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City Council Now Unanimous For Civic Distribution

Commissioner Thornton Joins Colleagues On The Hydro Commission Recommendations

ASKING LEAGUE TO TAKE INITIATIVE

Move for Settlement of the Reparations Question World Alliance for Promoting Friendship Through Churches—British Labor Report Against French Programme.

Geneva, April 19.—A resolution asking the League of Nations to take the initiative in bringing about a settlement of the reparations question on a sound economic basis was officially presented to Sir Ezech Drummond, secretary of the league, yesterday by the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches.

The resolution was adopted at a recent special meeting in which it authorized the constitution of a body to which all the parties could submit their case, organization of financial measures for carrying the decision into effect and a system of mutual guarantees of protection in the interests of general peace.

London, April 19.—France is spending millions on the occupation and getting next to nothing out of it, she is using a whole to catch a sprat. This is the conclusion of the report of the Labor party's delegation which went to the Ruhr in March to investigate the situation there and in other parts of Germany.

"In our judgment," says the report, "the situation cannot be adequately met with by any machinery under the Treaty of Versailles, but requires a new instrument, instead of the character, in the framing of which the German people should participate."

The report suggests that, as delay may be fatal, an appeal should be made to the French and German Governments to submit their proposals to an international tribunal, and since British proposals are more directly involved than those of any other state except France, Germany and Belgium, that the initiative should be taken by the British Government in the form of a frank and definite statement of its policy, and that no effort should be spared to keep in touch with both sides in order to take advantage of every development calculated to narrow the gap between their conflicting claims and terminate the present deadlock.

The delegation is convinced that if nothing is done and the French, Belgian and German are left to themselves "sooner or later they will fight it out, with terrible and incalculable consequences to Europe and the world."

ON THE WAY TO LAUSANNE ON PEACE MISSION

Turks and British Leave Constantinople—Ismet Says He Looks for Peace.

Constantinople, April 19.—The Turkish peace delegation left at noon yesterday for Lausanne for resumption of the Near East conference. Ismet Pasha said that while he was going to the conference with the intention of refusing certain of the points advanced by the Allies, he still felt that peace would result.

Concerning the French protest against the recent award of concessions to a U. S. syndicate, he said the matter was non-political and should in no way affect the peace negotiations.

Sir Horace Rumbold, British high commissioner, and Gen. Pellé, French representative, left on the same train as the Turks.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Mohammedan calendar, during which fasting is observed from dawn to sunset, began last night, and the grand national assembly at Angora has taken a recess until May 21.

BIG LABOR TROUBLE LOOMS AT TYNESIDE

London, April 19.—(Canadian Press.)—A storm is brewing in the Tyne-side Shipyards. The employers are offering up 120,000 pounds of a lockout of the boilermakers, plumbers and joiners at the end of this month because of the men's refusal to accept the terms of a recent agreement which was signed by the shipbuilding federation on behalf of all the unions in the shipbuilding industry.

Convinced Now That Satisfactory Agreement With Power Company Impossible—Other Members of Council Commend His Action—All Contracts to Date Except One Approved and Civic Commission Authorized to Proceed With Work

Following Commissioner Thornton's statement that he was satisfied now that no satisfactory arrangement could be made with the New Brunswick Power Co. in connection with the distribution of hydro current from the Musquash development, the Common Council in session this morning presented a solid front for civic distribution. It was a very satisfactory day for the exponents of hydro at cost.

Besides clearing the atmosphere in connection with the proposition to hand the current over to the Power Company for distribution, the Council proceeded to carry out the recommendations of the Electric Commission of the City of St. John and authorized the signing of all contracts recommended to date with the exception of that for the excavation of pole holes, which was sent back for revision.

The council chamber was filled to capacity by interested citizens, and applause frequently punctuated the proceedings, in spite of the Mayor's request that it be restrained as much as possible. The voice of a particularly interested hydro fan greeted this request with the apology, "We can't help it, Your Worship."

