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FATAL FIGHT AT UNION MEETING
Former Business Agent in Cleveland Shot Dead

Trouble at a Gathering of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Over Membership of Men Who Had Become Contractors.

Cleveland, April 3.—One man was dead, another was said to be dying and a third was less seriously wounded today as the result of a shooting affray at a meeting of local union No. 11, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers here last night.

John O'Brien, 50, secretary of the union was taken to a hospital in a critical condition with a bullet wound through the chest. John R. Barrell, 33, received a flesh wound through the chest.

Discussion of a clause in the union rules which provides that any member who becomes a contractor and employer of labor should be expelled.

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Power Company Comes To City Hall With A New Offer To City

Session at Two O'Clock; Rumor Said Private Meeting Asked For; Must be Open Said Mayor and Others

The delegation which appeared before the Common Council last week and urged further negotiations with the N. B. Power Company for the purchase of its distribution system, met with the Mayor and City Commissioners this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Mayor's office.

The meeting was arranged with Mayor Fisher who was in Frederickton. His Worship set the time and the Commissioners were notified of his action by W. E. Colding who had talked with the Mayor on the long distance telephone.

It was rumored around the city that the request was for a private session. When this was mentioned to Commissioner Thornton, he reaffirmed his decision reached when previous negotiations with the Power Company were being carried on, which was to the effect that he was done with private meetings on Company matters.

Mayor Fisher, on his arrival in the city, also voiced this sentiment and Commissioner Bullock concurred. Commissioner Frink, when asked as to his attitude said that the matter was entirely up to the Mayor.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "we almost had to have the ambulance here yesterday."

"Well, well," said Hiram, "did some body get hurt?"

"Shocked," said the reporter, "several severe cases of shock."

"That Noo Brunwick Power Company didn't come across with some more promise—let it quiet Hiram."

"Oh, that," said the reporter, "we're used to those spasms. This was quite the desk of the despatch editor. He picked up a sheet of telegrams glanced at it, took another look, and collapsed. One of the reporters brought him to after some anxious minutes, then read the sheet himself and yelled for help. The sheet went to a linotype operator, and he caused a commotion on the top floor. The proof-reader next required attention, and the whole staff was demoralized some time ago."

"What was on that sheet of paper?" asked Hiram.

"Southernly winds and higher temperature," said the reporter.

"I ain't surprised at what he felt almost killed one time by good noos. Yes, sir—I did so."

The City's Financial Position Strong; Shown In Reports For 1922

ASSETS EXCEED LIABILITIES BY MORE THAN \$3,500,000

Bonded Debt \$6,469,577; Sinking Fund \$1,862,913—Seventeen Per Cent. of Taxes Unpaid; Chamberlain Suggests Some Exemptions for Married Men With Families and of Moderate Income.

Pointing out that seventeen per cent. of last year's tax assessment remained uncollected at the end of the year, Duncan G. Lingley, city chamberlain, Common Council today, expressed the opinion that there would not be any improvement in this connection until a change in income taxation was made which married men with families would receive a larger exemption than at present.

Under the present regulations no distinction is made by the city between married and single men. Those carrying \$1,000 or less receive exemption of \$400; between \$1,000 and \$1,500 the exemption is \$200, and those carrying more than \$1,500 get no exemption.

The reports of the chamberlain and also of the comptroller, Adam P. McIntyre, which was also presented today, show the city's finances to be in a healthy condition. While there was a deficit amounting to \$13,000, in the opinion of Mr. MacIntyre, taking all things into consideration, this is a particularly good work of the commissioners in returning unexpended balances appropriations amounting to some \$55,000 assisted in keeping the deficit down to a reasonable figure.

The total bonded indebtedness of the city is shown as \$6,469,577, against which sinking funds totaling \$1,862,913 are on hand, more than sufficient to retire the maturing debentures. Yearly interest totals \$391,881. The total number of taxpayers is 18,241 and taxes levied last year were \$1,788,005. Of this amount \$1,016,111 was paid in discounts totaling \$66,897, and \$1,511,914 was deducted in relief, leaving unpaid about \$265,000. The total number of taxpayers of the year \$1,464,200.

