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COST TO NATION WAS VERY GREAT

Gross Loss in Government Operation of U. S. Railroads \$900,478,000.

Washington, May 25—The United States Government's gross loss in operation of the railroads during Federal control was \$900,478,000 according to the final report of Swager Serley, railroad administration director of finance.

HUNDRED AT I. O. D. E. MEETING

Opening of National Convention in Calgary on Victoria Day.

Calgary, May 25—With more than 100 delegates in attendance from all over Canada as far north as Dawson City, and as far east as Prince Edward Island, the national convention of the I. O. D. E. was opened here yesterday under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Brace of Toronto.

The day was spent in addresses of welcome and in formal conference on the work of the order. The afternoon was entirely occupied with a meeting of the war memorial committee, which was not open to the press. It was said afterwards that the proposed educational memorial and a full report will be presented later.

Mrs. A. W. Adams and Mrs. G. Heber Vroom of St. John are attending these meetings.

CAR INTO DITCH; THREE ARE HURT, ONE KILLED

Montreal, May 25—David McKerrow, aged forty, died in the Royal Victoria Hospital yesterday, and three other persons are seriously injured following an auto accident on Sunday night near Naperville, Que., when their car left the road at a curve and tumbled into a ditch, throwing its six occupants into a nearby field.

IS POUND TO DEATH IN COBALT CRUSHING MILL

Cobalt, Ont., May 25—John Staples, an employee of the McKinley-Darragh mine, while feeding pebbles into a tube mill on Sunday night, was knocked down by a scoop and was pounded to death in the crushing mill.

TWO LITTLE ONES ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Kelo, Wash., May 25—Two children were burned to death, two young women sustained burns and their mother was badly hurt when the home of Henry Boyd was destroyed by fire on Sunday.

WILL SING WAGNER OPERAS IN ENGLISH

Chicago, May 25—Three of Wagner's operas will be given in English by the Chicago Opera Association next season. They are Lohengrin, Valkyrie, and Tristan and Isolde. The season will open on November 17, and continue ten weeks.

Blacksmiths Short of Help.

Toronto, May 25—Owing to the scarcity of labor, the blacksmith shop is in accordance with statements made at the annual convention of the Ontario here yesterday.

For Presbyterian Union

Charlotte, N. C., May 25—A plan of union proposing by joint commission on closer relations of the assemblies of the Southern and Northern Presbyterian Churches was adopted without dissenting vote at the session of the Southern Assembly here yesterday.

SIR HERBERT AMES.

Sir Herbert Ames, financial director of the League of Nations, who has been in Rome presenting the financial statement to the meeting of the council of the league, will sail for Canada on June 2. It is understood that Sir Herbert, who is still a member of parliament, desires to address the commons on the objects and progress of the league.

Would Brand Carranza As Suicide; Autopsy Indicates Assassination

Allegation by Colonel Herrero and Reported Statement by Surgeons—Political Capital and More Trouble from Ex-President's Death.

(Associated Press) Mexico City, May 25—President Carranza committed suicide rather than be taken prisoner, according to a telegram given out at the headquarters of General Gonzales. It purports to have been sent from Cerro Azul, State of Puebla, on the morning of Thursday, May 20, by Col. Herrero, who, previous reports have stated, was responsible for Carranza's death.

Vera Cruz, May 25—Reports of an autopsy performed on the body of Carranza led to agreement with the statement of Herrero that the president committed suicide, so it is asserted in official quarters here.

Surgeons, it is declared, found Carranza had been struck by two rifle bullets, one of which penetrated his breast and the other his abdomen. It is said that the bullets entered from the front, and it was the conclusion of those who witnessed the operation that the president had been assassinated.

The text of Colonel Herrero's report to Mexico City says: "With the object of arresting Carranza, and the principal officials who were with him, I attacked his camp at three o'clock in the morning, having eighty men with me. He had reached Tlaxcalantongo in the district of Huachalango, where there is a pass leading northward to a part of the republic where he had planned to establish his seat of government. The president was under escort of troops commanded by Gen. Murguía.

"When he realized that escape was impossible, Carranza committed suicide by shooting himself in the breast with his pistol, which he always carried. So close was the muzzle of the weapon to his breast that blood was spattered up, and the barrel of the pistol still bears blood stains.

"The body was recovered and taken to Villa Juarez. Three of my men were killed and one wounded." Four commissioners sent into the State of Puebla by Gen. Obregon and Gen. Gonzales to investigate the death of Carranza reported that in view of the data they have secured and the manner in which the president was killed, they consider it unnecessary to go to Tlaxcalantongo.