Besides the Mayor and four city commissioners, other present included R. A. McAvity, chairman; Barry Wilson, engineer; Roy A. Willett, secretary, and John N. Flood, members of the Council. Present also were: J. B. Bates, municipal hydro manager of St. Catharines, Ont.; R. J. Armstrong, P. E. Williams, John Flood, Sr., W. L. Walsh, R. J. Tobias, George M. Flood, James Carleton, O. W. Wood, William Noneman, J. S. Frost, Harry Flood, E. J. Fleckwood, P. A. Butler, Herbert Rodgers, Alex Corbett, A. M. Belding, Thomas Stephen, Rev. Wm. M. McE., J. S. Jones, E. Clinton Brown, and others.

On suggestion of the Mayor, the council adjourned, and the hydro matters, left over from Tuesday's meeting.

The first matter was the recommendation of the Civic Power Commission for acceptance of the tender of the Canadian General Electric Company for outside switching equipment at the sub-station, total cost \$11,907.50, of which the city would be \$2,000, and over by the N. B. Electric Power Commission, the balance to be paid by the city bond issue.

Commissioner Thornton said he had been accused of delaying matters but he thought that the members of the Civic Commission were entitled to do so far as their action had not caused delay.

He said his stand was and always had been that the city should attempt to prevent duplication of distribution systems. "I feel that every effort has been exhausted to get together with the N. B. Power Company."

He said that while Mr. Sanderson had told him today that the Power Company plant was not for sale, Mr. Thornton has the city must for the hydro on May 1. If he were to face a recall, and he felt he had a good chance to win, it would delay the hydro three months, and would cost the city some \$30,000.

If there was a possibility to get together with the Power Company, he said he would still act as delay, but he felt there was no chance for a satisfactory arrangement. He said he still was opposed to municipal ownership, but if in accordance with his views, he saw no reason why he should further oppose bond issues.

Commissioner Frink.

Commissioner Frink said there were many of those who had appeared before the Common Council recently who had ample opportunity, when the civic elections were on, to present themselves for election but had not done so. The Mayor was elected on a platform of a mandate and he felt that he was in the council to carry out the will of the people as expressed in that election.

He said the N. B. Power Company was willing to present an offer for the sale of their plant to the city he would be willing to consider it, but he felt that there was no reason for the council to go to the company asking for further offers.

He said there were arguments against public ownership, but the city was entitled to a reasonable amount of peace.

He said an offer had been made for the property of the Power Company and he would like to see it, but he might incite competition and put the whole operation into the hands of the city government.

Commissioner Wigmore.

Commissioner Wigmore said he was opposed to a dual distribution system if there was any way of evading it. He felt that, if an election were to be held in the city today, the people would be stronger for civic distribution than ever (applause).

He was willing to consider any offer from the New Brunswick Company but he was sure that Mr. Sanderson had not been for sale.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hiram, do unexpected memories ever thrust themselves upon you?"

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "they do so."

"You are," said Hiram, "the most forlorn little boy in the country, and the little boy's pilgrimages to the place where the boy's mother died."

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"LONE STAR" HANS, SCOUT AND INDIAN FIGHTER, CRUSHED TO DEATH IN ELEVATOR

Plainsman at 16, Searching for Brother Captured by Sioux

Exploits With Gun Said to Have Cost Lives of Eight "Bad Men" and Twenty Indians—Eleven Redmen With Twelve Shots in One Encounter.

(Canadian Press.)

Omaha, Neb., April 19.—Fighting, snoring, gray-haired old "Lone Star" Fred M. Hans, Indian fighter, frontier scout and possibly the last of the real true gun "cross-arm draw" experts, met death here last night with his "boots on."

But death did not come on the field of battle, where he had so often faced it, nor on the wings of a bullet. He was crushed to death in an elevator shaft at the Omaha World Herald building, where he was night watchman. He was caught by the elevator shaft when he attempted to move the counterweight from the outside and the lift suddenly shot upward.

Lone Star began his career as plainsman at the age of 16, when he left home to search for a brother, kidnapped by Sioux Indians. He broke into the "hole-in-the-wall" country, Powder River, Wyoming, when single handed he shot and killed "Shackstack," Jim and his two fellow bandits. It was Lone Star's hammer fanning that won the unequal struggle for six years.

Other high spots of his life were: Shot and killed two stage coach bandits, one at 16, near Vanston, Neb., in 1878. Shot and killed a bandit at Fremont, Neb., in 1897.