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VICAR GENERAL IS PUT TO DEATH

Soviet Sentence on Priest is Carried Out in Moscow.

Moscow, April 3.—Vicar General Butchavitch was executed today in the execution chamber of the Soviet government.

The details of the execution will probably never be known, judging from an inside page, under one line head in its court new department. In the Pravda the execution is noted briefly without comment in a column of local news.

Monsieur Butchavitch met death before a firing squad.

Even up to late last night there were rumors that an exchange might be arranged. Responsible officials, however, thought not. Indicating that the execution had already taken place, they branded the rumors as false and asserted that "Soviet justice" must take its course regardless of protests and attacks abroad.

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SCHOONER SET ON FIRE; ABANDONED

The British Vessel Rita M. Cluett, on Voyage from Spain to Newfoundland.

Jaffax, N. S., April 3.—The British schooner Rita M. Cluett, Oporto, Spain, set on fire in latitude 40° 05' N, longitude 55° 58' W, according to a wireless message from Cape Race, particulars were given as to the cause of the wreck.

New York, April 3.—Captain and crew of six of the schooner Rita M. Cluett, Oporto, Spain, were rescued today about 800 miles south of Cape Race, so the President Filomeno, a U. S. ship, was able to pick up the survivors.

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MRS. JOHN McFARLAND
The death of Mrs. Mary E. Gregg McFarland, wife of John McFarland of Montreal, occurred in the Royal Victoria Hospital on April 2 after an illness of more than two months. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. Muir of Montreal, her mother, Mrs. T. Hazlewood, one sister, Mrs. F. W. Cunningham of St. John, and one sister, Mrs. Sutherland, of East Dedham, Mass. The body will be brought here for burial.

HEAR M'GILL MAN AND LADY BADEN-POWELL

Importance of Physical Education Stressed at Opening of Ontario Educational Conference.

Toronto, April 3.—The importance of physical education was stressed last night by Professor Arthur S. Lamb of McGill University, Montreal, at the opening of the 62nd annual convention of the Ontario Educational Association.

He said that forty per cent. of college women graduates from high school needed corrective physical exercises. Of Canada's 800,000 recruits during the last war, sixty per cent were suffering from defects which might have been remedied in childhood.

Physical education, he said, included instruction in the laws of health and obedience to such laws in every day life to the end of keeping fit.

Lady Baden-Powell, chief of the Girl Guides, said that the Girl Guide movement had been born of necessity. There was something needed in training the girls of the nation in those things which mattered most. The Guide movement carried on training outside of the schools to the end of making girls useful both now and later on.

JAMES JARDINE OF REXTON DEAD

James Jardine, a well-known merchant of Rexton, Kent County, and a prominent figure in the business life of the eastern part of the province, died at his home this morning, at the age of seventy-two years. He was the eldest son of the late Thomas Jardine of the once well-known firm of J. & T. Jardine of Jarvisville.

Mr. Jardine was a life-long Liberal supporter of the U. S. because it met a vital need in the affairs of the people in U. S. It was a man who should face the facts and not allow the foreign policy of the U. S. to be a mere slogan of party politics.

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COMMEND CECIL TO U. S. PEOPLE

New York Newspapers Pay Much Attention to Him

Champion of League of Nations Gets Columns of Space—World Newspaper Urges Entrance of U. S. Into League.

The World is an excited devoted supporter of the entrance of the U. S. into the League of Nations, advises its readers to pay close attention to Lord Cecil's address in the House of Commons on the question of U. S. entrance into the League of Nations.

The League that he is talking about is the league that exists, the league that is slowly finding its way to the end of the crumbling peace of the world. The message that he brings is a message that the American people should heed.

