

CLASHES MARK OCEAN RATES INVESTIGATION

Preston and Vessel Federation's Counsel Indulge in Passages at Hearing

READY TO BACK UP ALL ALLEGATIONS

Adheres to Charge That Board is Helpless Against Combine.

OTTAWA, May 13.—Another sharp passage at arms between W. T. R. Preston and G. H. Montgomery, counsel for the shipping federation, ensued tonight when the author of the present report on ocean rates re-appeared on the stand before the special committee of the House of Commons on ocean rates.

Mr. Montgomery asked if Mr. Preston had brought any written evidence to support his assertion that there was a conspiracy between shipping companies on this side of the Atlantic to discriminate against Canadian ports in favor of United States ports.

Mr. Preston replied that he had brought all the documents which he had returned to the department of railways, but had not succeeded. Mr. Montgomery scathingly suggested that since Mr. Preston had had since last March to prepare his defence against criticism of his report which had then been made, and which forehadened such an investigation as the present one.

"We are not going to let you off anything," Mr. Preston said. Mr. Montgomery replied that he did not ask to be let off anything. He was prepared to back up all the statements he had made. He referred to his report, page by page.

BOARD HELD HELPLESS.

Dealing with the Imperial Shipping Board to which his report makes reference, Mr. Preston adhered to his statement that "the board is helpless in relation to minor as well as major offences that may be and are committed by monopolistic combine." He further stated that his comment, "it is not difficult to conclude that no possible relief in the Canadian situation can be looked for from that source," still represented his opinion.

Baron Byng Talks On Party Politics

HAMILTON, May 13.—Baron Byng of Vimy, came to the guest house of the Men's and Women's Canadian Clubs today.

At noon he placed a wreath on the Cenotaph in the park and later was the guest of the clubs at luncheon. His Lordship in responding to the toast "The Governor-General," gave a historical sketch of party politics.

LOSES LIFE WHILE ON TOBIQUE DRIVE

Search Still Being Made For Body of Man Drowned May 7.

PLASTER ROCK, N. B., May 13.—Word has been received here of a drowning accident which occurred on Fraser Companies' drive on Little Tobique, at a point near the mouth of Woolverton Brook, about 14 miles above the Forks, on Thursday, May 7.

Isaac Adams was the son of Ben Adams of Serwick, Victoria county. He was 20 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Leberg is Sighted By Steamer In Dense Fog

HALIFAX, May 13.—A huge iceberg was encountered by the Holland American liner Nieuw Amsterdam which arrived this afternoon from Rotterdam and sailed this evening for New York.

The berg was seen yesterday off the Grand Banks when the liner was feeling its way through a dense fog that persisted from Cape Race to Sable Island.

KING SIGNS GOLD MEASURE.

LONDON, May 13.—Royal assent was given today to the bill providing for the return of the gold standard, following its third reading and passage through the House of Lords where it was not discussed.

LITERARY AND OTHER TALENTS OF THE FERGUSONS TURNED TO GOOD ACCOUNT

Texas Governors Family Acquiring Fortune Through "Ma's" Election

AUSTIN, Tex., May 6.—Evasive greenbacks are being given a merry chase by "Pa" and "Ma" Ferguson and other members of Texas gubernatorial family.

One member of the family after another has found opportunities to turn a pretty penny on the prestige which became theirs on the accession of "Ma" to governorship.

Literary and business talents alike are being brought to bear by the mansion occupants as they clip coupons from the bond of "indication" which, the Fergusons say, the people voted at the polls.

"Ma" is reaping a harvest through interviews and other literary endeavors. "Pa" has made excellent connections with a railroad.

Dorrace participates in the returns from the family's literary pursuits and recently was given a free trip to Cuba.

Mrs. Ouida Ferguson Nalle, eldest daughter of the governor, has brought considerable business to the bonding firm she represents. Original copies of the bonds on file in the office of the secretary of state reveal this.