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United States at Grips With Sugar Profiteers

Injunction Proceedings to Shut Off Trading in Futures—Huge Profits in "Orgy of Speculation"—Futures Tumble Many Points on New Market, But Cuban Raw Sells at Record High.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, April 19.—Injunction proceedings completely to shut off trading in sugar futures were instituted in New York today by the Federal Government.

The Government's bill, prepared under the personal direction of Attorney-General Daugherty after consultation with President Harding, asks the court permanently to prevent the New York coffee and sugar clearing house association, against which the injunction would be directed, jointly with the exchange, are asked to appear in court and answer the government's allegations.

Dump on Exchange.

New York, April 19.—Raw sugar futures took a perpendicular drop of approximately fifty points on the New York office and sugar exchange today upon receipt of word of the government suit to enjoin trading in sugar futures.

Heavy general selling developed as soon as news of the injunction suit reached the floor. Drops ranged from 80 to 74 points, but were followed by a rally which carried prices back 35 points.

Cuban raw sugar, however, sold at a new high record since 1920. A sale of 55,000 bags was made to one operator at 64 cent cost and freight, equal to 8.16 for centrifugal.

Philadelphia Millionaire Ran Them Down With Auto

H. G. Brock Admits Heavy Drinking—Tells "Gentleman's Lie" to Bedridden Mother—Term is Six to Ten Years.

Philadelphia, April 19.—Henry G. Brock, millionaire society leader, occupies a cell in the Eastern Penitentiary as a felon, the confessed slayer of an elderly woman, her son and a girl. Brock is a member of the brokerage firm of Sinker & Brock.

Brock will continue as an inmate of the institution for not less than six years and not more than ten years, if the sentence of Judge Audenreid is carried.

Pale but composed, Brock pleaded guilty to a general charge of murder. On the stand he said that he had no recollection of the crash that cost three lives at the corner of Forty-fifth Street and Broadway Avenue early in the morning of March 2.

Following his sentence, he was allowed to go to his home and bid farewell to his bed-ridden mother, telling a "gentleman's lie" to her in saying that the "trouble" he was in had drawn only a sentence of twelve months. Until early in the day his mother did not know the serious predicament in which her son was placed.

The persons whose death Brock admitted causing were Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell, her son, Leo, and Miss Mary Murphy. The three were alighting from a street car about 1 a. m., when Brock's new car, driven at tremendous speed, dashed against them, threw the three bodies more than 10 feet and speared at even a higher rate of speed than it was travelling when the fatal impact came.

Brock through the day in court recalled himself with composure. Nearly a score of the taxmen asked to be excused and Judge Audenreid's manner of disposing of their pleas seemed to affect Brock. The judge severely rebuked the jurors who wished to be excused.

Accompanied by his attorney, Owen J. Roberts, Brock walked to the bar stool grasping the railing with tense fingers as the court clerk rapidly read through the first of the four indictments against Brock. That was the murder charge. He was also accused of reckless driving, operating an automobile while intoxicated and refusing to render aid to an injured person. The three last charges were not pressed. Finishing his reading with the word "murder" the clerk asked: "How do you plead?"

Mr. Roberts turned and said in a low voice to Brock, "Guilty in the second degree."

"Guilty in the second degree," repeated Brock. Judge Audenreid immediately said that it was within the jurisdiction of the court only to fix the degree. Mr. Roberts apologized and said that he had believed that a voluntary plea of guilty allowed the pleader to fix the degree. Convinced of his error he whispered to Brock again and when the question was repeated Brock, in a louder tone than before, answered "Guilty."

After the commonwealth's witnesses had given uncontradicted testimony Brock was put on the stand, but said he was unable to recall anything that happened on the night of the killings. He admitted drinking heavily and said he did not know the route he had traveled from St. David's into the city and to the corner of a few blocks from the death scene, where he was arrested.

TO CONSIDER OLD HOME SUMMER FOR N. S.

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BORDEN GETS BACK INTO POLITICS

Eulogizes Meighen at Dinner Given in Ottawa.