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HON. MR. FOSTER TO SPEAK TODAY ON LIQUOR LAW

Frederickton, N. B., April 3.—(It is now one thirty-five).—Hon. W. E. Foster, former Premier, will resume his address in the debate on the Budget in the Legislature this afternoon. He will deal with the question of the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law during his term in office.

A clause in a Motion Bill that would make two years residence in the city necessary before a person could be given poor relief by the city was discussed this morning by J. D. McKenna, Liberal, King's, seconded by W. E. Scully, Liberal, St. John's, in the Municipalities Committee.

It was contended that if such an enactment were made, it might constitute a burden on other municipalities where the residence clause provides for a shorter term. The provision if made should be uniform for the province. The bill which was reported, would give Moncton city four, instead of two, representatives in the county council.

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Director of meteorological service.

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Hearst's Son In Elopement With University Girl

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OBJECTS TO THE PROCEDURE RE FISHERY TREATY

London Times Questions the Wisdom of Canada's Acting Without Consideration of Other Dominions.

London, April 3.—(Canadian Press)—The Times, discussing the imperial aspect of the fisheries treaty between Canada and the U. S. asks whether it is altogether reasonable that such a treaty should be concluded solely on the authority of one Dominion government without association with any other government in the British Commonwealth.

The Times thinks if the people of Great Britain and the other Dominions realize that such a treaty might involve them in an international dispute, even now, they will desire that its ultimate responsibility somehow shall be registered at the moment of its conclusion.

"It must be admitted," the newspaper says, "that the procedure apparently adopted over the Canadian treaty is open to the objection that the formal association of the British Government with the Dominion Government does not fully meet the case. It is not in strict accordance with the principle of equal status and leaves out of account the other Dominions in India, which may be no less concerned."

As a possible solution of such a matter in the future the newspaper suggests the maintenance of a conference in more or less permanent session by means of regular or regular visiting ministers acting as premier's deputies. This body should be associated with the government of the Dominion directly concerned in the procedure, the paper suggests, and should conclude the procedure with the signing of a separate treaty.

"That personal consultation is desirable," the Times says, "is beyond dispute."

SLAIN MODEL WAS STOCK BROKER

New Angle to Broadway Girl Murder Case

Backed Firm With Large Sums of Money—Police Investigating New Phase of New York Sensational Case.

New York, April 3.—"A Broadway butterfly" and an artist's model, Dorothy King Keanan, slain friend of the writer John Kearsley Mitchell of Philadelphia, had another role that she was reported to have made in the case of "King and Scott" which was learned last night. The revelation was made by Assistant District Attorney Thomas Geraty, who investigated the last summer, to Assistant District Attorney Percore. He also said that Albert E. Guinieres, "the man in the fur coat," admirer of the model, and upon whom she was said to have showered many gifts, also was interested in the brokerage house.

Miss Keanan, who was known in Broadway as Dorothy "King," backed the company with large sums of money, Geraty said he was told by Guinieres. "King and Scott" he was said to be affiliated with another brokerage house, Stoddard & Sanborn, in which Guinieres held an interest and from which he was reported to have made from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year. The extent of Miss Keanan's holdings were not revealed, however. Authorities began an investigation into her connections with the firm. It was indicated that Guinieres acted for the slain girl in the management of the concern.

Police, when informed of the disclosure, checked considerable information into Miss Keanan's mysterious death might develop from an investigation into her activities as a stock broker.

DEATH IN WEST END
The death of Robert H. Norris occurred about half past seven o'clock this morning at his residence, 45 Winslow street, West St. John. He leaves to mourn, besides his wife, two sons, Edward and Harry L., both of this city. The funeral will be held from his home on Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

THEY'RE PLOWING IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Calgary, April 3.—Plowing in the Taber district of Southern Alberta, has begun in several farms. A farmer in the Burdett district drilled in sixty acres of wheat during the fine weather last week. A soft wet snow fell on Sunday and Monday.