Interviews \$200 Each. When "Ma" Ferguson was inaugurated the Fergusons immediately set up a news syndicate of their own, the "Capitol Syndicate, Inc."

Five-penny considerations of dignity or pride of station in money-making affairs were not to be worried over. It's part of the Ferguson philosophy to look upon financial exploitation of their political honors with naive equanimity.

"Ma" put a price of \$200 for each interview. In this literary way the governor's first coup was the sale to a New York syndicate of exclusive rights to the story of her childhood, schooling and such.

And as a penman she proved an expert, causing a brisk demand for autographed photographs of the governor, sold through a downtown studio on a royalty basis.

Through the Ferguson syndicate is being circulated among other things, editorially printed under the heading "Ma Ferguson Says."

The views are written by an experienced newspaperman and are read by "Ma" before being released for publication. Prosperity of Ferguson's personal



public utilities are among the business organ, the weekly "Ferguson Forum," published at Temple, has been enhanced considerably by "Ma's" election. Both circulation and advertising are responding nicely.

"Pa" Works For Railroad. Although subscription calls for two dollars in advance for a year, solutions have met with few refusals. Particularly in departments, which have appointive heads.

Oil companies, railroads, road contractors and material concerns and interests which advertise in the "Forum."

Most lucrative of all the family's appointments. "Ma" and "Pa" began dictating appointments. Dorrace Ferguson, the younger daughter, has profited nicely through social distinctions which also brought her a free trip to Cuba.

Ernest Nalle, very youthful grandson of the governor, shares in the general abundance of honors and emoluments to the extent of holding a commission as lieutenant colonel in the national guard.

It is said he receives no pay as such, however. This may be remedied at the next session of the legislature, so Capitol jokers say.

ADMITTED CRIME. Reparations Commission Employees Are Tried on Theft Charge. Canadian Press. PARIS, May 13.—Pierre Michaut and Jean Herbert, former employees of the reparations commission, were tried yesterday on a charge of stealing confidential documents belonging to the commission.

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Pickets Rounded Up By State Policemen. FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 13.—State police and deputy sheriffs today arrested 17 men and 11 women near the New England Fuel and Transport Company mine at Grantown on charges of intimidating miners employed by the company.

Triplets Are Born In Quebec Family. MONTREAL, May 13.—The population of the Province of Quebec was increased today when Mrs. K. B. Sutherland, of St. Henri, gave birth to triplets. The triplets, two boys and a girl, weighing two and half pounds each, are considered healthy, with a good chance of living.

House Burned. PARSONO, N. S., May 13.—The house of Harrison Yorke was totally destroyed by fire at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Fire started from a defective flue in the upper room of the kitchen and burned slowly, which enabled the workers to save most everything in the house.

Change Effective July 1. MONTREAL, May 13.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association received information from Ottawa today that the new regulations introduced in the House of Commons providing for the abolition of war duty excise stamps on checks of \$5 or less, will not become effective until July 1.

House Passes Peace Act. OTTAWA, May 13.—With three changes, the bill to amend the industrial disputes investigation act (commonly known as the Lemieux Act) went through all stages in the House today.

HENRY FORD OFFERS TO BUY 400 SHIPS

U. S. Would Scrap All Shipping Board Vessels Except Ten or More.

DETROIT, May 13.—Henry Ford will purchase the 400 vessels of the United States Shipping Board, if the United States government will fix what he considers a fair price, according to a story which will appear in the Detroit Free Press tomorrow.

The announcement was made today by Mr. Ford, following a conference with T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the Shipping Board.

O'Connor is quoted as asking Ford to take over 200 ships. When Ford informed him that he would only buy the ships to scrap them for junk, O'Connor suggested that he buy all 400.

Ford agreed to this, saying that he might retain from 10 to 30 of the ships for use by Ford industries.

CUPS PRESENTED AT BASKETBALL DANCE. Trojans and Rovers Have Happy Evening at Gardens—Gift to Elmer Wiley.