Has Praise for Opposition Leader, Offers Advice and Hears an Attack Made Upon the Liberal Government.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, April 19.—The Liberal party came into power by a systematic, calculated process of wholesale deception and the first duty of the opposition is to expose to the whole country not only the character of the campaign, but the character of the men who thus have obtained power in this Dominion." So declared Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, at a dinner given last night in recognition of his leadership by Conservative members of the Senate and House of Commons. Mr. Meighen was replying to the toast of "Our Leader" proposed by Sir Robert Borden.

It never can be moved from the discharge of that duty," continued Mr. Meighen, "by the importunities of those who, otherwise, by the impetuosity of a section of the press nor by any other device however successful. I am confident that the foundation of a trust in this administration must be laid by convincing the public that the whole banner of the Liberal campaign is a dishonest one from the beginning. Once we get that conviction generally they will have the foundation on which, later constructive policies may be successfully based. That is our first and foremost duty."

Liberalism in Canada, he said, was a man of moral strength. How could it survive when it went into power on the principles in which not one of its leaders had been elected? The Dominion was suffering from a course of conduct from which the Government could not escape. The Dominion was losing population east and west. It was paying tribute to the U. S. in every village and every side line in this country and would not cease to pay tribute until the Government was ousted which the Government declared itself.

Sir Robert Borden urged on Conservative members both of the House and Senate the necessity of earnestness in work, organization and publicity. "It is no use," Sir Robert said, "for any of you in public life, whether in the Senate or House of Commons, to take public duties otherwise than in deadly earnestness if you wish to get anywhere." He recited what had been done by organization in the past. Under the head of publicity, he emphasized that it did not matter what policies were adopted unless they were made known to the public.

Sir Robert spoke highly of Mr. Meighen's capabilities for work and responsibility. Mr. Meighen had assumed office at a time of extreme difficulty but his courage had never wavered. Mr. Meighen's man of splendid vision, of unsurpassed knowledge of conditions in Canada and with a remarkable capacity for the grasp of public affairs. "He has given the best in him," concluded Sir Robert. "He is worthy and more than worthy of the best."

A. H. LINDSAY GIVES UP POST AS MONCTON SALVAGE CORPS CHIEF

Moncton, N. B., April 19.—A. H. Lindsay has resigned as commanding officer of the Moncton Salvage Corps. He was a former resident of St. John.

HOME FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Dr. George A. B. Adly of St. John and Dr. Roger Miller of Amherst, returned home today after a trip to South America with the members of the American College of Surgeons. At Buenos Ayres they attended a big surgical conference, which was considered highly instructive. Both Dr. Adly and Dr. Miller said that the trip was a delightful one and was marked success both from a social and scientific standpoint. Dr. Chipman, who also attended, arrived home earlier in the week.

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INVESTIGATE INDUSTRIES OF NOVA SCOTIA

Conservative Member in the Legislature Moves for a Probe of Conditions Leading to Industrial Unrest.

Halifax, N. S., April 19.—(Canadian Press.)—A resolution aiming toward determined and rigid investigation into the conditions which contribute to labor unrest in the industrial centres of Nova Scotia was moved in the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon by H. W. Corning (Conservative), Yarmouth. He launched an attack against the Government and charged alliance with the British Empire Steel Corporation and other matters tending to prolong the unsettled state of affairs of the present day. The resolution was as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this House every incorporated company owning, holding or operating any coal lease in this province should lodge with the Department of Mines not later than the first day of April, each year, an audited statement of assets and liabilities, together with a statement of profit and loss for the preceding calendar year; also a detailed statement showing coal raised and marketed during said calendar year; average selling price of said coal per ton; rate of dividends paid, if any; list of shareholders; names of directors, secretary-treasurer and manager."

Dr. B. A. Leblanc (Conservative), Richmond, seconded the motion. Debate on the resolution was adjourned by the Premier.

Standards Grasping Rail.

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WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Pressure continues low in the western provinces and highest in the lower Mississippi Valley.

Forecasts: Fair. Maritime—Fresh north and northwest winds, fair today and on Friday, not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair today and tomorrow, stationary or a little higher temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and tomorrow; warmer, fresh northwest, shifting to southwest winds.

Toronto, April 19.—Temperatures: Highest during Station. 8 a.m. yesterday night.

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