More Trouble Possible. Washington, May 25—Official interest in the Mexican situation was intensified yesterday by reports of a widespread reaction resulting from the killing of Carranza. These indications were accompanied by information that the defect government might have to face almost immediately the problem of reducing Villa, rebel leader, to submission if not more important armed opposition.

Reports here were that men prominent in Mexican political affairs are suspected of preparing to take advantage of the indignation caused by Carranza's death of leading an avenging movement which did Carranza himself. Carranza was assassinated in 1918.

General Calles has failed to affect an adjustment between the new government forces and Villa. In a message said to have left Chihuahua on Saturday with a strong force to co-operate with other troops in the pursuit of Villa.

Yesterday Luis N. Marones, a confidential agent sent to the United States by Obregon, called at the White House to leave for President Wilson a message signed by Obregon containing reassuring declarations as to the aims of the revolutionists. He expressed the belief that a strong and unopposed government would be established.

The funeral. Mexico City, May 25—(By the Associated Press)—In accordance with his oft repeated request President Carranza was buried last yesterday afternoon in Dolores cemetery, where, in the shadow of Chapultepec, the poorest of Mexicans have for many years found their last resting place.

As the funeral cortege left the home of the late chief executive, the extraordinary session of congress was being called to choose a president ad interim, to hold office until a new president is elected on September 5, is inaugurated. Adolfo de La Huerta, governor of the state Sonora, was named after congress had been in session for an hour and a half.

The body of the slain president was brought to Mexico City at five thirty o'clock yesterday morning and was taken to the family home, escorted by soldiers and a delegation from the diplomatic corps. Later the body lay in state until the hour of the funeral, thousands passing before the casket to look upon the face of the man who was huried from power by revolution and whose death occurred under circumstances that await explanation.

Colonel Herrero, who says Carranza committed suicide rather than surrender, has offered to come to Mexico to prove his assertion.

Provisional President Huerta will take the oath of office on June 1, according to present plans.

General Enriquez is leading a strong column of troops into Southern Chihuahua where Francisco Villa, who recently announced his opposition to the new government is operating.

The government has prohibited the sale of liquors containing more than fourteen per cent of alcohol.

Juan Sanchez Ascona, in charge of the foreign office, has sent a note to all foreign diplomats here explaining the reason for the extraordinary session of congress which named the provisional president. Virtually the only assertion made is the statement that President Carranza had "rebelled against the constitution."

PAVEMENT REPAIRS. A crew of men from the city public works department started repairs to the asphalt surface of Charlotte street this morning. This will be the first work done with the city's new asphalt plant.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, had a curious dream last night. I dreamed I lived in a city where on every fine evening—daylight time—a host of people went to the playgrounds. They were well-equipped playgrounds, but the people were always finding some little addition of improvement to be made, and they did it themselves. The grounds were the playgrounds of young people competing in sports and games, the children were happy and the graceful carriage of the young athletes was a delight to the beholder. There were folk-dances, pretty drills, and now and then a chorus that was picked up and went over the whole wide ground in a wave of harmony. In my dream it appeared that as the people played they worked—with pride in their work, and good-will in their hearts. The city was bright and clean, for everybody helped to make it so. It was an expression of the people themselves. Queer dream—was it not?"

"An' then you woke up," said Hiram, "an' found yourself in poor old St. John, where the people want the playgrounds you're talkin' about. How many had a little of the real spirit of the Carpenter of Nazareth. I would—By Hen!"

Recommendations for the purchase by the public safety department of additional and improved fire apparatus were among the matters taken up at this morning's committee meeting of the common council. Resolutions regarding the purchase of a new motor aerial ladder truck and combination engine were presented by Commissioner Thornton, but action was deferred.

In opening the meeting the mayor said that the Trades and Labor Council declared commendation for the status of the fire taken in the matter of daylight time. There was no doubt that the system would cause some inconvenience to some of the members, he said, and the fact that they had endorsed the scheme without solicitation was indeed commendable.

Regarding the operation of the Lancaster-Indiantown ferry, Commissioner Thornton said that a report from the present operators was to the effect that for the three weeks of May the average daily receipts were as follows: First week \$1,000; second week \$1,100; third week \$1,200. He said he had made enquiries of the residents in that vicinity and was told that the ferry was practically a certainty. He said that the people operating now were of the opinion that the E. Rossman & Co. should be the operator for the route.

