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NATIONAL RAILWAYS UNDER FIRE IN HOUSE

CAHAN ASSAILS C. N. R. OFFICIALS OVER FINANCES

Opposition Leader Cautious in His Criticism of Management

R. S. WHITE SPEAKS

Montreal Member Says System Should Have Gone Into Receiver's Hands

OTTAWA, Ont., May 26—Speaking on the Canadian National Railways report brought down in the House of Commons yesterday by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways, C. H. Cahan, Conservative, St. Lawrence-St. George, said that during the past year the Canadian National Railways had failed to pay one dollar on account of loans from the Dominion Government or one dollar of interest on these loans.

It was satisfying to see improvement because the national system was just another phase of the national life of Canada. But the position was not so satisfactory as many honorable gentlemen believed.

The Canadian National owed in all \$65,000,000 more in 1925 than in 1924. It was true that \$10,000,000 of this was loaned by the Dominion Government, but even that left \$55,000,000. The government claimed a reduction of \$25,000,000 in the national debt, but left the country \$30,000,000 worse off than in the previous year.

"I have never had the pleasure of meeting Sir Henry Thornton, but I believe he is a very expert political propagandist. Whether or not he is an expert in railway management remains to be proven," said Mr. Cahan.

John Evans, Progressive, Rosemont, declared the Canadian National report was very good. It should be remembered, though, that last year 400,000,000 bushels of wheat had been hauled over the railways in this country. He believed in the amalgamation of the two great railway systems "for government ownership and control."

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

R. H. White, Conservative, Mount Royal, said it was generally known that the first six months of 1925 were lean years and that the last six months were fat. He was a firm believer in private ownership under government control. He thought that the roads forming the Canadian National system should have been allowed to go into the hands of a receiver, when they would have recognized their capital and possibly proceeded on a sound basis. If this had been done, not one mile of unnecessary line would have operated after the adjustment.

SAVE PEOPLE NOTHING.

One of his chief reasons for speaking, said Mr. White, was that he feared an attempt might be made during the present year to write down the capital charge of the Canadian National system. Both Sir Henry Thornton and Hon. Charles Dunning had suggested the possibility of this. If the capital indebtedness of the system were written down to one dollar, the taxpayers of Canada would be saved nothing. It would merely mean the transfer of the debt to the Dominion. But the risk was that if the capital was written down to say \$500,000,000 and the road made a surplus on this basis, the Progressives and some others might immediately demand a decrease in carrying charges.

U. S. HOLDINGS

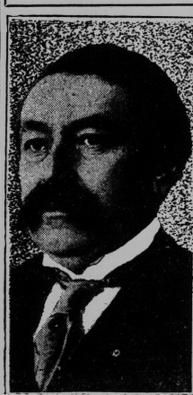
He was unable to understand why the Canadian Government should continue to operate unprofitable roads in the United States, said Mr. White. The Central Vermont Railway had cost the people of Canada \$700,000 last year. The part of the system extending from Island Pond to Portland, was another charge on the Canadian people. He said that not only imports but exports of Canada should be routed through Canadian ports. No proper consideration could be had of Canada's railway problems which excluded the services rendered to the Dominion by the C. P. R.

MEIGHEN TAKES PART

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, opposition leader declared that the speech of Mr. Dunning contained too much mathematics and too little illumination. The present great national system had emerged from a series of blunders in public policy. In the case of one of the roads, liquidation had been resorted to but there was no one to be the receiver except the receiver to the country remained the receiver to

Political England Is Stirred Over Asquith-Lloyd George Feud

To Wed, Says Report



ARISTIDE BRIAND LONDON, May 26—(United Press)—The Daily Express publishes a despatch from its Paris correspondent containing the unconfirmed report that Premier Aristide Briand is engaged to marry Madame Pourdan, a beautiful and wealthy widow.

Train Kills Amherst Man

AMHERST, N. S., May 26—Charles Parson, 45 and slightly deaf, was struck and killed on the Spring Street level crossing yesterday by the engine of the Ocean Limited. A coroner's inquest exonerated the engine crew of any blame.

"EXPERT POLITICIAN"

There was no philanthropic person waiting to receive an appointment to the position of Canadian Northern. Who would have been the purchaser at the liquidator's sale of the Grand Trunk Pacific?

CHANGE OF FRONT

At that time honorable gentlemen opposite had announced the scheme as a folly and a crime and at the general election of 1921, the majority of the Liberals had been elected in direct antagonism to public ownership.

FOUR FROM HERE TO K. C. CONVENTION

The chief item of business before the annual convention of the New Brunswick State Council, Knights of Columbus, in Chatham tomorrow, is that of the K. of C. scholarships. James Squire, Grand Knight of the Saint John Council; Dr. S. H. McDonald, Past Grand Knight, and Dr. W. P. Broderick, chairman of the scholarships committee, will leave tonight for Chatham. E. J. Henneberry, state deputy of the New Brunswick jurisdiction, will also attend.

