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TEN PAGES—ONE CENT

MOEY EASIER, AND THE RATE IS ORDERED

Bank of England Reduces to Four and a Half; Long Time Held at Five

Improving Monetary Conditions and Ending of Balkan War Are Causes—Further Reduction When Peace is Signed and Hoarded up Money Comes into Circulation

(Canadian Press.) London, April 17.—The Bank of England rate, as generally anticipated, was reduced today to 4 1/2 per cent. after the retention of the 5 per cent. rate for the longest period in half a century.

TARIFF MEASURE READY FOR HOUSE DURING NEXT WEEK

Free List and Administrative Provisions Important Matters to Be Taken up in Washington

(Canadian Press.) Washington, April 17.—The democratic house resumed consideration of the tariff today with every prospect of rapid completion of the measure, and its presentation to the senate early next week.

MONCTON WOMAN TELLS POLICE SHE HAS TWO HUSBANDS

She Thought Number One Was Dead and New Wants to Return to Him

(Special To Times.) Moncton, N. B., April 17.—Two wives waited the police station today with distressing stories. One said she had been deserted by her husband, who left her, taking with him all the cash on hand and leaving her destitute with three children to take care of; and to make matters worse the landlord had ordered her out of the house.

MACKINTOSH VS. THE BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK

(Special To Times.) Fredericton, N. B., April 17.—The case of J. C. Mackintosh & Co. vs. the Bank of New Brunswick was taken up in the supreme court this morning.

TREMBLAY NOT TO TAKE PART IN APPEAL

Lawyer Says Client Cannot Afford Expense in Marriage Case

Montreal, April 17.—That Napoleon Tremblay, who was able, by ecclesiastical means, to secure separation from his wife on the ground that she was a fourth cousin, will not take any part in the appeal against the nullification of the marriage that will be taken to the supreme court on the wife's behalf, was the announcement made today by Tremblay's lawyer, Paul St. Germain, K.C.

To Raise Blockade, is Report

A Vienna despatch to J. M. Robinson says:—"It was learned from confidential sources that the powers have decided to raise the blockade of the Montenegrin coast."

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

BY TROLLEY CAR ACROSS NIAGARA

Toronto, Ont., April 17.—The Niagara Park commission is completing arrangements for the granting of a concession to a Spanish company for installing an aerial tramway over the whirlpool. It will be about a third of a mile long and will greatly lessen the route of the International railway, which now runs around the whirlpool.

HOSTILITY TO FRIEDMANN SHOWS ITSELF AGAIN

Washington, April 17.—Dr. Friedmann, it developed today, refused a request of the federal public health service for more serum for a more careful analysis.

FIRES IN MAINE

Bangor, Me., April 17.—Portage lake mill was burned today, loss estimated at \$10,000.

To Get \$47,500 Salvage

London, April 17.—The admiralty has awarded the owners of the Steamship Wolsham, \$47,500 for salvaging the steamer Snowden Range from Philadelphia, Nov. 22.

BANK CLEARINGS

The St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,646,617; corresponding week last year, \$1,528,051.

THIS IS ELECTION DAY IN ALBERTA

Liberal Government Members Are Very Confident

FIFTY-THREE SEATS TODAY

Two Elections Deferred—Liberals Say Sixteen Largest Number Conservatives Can Win; Latter's Organizer Figures Out a Majority

(Canadian Press.) Edmonton, Alb., April 17.—With ideal weather conditions and farmers not yet generally started in their spring work, a very large vote is expected in the Alberta provincial elections taking place today.

MISTREATMENT OF GERMAN CHARGES

Insults by French to Party of Women and Men

GOVERNMENT TAKES IT UP

Set Upon by Crowd of 200 at Nancy, According to Report, and Subjected to Indignities—"Spark in Already Explosive Atmosphere"

(Canadian Press.) Berlin, April 17.—The "Kaiser incident," continues to occupy many columns in the newspapers. Foreign secretary, Von Jaeger, made a statement in the Reichstag yesterday. It amounted to little more than the French government was making an inquiry, but had not yet completed it, that the Germans concerned had made depositions before the proper authorities, and that their sworn statements would be forwarded to Paris, but it is clear from today's reports, that feeling runs very high, and as Baron Von Kuhlmann reported to the Reichstag, the incident resembles a spark in an already explosive atmosphere.

