and Secretary of the Navy Denby were declared in a letter read before President Coolidge today by John E. Bellamy, an Alaskan railroad contractor.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—More than 150 former members of the famous 85th Nova Scotia Highland Battalion gathered at a re-union held last night to celebrate the anniversary of the battalion's landing in France for active service with the Canadian corps.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A clear cold night and good ice were regarded as ideal conditions preparatory to the second day of the National Amateur Speed Skating Championships in Pontiac Rink. The events scheduled for this afternoon were the half mile and the three quarters mile races.

London, Feb. 15.—Eight per cent. of the total population are living in one-roomed dwellings, according to the latest statistics. Nearly two million are living in dwellings with only two rooms. Glasgow is the worst housed borough, 12 per cent. of its inhabitants living in one-roomed tenements and 40 per cent. in two rooms.

BRITISH NOT TO GIVE UP JAMAICA

Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Denies French Debt Plan.

HOLD TERRITORY

Washington is Willing to Take Over French West Indian Islands.

London, Feb. 15.—Arthur Ponsonby, under secretary for foreign affairs, in a reply to a parliamentary question, decides that the British Government has any idea of ceding Jamaica or any other part of its possessions to the U. S. in connection with a settlement of the French debt, as was alleged last week by the Paris Excelsior.

This newspaper said the Washington Government was willing to accept the cession of the French West Indian Islands or settlement of the French debt and would pay Great Britain the amount of the French debt in return for the cession of Jamaica. In his reply Mr. Ponsonby asserts, however, that the MacDonald Government has been informed that the previous Government committed itself to an agreement which might involve "a certain small cession of territory." He gives no idea of the nature of this cession.

A despatch from Paris said it was stated at the French foreign office that the French Government's post-war policy is opposed to the cession of any French territory. The statement was due to the publication of a paragraph saying the U. S. would not reject the idea of cancelling the French war debt in exchange for the French West Indies.

SAIL FROM HERE WITH NEW CAPTAINS

Montrose and Melita of C. P. R. Fleet Away Under New Command.

The departure of the S. S. Melita and S. S. Montrose on Feb. 14 and 15 from St. John is significant of the recent announcement made by G. M. Bosworth, chairman of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., whereby these two mono-class cabin vessels sail with their newly appointed skippers.

The new skipper of the S. S. Melita, which position he relinquished in January, 1924, when he entered the service of the Canadian Pacific as a junior officer of the steamer Montfort. His advancement in the service was rapid and in January, 1923, he served as chief officer of the Mount Temple, receiving his permanent rank in the following year.

During the war, Capt. Landy served in the Admiralty service. Whilst the convoy service was in vogue on several occasions he was selected as "guide" and his abilities were appreciated and fully recognized.

Capt. Clewes, new commander of the S. S. Melita, was born in 1876 and joined the company's service as fourth officer in 1904. He received his first command in 1916. During the war he was chief officer on the Montezuma, Medora, Lake Michigan, Lake Manitoba, also commander of the Lake Manitoba, Milwaukee, Montreal and Marburn.

Appointment On C. N. R. Announced

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The appointment of R. C. Vaughan, director of purchases and stores, as vice-president in charge of purchases and stores, Canadian National Railways, was announced today by Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the system.

OLD-TIME KLONDIKERS DEAD

Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—Three old-time Klondikers have died here this winter—J. H. Paulson, Bonanza Creek miner; Peter Olson, prominent rancher at Pelly Farm, near Selkirk, and "Old Sport" Girard of Forty-mile Post.

German Martial Air Blocked By Radio

Berlin, Feb. 15.—Whenever "Deutschland Ueber Alles" is broadcast by radio in Germany, "some one, somewhere but in" according to German newspaper paragraphs, it is clearly the intention of the Treaty of Versailles for the Germans to play the martial air as often as they like, which they do some two or three times a day over the radio, the paragraphs say.

Nevertheless, whenever the tune is started there is a great hubbub in the air over Europe and there is a growing suspicion, the writers say, that the interfering waves "come from somewhere in the direction of the Eiffel Tower in Paris."

ALREADY SEEKING RINK RESERVATIONS

Skating Meet Enthusiasts Apply For Boxes Before Sale Ready—Tickets Likely Tomorrow

The tickets for the International Indoor Skating Meet here on Feb. 25, 26 and 27 are to be delivered to the committee in charge of them this afternoon, and the men in charge of them will meet at 5 o'clock to sort them and prepare them for sale at the several depots, the location of which was announced yesterday.