THE DOLLAR TODAY

NEW YORK, May 26—Sterling exchange steady. Great Britain, 48 1/2-16; France, 32 1/2; Italy, 31 1/2; Germany 23.80. Canadian dollar, 1-8 of one cent premium.

Editors Face Stiff Terms In Jail For Contempt of Court

BALTIMORE, May 26—The managing editors of two Baltimore newspapers, along with three members of their staffs, are facing "substantial jail sentences" because they placed their "duties to readers and employers" ahead of a court order.

Cousin of Magistrate Henderson Dies

Word of the death of Mrs. J. Edmonds, of London, Ont., has been received in the city. Mrs. Edmonds was a cousin of Magistrate George A. Henderson. She was formerly Miss Kate Irwin Hannah, daughter of the late Squire Hannah, of London. She was born in Saint John on August 2, 1857, but had lived in London for many years, going there with her parents when quite young. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and four sons.

BRITISH UNION DEFEATS MOVE OF COMMUNISTS

Municipal Workers Foil Attempt To Capture the Executive

RE-ELECT OFFICERS

Result of Voting Indicates Labor Has Absorbed Lesson of Strike

By H. BAILEY British Union Press.

LONDON, May 26—An attempt of the Communists to capture the machinery of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, numbering a quarter of a million men, was routed at the biennial conference of delegates yesterday.

The Communist delegates endeavored to pass a resolution altering the objects of the Union and making it a fighting factor in the "class war," this being beaten almost unanimously, an effort was made to defeat Mr. Lyne as president and "Will" Thorne as secretary of the organization, but both were re-elected with a majority of two hundred thousand votes.

NEED OF RAILWAY DEPT. QUESTIONED

OTTAWA, Ont., May 26—"Does the Minister know of any reason why the Department of Railways and Canals should not be wiped out now?" asked Sir Henry Drayton, Conservative, York West, when an estimate of \$36,185,000 for salaries and contingencies in that department was under consideration.

World News In Short Metre

MONTREAL—Dallery Mahoney, 13, was drowned here while attempting to save a dog that fell into a pond.

QUEBEC—The town of Matane, near here, has reported a 24-hour fall of snow, which covered the ground several inches.

WINNIPEG—W. H. Reeve, father of the organized labor movement in Winnipeg, died here yesterday. He was a native of London, England, and was born in 1844. He was active in Eastern Canada before coming to Winnipeg in 1881.

PARIS—The spectacular career of General Simon Petliura, former president of the Ukrainian Republic, recognized as such by the Allies in March, 1919, and later beaten by the Bolsheviks, came to an end last night. He died in the Chatelet Hospital, a few hours after he was shot down by a Ukrainian Jew, Samuel Schwartz, in the student quarter of Paris.

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Riffian Chief Surrenders To French Troops

FEZ, May 26—It was officially announced this afternoon that Abd El Krim, the Riffian chief, was coming into the French lines. Krim will be taken to Taza, where the instructions of the French resident general, Jules Steeg, are awaited. Krim, it is announced, puts himself, his family and property under the protection of France.

Believes Monroe Can Hold Power

Hon. D. A. Ryan Comments on Desertions From Nfld. Government Ranks

HALIFAX, N. S., May 26—Interviewed this morning regarding the steamship Newfoundland, regarding the present political crisis in Newfoundland, Hon. D. A. Ryan of St. John's Nfld., member of the Upper House, who is on his way home from Europe, said that while he was not sufficiently in touch with the situation to forecast the result of the election, he believed that Hon. D. A. Ryan's party would be able to "carry on" despite the augmented ranks of the opposition.

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Require Week To Move Wrecked Ship

QUEBEC, Que., May 26—Marine experts express the belief that it will require a week to remove the Manchester Clellan, which struck a rock at Pointe Seche, near Fame Point, on Sunday morning. The vessel carried 9,000 tons of coal from Sydney, N. S.

No One Hurt.

About 1:30 o'clock, at the corner of Padlock and Waterloo streets, this afternoon, an automobile owned and driven by Arthur Toner collided with a bicycle on which were Harold Behin and John Mackintosh, of 230 Rockland road. One boy was riding the bicycle and the other sitting on the handle bars. They were upset and the bicycle damaged, but no one was injured.

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure remains comparatively high over the Great Lakes and low over the Southwest coast. The weather is mostly fair throughout the Dominion, rather cool in far eastern Canada, and moderately warm in the west.

CLLOUDY AND COOL

FORECASTS: MARITIME—Moderate northerly winds, mostly cloudy and cool today and Thursday. NEW ENGLAND—Fair tonight and Thursday. Continued cool, moderate to fresh north and north-east winds.

TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Toronto, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Saint John, Halifax.