Commissioner Thornton took up the question of the North End playground. He said that the offer of the City Ice Co. for the North End Improvement League, and the general opinion was that the Shamrock grounds was the most suitable for an area 75 x 425 feet. The mayor said that the executors of the estate of the late Countess DeBarry were willing to extend the limits of the field to the same size as the other. On suggestion of Commissioner Frink it was decided to lay the whole matter over until the offer of the DeBarry estate was made in writing.

Speaking of conditions in that vicinity, Dr. Frink said that the establishment of a drainage and sewerage system should be taken into consideration before the area was fully built up. He spoke of the rifle range being a menace to the people. Mr. Jones said he would have a report in the near future on the sewerage matters there.

Frink moved that the city enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the rifle range, with a prospect of opening up the ground for either industrial or building lots. Carried.

A letter from T. H. McCauley, manager of the New Brunswick Power Company, asked the city to approve the erection of stoking cars on the near side of cross streets, or before the car crossed the intersection. The matter was referred to Commissioner Thornton for report.

Commissioner Frink read the following resolution: Whereas Miss Caroline T. Tucker, in the year of 1915, did grant and convey (Continued on page 11—sixth column).

CANADA AND WEST INDIES.

Maritime—Moderate easterly winds, fair. Wednesday increasing northeast and east winds, mostly cloudy and probably rain by night.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair today and on Wednesday with much the same temperature.

New England—Cloudy and continued cool tonight and Wednesday. Probably showers near coast; northeast winds, fresh over east portion.

Toronto, May 25—Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Station, Highest, Lowest. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, White River, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, St. John's, and Detroit.

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RECOMMENDS THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT

Matter Not Definitely Decided at Morning Meeting

North End Playground and Lancaster Athletic Park Matters Up Again—Proposal to Purchase Rifle Range—The Lancaster Ferry—Dr. Frink Asks for Report from Trustees of Tucker Bequest.

PLANE FALLS 2,500 FEET; VANCOUVER MAN IS KILLED

Vancouver, B. C., May 25—E. H. Beasley, managing director of the British Columbia Union S. S. Company and one of the most prominent business men of the city, was instantly killed and Major A. R. Baker was seriously injured yesterday when an airplane in which they had taken a flight over the city crashed from a height of 2,500 feet.

PRISONER FOR MORE THAN DAY Had Been Hurling Into Ice Chamber When Montreal Plant Collapsed.

Montreal, May 25—The roof of one of the ice chambers at the City Ice Co. collapsed, owing to the enormous weight of ice pressing on it from above. Romeo Londe, while trying to extricate himself, was thrown through a ten-foot aperture into a locked ice chamber, a drop of about forty feet.

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More Reports Of Cutting Of Prices

Prediction of Cheaper Fruit and Vegetables in New York—Alleged Hoarding of Sugar in Chicago.

New York, May 25—Lower prices for vegetables and fruit in New York were predicted today by Dr. F. H. Porter, state commissioner of foods and markets. He based his prophecy on a sudden drop yesterday in wholesale prices in these commodities. Trains from the west and south brought in record shipments. The commissioner declared some dealers were glad to accept "almost any price" for some vegetables.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 25—Many merchants of this city have joined the price lowering movement. A prominent clothier and haberdasher announces a reduction of twenty-five per cent on the price stock with the statement that the price of men's and boys' clothing must be lowered, and lowered substantially. A prominent dealer in women's apparel also announces a reduction of from twenty to forty per cent on spring merchandise and a reduction of ten per cent on more recently arrived goods.

Excise on Print Paper. Washington, May 25—An excise tax on print paper to curtail consumption will be one of the recommendations of the Senate Manufacturers' sub-committee investigating the print paper shortage. A bill for that purpose is being drawn. Amendment of postal regulations to permit small quantities of print paper to be sent in any part of the country at a flat rate of one cent a pound also will be recommended. The present maximum weight of seventy pounds would be retained.

Hoarding in Chicago? Chicago, May 25—Charges that millions of pounds of sugar were being hoarded in Chicago and that the sugar shortage could be ended if proper measures were taken were made on Saturday night by Alderman Adamowski, chairman of the city council committee on high cost of living in an appeal to the council to support an appropriation for the maintenance of the city feed bureau.

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FRANCE NEEDS AN ARMY OF WORKMEN

Urgently Required in the Devastated Regions—Programme of Speed Work.

Paris, May 25—Four to five hundred thousand imported laborers are needed urgently in France for the devastated regions, according to the newly created superior council of materials and labor. It is calculated that France's pre-war force of 1,100,000 builders has been reduced by heavy war casualties and the eight hour law to the equivalent of about 600,000, which is inadequate.