Closing the basketball season, the Trojans and the Y. W. C. A. Rovers entertained last evening at the Venetian Gardens at a jolly dance. More than 100 attended, the dancing very attractive in their bright gowns. Semi-formal dress was worn.

The chaplains were Mrs. A. E. Logic, convenor of the physical committee of the Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. George Culbertson, Mrs. William V. Clark, Mrs. William Parkinson, Mrs. H. T. Campbell, Miss Gladys Johnson, manager of the Rovers, and Walter R. Golding, manager of the Trojans, with the members of their teams received the guests.

Cups were presented to the girls of the Rovers by His Worship Mayor P. L. Potts and basketball supporters. Those receiving cups were Miss Johnson, Miss Dorothy Norwood, Miss Jean Blair, Miss Greta Fowler, Miss Agnes Keohan, Miss Dorothy Stewart and Miss Grace Parkinson. These were the winners of the city championship in the girls' league this season.

Elmer Wiley, coach of the Rovers, received a delightful surprise when Miss Johnson, on behalf of the team, presented him a handsome sweater. Mr. Wiley thanked the donors gratefully.

Ontario to Limit Beer Sale Permits. Hotel Keepers Desire Monopoly of Business to Pay For Premises Alterations. Canadian Press. TORONTO, May 13.—The Toronto Telegram says today: "While Attorney-General Nickel refused to make any comment this morning, it is understood that the government, when the permits are being issued, will curtail, to a large extent the selling permits applied for by fruit and grocery stores."

In addition, it is stated that the principal of the hotel keepers that they cannot go to the expense of altering their premises without being assured of something of a monopoly in the selling of the beverage.

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She Flew High! She Came Down Again!
The Story of an Irresistible Flirt!

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Laura La Plante, Kenneth Harlan, Ruth Clifford, Norman Kerry, T. Roy Barnes, Margaret Livingston, Freeman Wood and Cesare Gravina.

8.30 Between Shows MUSIC TRAVELOGUES

Overture—Stradella Flowton
Valse—Jolly Fellows Volstead
Jazz—When I Think of You Rose

INCIDENTAL PICTURES—
(a) Hodge Podge (Lyman S. Howe).
(b) Famous River of Canada's Far West.

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Tom Meighan's Best Story
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Serial: "The Great Circus Mystery"

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William DESMOND

in a big new Western Thriller
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ALSO
"INTO THE NET"
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TODAY
LOIS WILSON
AND
NOAH BERRY
—IN—
"CONTRABAND"
The story of a man who was too proud to fight—ill he fell in love with a fighting girl.
SID SMITH in "BIG GAME"
USUAL PRICES

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
BUCK JONES
—IN—
"GOLD AND THE GIRL"
A Daring Drama of the Golden West.
3rd Episode Serial
The Riddle Rider

Burglar Found To Hold D.C.M. and M.M.

LONDON, May 13.—Sentence of 18 months imprisonment passed in 18 months Sessions a few days ago on John Patrick Sharkey, who was awarded the D. C. M. and M. M. for gallantry in the field during the war.

He pleaded guilty to breaking and entering licensed premises at London-street, Greenwich and stealing goods and money of the value of \$1,350 and to stealing \$25 from a man with whom he was lodging at Battersea.

WHOLE TIME CHIEF.
The new fire chief, Walter S. Vaughan, will devote his entire time to the work of his department, according to an announcement made by him. Mr. Vaughan will close out his grocery business in Sydney street.

Flats to Let. See the want ad. page.

OPERA HOUSE

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Buy seats now for the last performance Saturday, May 16. Do not delay. Phone 1363.

PLEASE NOTE
The OPERA HOUSE is being closed week of May 18 for stage repairs and spring cleaning, opening Monday, May 25, with pictures.

PALACE - FRIDAY and SATURDAY

HOOT GIBSON

—IN—
"40 HORSE HAWKINS"
Here is a picture that's a real treat for every Gibson fan—and every one who is not already a fan will be one after seeing this vibrant bit of entertainment! A Universal Picture. Don't miss it!

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