Blue prints showing the seating arrangements at the rink have been prepared and these will be distributed and the sale of the tickets be in swing tomorrow. The committee, in the interests of the patrons of the meet, strongly urge the earliest possible selection, for they are convinced that the Arena will not be able to hold all the spectators who see the speediest amateur skaters of the continent whirling along in the stiffest kind of competition. They are contemplating the crown of the International Indoor champion. This is the first time that Canada has held this competition, and so once again St. John leads the way. That ought to help stir the community spirit to the greatest general effort to make the meet the success it warrants.

PREDICTS MORE PAY

Toronto Globe Says Men at C. N. R. and C. P. R. Are in For Raise.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The Toronto Globe says that conductors, trainmen, baggage men and yardmen on the C. N. R. and C. P. R. are due to receive more pay. The basis for the negotiations has been struck by the brotherhood executives in the U. S. and accepted by New York Central lines, which have already accepted the new schedule rate effect. As both of the Canadian lines are pledged to adopt the scale of wages in existence on lines of the same standard, representatives of Canadian roads will at once meet the Canadian executives and discuss the wage question with the new scale on the New York Central lines as the basis.

Firpo and Lodge Battle Tomorrow

Buenos Aires, Feb. 15.—Luis Firpo, Argentine heavyweight champion and "Farmer" Lodge, of the U. S., have completed training for their fight tomorrow, weighing 104 and 105 1/2 kilograms respectively. According to this, Firpo weighs 220 1/2 pounds compared with 230 1/2 at the time of his championship fight with Dempsey. Both men yesterday passed the medical test. Firpo is also passed the test.

He Shows How Mediums Operate

Vienna, Feb. 15.—Prof. Pripham of Vienna University is said to have reproduced before 40 professors all the phenomena attributed to the celebrated spiritualistic mediums, Willy and Rudy Schneider. He not only used natural means, it is declared, but explained how the various effects were produced.

ASQUITH IN CLEVER GAME BRITISH SAY

Former British Liberal Premier is Watching the Labor Government.

HOPES FOR CHANGE

Feeling is That Liberalism Will Gain Rather Than Socialism.

BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press)

London, Feb. 15.—The Liberal motion condemning the Popular concessions reveals the fact that Asquith is playing a very clever game. While the motion is not a vote of censure yet it was obviously designed to drive the Government towards the left or extreme radical wing of the party which MacDonald is doing his utmost to prevent and which he has shown is the last thing that he wants at this time.

Former Premier Asquith is hence playing a very wily game knowing well that the bulk of the British electorate will swing towards Liberalism rather than towards Socialism if the alternative is placed squarely before them. The motion is evidently the first of what may prove a long series designed to put the Labor Government on the defensive, the Liberals in effect saying that they have gone as far in their support of the present Government as they intend to do while Labor, if it is true to its principle and its pledges, is bound to carry its party further.

It looks, therefore, as if the former Liberal premier will play a cat and mouse game until the summer and will choose the right moment to defeat the Government following the division up with a demand for an appeal to the country. The Conservatives are fully appreciative of the willingness of the strategem of the old political leader and are laying low confining them and awaiting their opportunity.

JOE JACKSON AND FELCH ARRESTED

New Sensations Develop in Trial Following Old White Sox Scandal.

Milwaukee, Feb. 15.—Additional sensational developments are expected after the circuit court jury reports today in the trial of Joe Jackson's salary suit against the Chicago American League Baseball Club. That was intimated by Judge J. J. Gregory after he ordered Jackson's arrest for alleged perjury at the conclusion of the trial last night. The former star outfielder was released on \$5,000 bail after he had been sent to jail.

Oscar (Happy) Felch, former team mate of Jackson and who testified for him in the salary suit, was arrested for alleged perjury Wednesday and released on \$2,000 cash bail. Jackson is suing for money he alleges due him after he was barred from organized baseball for alleged participation in the 1919 world's series scandal.

PULITZERS ARE SEEKING DIVORCE

Paris, Feb. 15.—Proceedings for a divorce between Ralph Pulitzer of New York and his wife have begun in the French courts. It is understood the application is made mutually. Mr. Pulitzer, son of the late Joseph Pulitzer is president of the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, and vice-president of the Pulitzer Publishing Company, publishers of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Half Million to Combat Disease

Quebec, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—The Provincial Government, more effectively to combat tuberculosis and infantile mortality, will devote \$500,000 during five years, at the rate of \$100,000 a year, according to a resolution in the Quebec House yesterday.

NEW COMPANIES

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Authorized capital of \$9,460,750 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended Feb. 9, compared with \$17,983,500 for the previous week and with \$11,721,000 for the corresponding week last year.

