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New Company Slashes Electric Lighting and Power Rates in City

Big Reduction and Meter Rent Cut Out on April 1—Experts to Improve Gas Situation—L. R. Ross President

The first act of the new owners of the street railway and allied facilities is one which will win the hearty approval of the citizens. It is the announcement of a generous reduction in the rates for electric lighting and power...

Table with columns for 'New Brunswick Power Co.', 'The St. John Railway Co.', and 'LIGHTING RATES'. It lists various rates for different power and lighting services.

Table with columns for 'POWER RATES', 'The St. John Railway Co.', and 'Monthly use kWh.'. It details monthly power rates and meter rental charges.

Table with columns for 'POWER RATES', 'The St. John Railway Co.', and 'Monthly use kWh.'. It continues the list of power rates and meter rental charges.

Table with columns for 'Large Power Rate', 'Monthly use kWh.', and 'Per kWh.'. It lists rates for large power users.

MAY STRIKE FOR EIGHT HOUR DAY

Plan Prepared by Railway Brotherhood in United States

A PROGRESSIVE SERIES Definite Action Not to be Taken Until After Conference With Managers to be Held on Next Thursday

New York, March 12.—Information received by the national conference committee composed of managers of the great railway systems and made public by that body today indicates that the four employer's brotherhoods have completed arrangements for a progressive series of strikes to begin at six o'clock, eastern time, on Saturday night if the conference on the eight-hour question held here on Thursday, fails to reach a satisfactory agreement...

Washington, March 12.—Local railroad labor leaders from the southeast held here today to discuss the renewed strike of the railroad men...

GUNNER STANLEY JOHNSON IS IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Fred Johnson of 86 Harrison street, received word this morning from Ottawa to the effect that his son, Gunner Stanley Johnson, is at present in Cambridge hospital, England, suffering from trench fever.

Gunner Johnson is only nineteen years old. He has been at the front since last October. Prior to enlistment he worked with his father, who is a well known contractor of the city. Gunner Johnson's many friends will hope that he will have a speedy recovery.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. Heirs of Bartholomew Cogley to E. C. Cogley, property in St. Martins. Henry Henderson to A. B. Clifford, property in Mecklenburg street. Grace D. McCune to F. W. Peacock, property in Spring street. Alicia Wood to C. G. Wall, property in Kings County. William Donn to Joseph Donn, property in Springfield. William Donn to W. J. and Joseph Donn, property in Springfield. Heirs of S. A. Fowles to Thomas Bell, property in Hampton. H. E. Freese to A. D. McCleod, \$650, property in Cardwell. F. R. Freese to Rex Steves, property in Cardwell. Michael Guilfoyle to G. B. Jones, property in Havelock. Heirs of Amy J. Holder to J. A. Holder, property in Kingston. T. C. Clair to B. J. Sharp, property in Sussex. C. B. McCready to Cecilia E. McCready, property in Sussex. W. H. McQuade to Annie Dobbin, property in Rothsay. Mary E. Nobles to Amelia K. Lester, property in Rothsay. SERBIANS AT CAMP SUSSEX. The Serbian camp in Sussex is now under way. There are at present there twenty-eight Serbians, who are being trained so that they may handle the gun in the defence of their own country. It was learned this morning that many of the Serbians throughout the United States are making enquiries as to what steps they might take in order to get into the camp. Some have already crossed the border and are waiting word from the military officials as to their next move. J. V. Dupree Dead. Old Point Comfort, Va., March 13.—J. V. Dupree of Ottawa, chief chemist of the Imperial Canadian Munitions Board, died here last night of pneumonia.

Dutch Hear Germans May Try Again To Force Way To Calais

Rumors of Intended Big Offensive in West, Principally on the Yser, Are Circulating in Belgium

The Franco-Belgian front is bristling with military activity. All the reports indicate preparations for operations on a large scale. London, March 12.—Special despatches from Holland contain current reports of German preparations for an expected great offensive on the western front. The latest rumor, which is attributed to Belgian sources, is that the Germans intend to try again to force their way through the Yser to Calais their objective. The Belgian newspaper Echo Belge which is now published at The Hague, hears that Field Marshal Von Falkenhayn has passed through Tirlemont on his way to the French front. The writers say that the tight closing of the Dutch-Belgian frontier for several days and the suspension of all sailings from Antwerp for Holland make it impossible to ascertain the exact nature of these reports but that the universal belief is that most important movements are in progress.

STATEMENT BY VON BERNSTORFF MAY FIND IT HARD TO GET SAILORS FOR AMERICAN STEAMERS

One Sent To Berlin On Arrival In Copenhagen THE INTRIGUE AGAINST AMERICA

Believed He Has Reported on How Zimmerman's Instructions to Minister in Mexico Became Known at Washington

Copenhagen, March 12.—(Via London)—Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and his party arrived at Copenhagen yesterday from Christiania, Count Von Brockdorff-Rantau, the German minister to Denmark, and the German consul-general at Copenhagen, the German minister to the United States, the German minister to the United States, the German minister to the United States...