IMPROVED PONTIFF IS

Report from Vatican Shows Change For The Better

AGAIN IN ARMCHAIR

Physicians Said to Have Declared it Impossible to Predict Outcome of Present Illness, but Even With Recovery Now, End Might Come Any Time

(Canadian Press.) Rome, April 17.—The Pope's condition as set forth in the bulletin issued by Doctors Marchisavi and Amici this morning, was as follows: "The Pontiff spent a calm night. A diminution of his cough has relieved the Holy Father considerably. His temperature was 97 this morning. Slight amelioration in the bronchial symptoms was again noted."

JOHN KERR DEAD

Chief of St. John's Fire Department Passes Away—City Will be Shocked at the News

News of the death of John Kerr, prominent barrister and chief of the city fire department, came as a great shock to his friends this afternoon. Mr. Kerr was in his usual good health yesterday, but was attacked this morning about ten o'clock by heart trouble and passed away at two o'clock this afternoon.

SEVERAL DIE IN A BURNING HOTEL

Old Wooden Structure in Malone, N. Y., Ablaze and 30 People Aroused From Sleep to Battle For Life

(Canadian Press.) Malone, N. Y., April 17.—Seven or more persons were burned to death. Several women sustained injuries from which they may die, and a score of persons were rescued by firemen in a spectacular fire which destroyed the De-Wilson Hotel, an old three-story wooden structure in Catherine street, early today.

VISITING BOYHOOD SCENES

An interesting visitor to the city today is P. W. Peters, now general superintendent of the Pacific Division of the C. P. R., who is in Vancouver, who is looking over his "old stamping ground" as he calls it, after an absence of nearly thirty-five years.

THE BELGIAN STRIKE

Brussels, Belgium, April 17.—The strike for manhood suffrage continues to extend slowly in every part of the country. Small numbers of men have returned to their work here and there, but these are unimportant as compared with the figures of the fresh recruits who have joined the movement. The men as a rule, appear to be settling down to a long test of endurance.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Cardinal Gibbons Ready to Sail for Rome. Cardinal Gibbons said tonight that he would much rather be near a steamer than in the interior. He would say nothing officially in regard to the condition of the Pope or his hurried exit from Pittsburg.

PRAIRIE FIRES CAUSE LOSS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Radville, Sask., April 17.—Prairie fires which raged through the hills which cut off Radville, burnt a strip fifteen to twenty miles wide, destroying thousands of acres of pasture. As a result feed will be scarce. The fire burnt fiercely and with the grain of George Eldridge, which was wiped out, while from other districts come reports and two fires. Three or four other farms were burned out.

PORTO RICANS REFUSE THE REFINERS' OFFER

San Juan, P. R., April 17.—The sugar planters' association has decided to refuse to accept the American refiners' offer to buy at only a discount of \$1.25 a quintal (220 pounds). They are planning to store their sugar pending a clearer understanding on the tariff situation, and send a committee to Washington.

CLERK IN CALGARY TREASURER'S OFFICE IS UNDER ARREST

Calgary, Alb., April 17.—Alfred Matheson, a clerk in the city treasurer's department, is under arrest on a charge of forging five city checks totaling \$885. Matheson received a salary of \$70 a month. He has an invalid wife and two children. He was formerly a member of the famous Scottish regiment, the Blackwatch.

ARMEN CROSS THE SAHARA

Biskra, Algeria, April 17.—Four military aeroplanes piloted by Lieutenants Reimbert, Cheutin, Jolani and Bonnet of the French army, arrived here today after a 500 mile round trip over the Sahara desert. One of the machines carried Colonel Bouteaux as a passenger. The entire flight was made without an error.

MEN TRY HUNGER STRIKE IN DENVER

Industrial Workers of the World Want Better Variety of Prison Food

Denver, Colo., April 17.—Sixty industrial workers of the world, who yesterday began a "hunger strike" in the city jail here, refused to eat breakfast today. When they were refused to eat breakfast today, they refused to eat breakfast today. When they were refused to eat breakfast today, they refused to eat breakfast today.