It's a Radio Head



We have here what the French designer calls a "coiffure a la radio." You will notice that the decorative filigree ornaments falling over the sides imitate the ear pieces of the radio outfit. While there is no objection to wearing it while you listen to your favorite band or a lecture, it is intended for the ballroom or the opera. It comes in silver or gold, to suit your taste.

Brothers Fight Duel to Death on Lonely Road in Property Dispute

Whitesburg, Ky., Feb. 15.—Bob Bates, 32, and Sam Bates, Jr., 17, sons of the late Bob Bates, of Rockhouse Creek, met on a lonely path on Troublesome Creek on the Meigs County border yesterday and fought a duel. Both are dead. The duellists were said to have been in odds over the division of their father's estate, which consisted of valuable coal and timber lands. Recently reports reaching here said Sam sent word to his brother that he would meet him on a mountain road, in answer, it is believed, to his brother's challenge. When Sam stepped from the bushes at the roadside, both fired and missed. With the second exchange of shots both duellists fell. Neither lived more than a few minutes.

FIGHTS BANDITS Quebec to Protect Its Own Forests

Quebec, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—Intimation that the Government intended this session to bring in a measure to provide for forest protection by its own employes instead of leaving the matter to the association of timber holders, was made in the assembly last night by Hon. Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Pressure is low to the southwest of Sable Island and over the southwest states, while a pronounced high area covers the western provinces and Northern Ontario. The weather has been comparatively mild in Ontario and cold in all other parts of the Dominion.

Only 3 Perpetual Pensions Remain

London, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—In reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday as to whether the Government would take steps to terminate perpetual pensions which were being paid in respect to services rendered to the state more than a century ago, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Snowden, said there were now only three such pensions being paid. One of these probably would be commuted soon.

Takes Place on C. N. R. Directorate

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Duncan Joseph McDougald succeeds R. P. Gough on the directorate of the Canadian National Railways. He is head of the financial house of D. J. McDougald & Company, Toronto. Other financial interests include the presidency of the Pine Lake Lumber Company, Ltd., and of the Eastern and Western Land Corporation, Ltd., a position on the directorate and executive committee of the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Ltd., and directorships in several other companies. He was born in Glangary county, Ontario, April 17, 1880. He is a Catholic and a Liberal.

WALKOUT IN ENGLAND IS NEAR START

Executives and Employees Fail in Conference to Break Deadlock.

WAGES DISCUSSED

Revision to Former Rates and Guaranteed Week Urged by Men.

BY PERCY M. SARRL (British United Press)

London, Feb. 15.—One million dock workers prepared today to quit work tomorrow and tie up every port in the United Kingdom, unless a last minute settlement cancels the strike orders. Scenes at the huge docks of the port of London at day-break were of unprecedented activity as shipping companies speeded efforts to clear cargoes before the impending paralysis of transport should set in.

Dock workers executives and employers were in conference seeking to break the deadlock that has existed since February 1. The threatened strike is national in scope. It was voted at a meeting of national delegates representing the Transport and General Workers' Union (300,000 members) the National Union of General Workers (443,000), the National Amalgamated Union of Labor (170,000), United Order of General Laborers (150,000), Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Motormen, Electricians, etc. (40,000) and other similar organizations.

Drop in Wages The men's complaint is that wages, since 1920 have fallen from 16 shillings a day in the large ports and 15 shillings a day in the small ports, to ten shillings and nine shillings respectively.

They ask reversion to the former rates and a guaranteed week. In the larger British ports today there are more workers than jobs. Consequently the men line up at dawn, and a foreman picks in order the number he needs for the day.

RESUMING WORK IN CAPE BRETON

Dominion No. 1 Only Mine Operating But Others Are Expected to Start Tonight. Sydney, N. S., Feb. 15.—Faced with the necessity of choosing between the new Montreal wage scale and the loss of their international affiliations, the miners of Cape Breton have chosen permanent union solidarity in preference to any temporary advantages which might accrue from further disputes over rates of pay.

Two Hotels Are Destroyed by Fire

Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 15.—The village of Bromptonville suffered one of the most severe fires in its history when both of its hotels, the Grand Central and the Balmoral, were destroyed late last evening, and a number of other places were slightly damaged. Fortunately there was no loss of life. The loss is placed at \$25,000.

HALIFAX SHIPPING REPORT

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15.—During January 1924 there has been an increase of approximately 105,064 tons in transatlantic passenger liners entering the port of Halifax, and an increase of 44,816 tons in foreign and coastwise freight steamers.

Table with weather data for various cities: Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York. Columns for 8 a.m. Yesterday, Highest, and Lowest.