HIT POTATO DEALERS

Hamilton, Mar. 12.—In order to combat the high cost of living, Mayor Booker has issued the following appeal to the public to abstain from using the very exorbitant price of potatoes at the present time. I would respectfully ask the public to abstain from using them altogether for a period of one month.

MUST STAY AWHILE

With the close of the case against the Chase of Quebec court yesterday, Tom Chew, the star witness for the prosecution, thought that his services would be at an end for the police are concerned. But with the appeal of the case Tom may have to stay "around town" for some time.

LIEUT. K. HAWKINS DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. C. G. Galcombs of Fredericton has been notified of the death of her brother, Lieut. Kenneth Hawkins. He passed away in a French hospital on March 11.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, Director of Meteorological Service. Synopsis—Pressure remains very high to the northward of the Great Lakes, while a depression is spreading northward from Texas. Fair weather prevails over the domain except that light snow has occurred in Manitoba. Ottawa Valley—Fresh northerly winds, fair and moderately cold. Wednesday, fresh to strong northerly winds, local snowfalls. Fair. Moderately cold. Maritime—Strong breezes to moderate gales northwest to north, fair and moderately cold today and on Wednesday. New England—Fair to light snow Wednesday, probably snow, fresh north and northeast winds.

GERMANY IN WORSE LIGHT THAN EVER WHEN GERARD REPORTS TO PRESIDENT

Former Ambassador Said to Have Interesting Report to Make in Washington Tomorrow—Trailed by German Spies at Havana and on the Governor Cobb

New York, Mar. 12.—A despatch to the Herald from Havana dated last night, says: Secret agents of Germany trailed James W. Gerard from the moment he landed at Havana until the time of his leaving here on board the steamer Governor Cobb this morning. When the vessel started, one of the German agents escorted a stateroom near that of the returning American diplomatist. A high officer of the company informed me that this agent will be turned over to the authorities at Key West when the Governor Cobb arrives there.

While talking in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel this morning Mr. Gerard saw one of the German agents, who had been most observant and persistent in his efforts to shadow him. Mr. Gerard hastened up to the man, who was a typical German. The spy, taking alarm, fled.

The former ambassador's trail was taken up immediately by another German, who followed him to the steamer, aboard which the spy had reserved a stateroom. Through an authority close to Mr. Gerard I was informed of the persistent efforts made by Germany to stop the American diplomatist from reaching Washington. I am in a position to say that Mr. Gerard carries papers containing information which will place Germany in a more unfavorable position than she has yet occupied.

According to men close to Mr. Gerard, important documents are expected in the German situation soon after his conference with Mr. Wilson. The Gerard train is expected to reach Washington at half past twelve o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

SECRET PAPERS OF VON BERNSTORFF IN IT? FURTHER REPORT ON SWEDISH TRUNK SEIZED ON THE FREDERICK VIII AT HALIFAX

London, March 12.—The story of a mysterious trunk, which was on board the Frederick VIII, the steamer which brought Count Von Bernstorff from the United States to Copenhagen is given prominence by the Express. The trunk is said to have been consigned to Stockholm by the Swedish minister to the United States and to have borne the seal of the Swedish consulate in New York. The story says that the trunk was held at Halifax because its seals had been broken and that it will be sent to England by a British warship. After it reaches the British capital it will be turned over to the Swedish legation where its contents will be examined in the presence of British officials. The Express suggests that the trunk was opened between New York and Halifax to permit the insertion of secret documents belonging to Count Von Bernstorff.

SEVENTEEN MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE

Canonsburg, Pa., Mar. 12.—Twenty-four men were entombed by two explosions in the mine of the Henderson Coal Company at Hendersonville, five miles from here early today. Seven men were later taken out alive.

THE DUCHESS HAS IMPROVED

New York, Mar. 12.—A news despatch from London says: The condition of the Duchess of Connaught was improved today. Physicians reported her fever diminished and her general condition better, relieving immediate apprehension.

GERMAN SUBMARINE ASHORE ON DUTCH COAST

London, March 12.—A German submarine is reported stranded in the neighborhood of Helvoetsluis on the Dutch coast, says a Reuter despatch from The Hague today.

DECLARE THAW A LUNATIC

Philadelphia, March 12.—Harry K. Thaw was today adjudged a lunatic by the common pleas court of this city and will be kept in hospital here pending his removal to a Pennsylvania asylum.

FILMORE-MCCULLY

On March 7, at the home of S. K. McCully, of Montreal, his eldest daughter, America when war was declared, breaking contracts to deliver freight abroad by the Pacific coast. The bride, who was becomingly gowned in emerald velvet and bridal veil, was given away by her father. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served. The bride was the recipient of many useful gifts, among them a substantial check from her father. Mr. and Mrs. Filmore left on Thursday morning for St. John where they will reside.

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