The new commission has drawn up a programme to speed work which will be utilized first and then material capable of being manufactured on the spot where it is needed before bringing in products of other regions or importing them.

The departure of more than 200,000 Germans and the return home of some Chinese laborers have made the shortage of workers acute. The recent arrival of thousands of Polish laborers brought small relief, and it is considered probable some arrangements will be made soon by which Germany will send unemployed men to France.

DENY CHARGES AGAINST FRENCH

Government Statement re Colonial Troops Who Occupied Rhine Cities.

Paris, May 25—The French government is protesting against accusations which have been made against French colonial troops who took part in the recent occupation of certain Rhine cities. It says that of the 85,000 men comprising the army of occupation only 23,440 were colonial troops, and of these only 7,490 were negroes, the remainder being Algerians and Moroccans.

It adds that excellent relations existed between the inhabitants of the Rhineland and the colonial troops.

LIQUOR GONE; FOUR POLICEMEN ARE SUSPENDED

Chicago, May 25—Chief of Police Garity last night suspended four policemen pending investigation of charges that they were connected with the disappearance of a truck load of liquor said to be valued at \$20,000 which was on its way to an amusement garden.

ACTION AGAINST RAILWAY FAILS

Montreal, May 25—Because there was no proof of negligence or fault on the part of the Grand Trunk Railway at the direct or indirect cause of the accident, Mr. Justice Allard in the Superior Court dismissed a claim of Georges DuPaul for an award of \$10,000 for the death of his son Eugene DuPaul. The latter was employed as a signalman in the Grand Trunk yards at Point St. Charles on November 6, 1918 when he was crushed by a railway wagon and received injuries from which he died.

WANT BEER SOLD OPENLY

Brantford, Ont., May 25—At the eighteenth annual convention of the labor educational association of Ontario here yesterday, a resolution was passed asking the government to permit the purchase of beer "in an open public manner, thereby doing away, to a large extent with the existing order of bookleggers, chicken bars-rooms and other forms of subterfuge now practiced."

DESCHANEL MUST REST, SAY DOCTORS

Paris, May 25—President Deschanel, who was injured yesterday by a fall from a train, spent a good night and his physicians this morning said his condition was as satisfactory as possible, although rest was necessary. They added that he is suffering "superficial wounds in the face and left leg and general prostration."

DAUGHTER OF BONAR LAW TO VISIT CANADA

Miss Isabel Bonar Law, eldest daughter of the leader of the house of commons, the Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, who will leave England for a visit through Canada and the United States.

CHECKING GAMBLING.

New York, May 24—The crusade to prevent betting at major-league baseball games reached New York today when three men were arrested at the Polo grounds, charged with disorderly conduct in that they offered to accept wagers on the outcome of the game between the New York and Detroit Americans. One man was arrested on charge of interfering with detectives making the arrests and several others were ordered from the grounds. The men arrested occupied grand stand seats behind third base.

THE MARSH BRIDGE ABANDONED.

The city engineer will make a survey of British colonial office, it is said for future to ascertain what repairs are needed to effect a scheme of reciprocity necessary before the matter of paving across the bridge will be taken up.



QUEEN ALEJANDRA ILL. Most recent photo of Queen-dowager Alejandra, whose illness has been causing anxiety.

PUT CASHIER IN VAULT; ROB BANK

Financial Institution Is Robbed of \$115,000 at the Noon Hour.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 25—The First National Bank at Pineyville, Pa., near here, was robbed a little after noon yesterday by six men, who escaped, according to word received here by the police.

The bandits are said to have got away with \$100,000 in bonds and securities and \$15,000 in cash. The soltanto cashier who was the only man in the bank at the time, is reported to have been knocked unconscious and locked in the vault while the institution was rided.

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With the regulations going into effect next June under which unlimited purse seine fishing is to be allowed, Mr. McMillan thinks there is promise of a total destruction of the salmon fisheries of all the other rivers along the British Columbia coast.

To prevent this, a movement in which the influence of Eastern Canada will be enlisted to bring about an organized effort to save the British Columbia fisheries is to be launched and it is said that the matter will require international co-operation and that suggestion is made that some sort of a congress should be convened to which representative men from the United States and Canada should be called.

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The reply expresses pleasure that Japan proposes to return Kiao Chau and would withdraw the railway guards, but fails to see the necessity of formal negotiations.

China, the reply states, is ready at any moment to take over the policing of the railway, which responsibility was hers when the railway was a German concession.

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