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Must Know More About Valley Railway Matter

Bond Guarantee Should Not go Through Without Further Facts

CITY COUNCIL HAS NOT YET ACTED

Mayor Speaks of Matter and Quotes Premier Flemming, and Vice President Chamberlain of Transcontinental--Has Not Yet Talked It Over With Commissioners

The principal topic of discussion among business men in St. John at the present time is the proposed bond guarantee to the extent of $2,000,000 for the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. Some people express confidence that the members of the legislature will not consent to any further aid. There is a general feeling that the city council and board of trade of St. John and similar organizations in other parts of the province will take action like that of the Gagetown Board of Trade and call upon the government for a full and clear statement of all matters relating to this railway before the question of any further aid is considered.

The fact that this railway has no dominion subsidy beyond Andover and that the route from Gagetown to St. John is still unsettled is significant. There is no provision for making connection with any road at the northern end, nor is there any guarantee that it will come independently to St. John. That is to say, the St. John Valley Railway at the present time is simply a railway between Gagetown and Centreville, and if it is pushed on to Andover it ends there, and if it does not come by way of Rothesay to St. John it will terminate at this end at a point on the C. P. R.

"Surely," said a prominent business man this morning, "the legislature will not grant any further aid until all the facts in relation to this railway are placed before the public. A good many people are surprised at the apparent apathy of the civic authorities in St. John, as well as the board of trade, since the city has so much at stake; but the whole province is interested in so large a bond guarantee as is said to be asked, and the people of every county are interested and should do their utmost to prevent any misuse of the public funds."

What the Mayor Says.

When asked if the city council intended to take any steps to protect the interests of the city and the citizens in this matter Mayor Frink said this morning: "Before the city can find any excuse for questioning the route which will be followed by the Valley Railway in reaching St. John we must have some evidence to controvert the statements made by Premier Flemming that the road absolutely will approach St. John by the eastern route, and that contracts have been let for this section and the statement of Vice-President Chamberlain of the G. T. P. railway that they expect to use the Valley railway to reach St. John but that the road will be of no use to them unless it uses the eastern approach.

"With regard to the matter of the additional guarantee of bonds for the construction of the road I have not yet talked over this subject with the other commissioners and cannot say what action the city might take until I have consulted them. The matter has not yet been before the council and there has been no intimation that the city will take action although I have been asked by many different persons what the city is going to do about it.

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO TAKE OVER FORT HOWE FOR A PARK

Ottawa, March 23—The government has decided to take over old Fort Howe at St. John, N. B., and transform it into a public park. It is one of the historic spots of the city.

THE STEAMERS

The Manchester Inventor arrived at Halifax this morning on her way from Manchester to St. John.

R. M. S. Virginian from Liverpool for St. John, was 945 miles east of Cape Race at 9.30 o'clock Saturday night.

C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba was 35 miles southeast of Cape Race at 8.30 o'clock last night.

The Bray Head is due in St. John. She will load here for Dublin.

R. M. S. Victorian, from St. John, and for Liverpool, was 445 miles southeast of Cape Race last night at midnight.

Allan Liner Scotian, from Glasgow for Halifax and Portland, passed Sable Island this morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Donaldson Liner Saturnia, bound for St. John, was 150 miles east of Sable Island at 7 o'clock this morning.

The Montfort, of the C. P. R., which sailed from here last week, was 207 miles east of Sable Island at 7 o'clock Saturday night.

Furness Liner Kanawha, from St. John for London, arrived at Halifax this morning at 7.10 o'clock.

Steamship Empress of India arrived at Nassau on Saturday morning.

The British steamer Lux Captain Elias, from Cadiz for New York, put in at Halifax on Saturday for coal. The captain encountered boisterous weather off the Atlantic.

FRIEL OF NEW BRUNSWICK DEAD IN WEST

Vancouver, B. C., March 23—William F. Friel, a well known lumberman and native of New Brunswick, is dead here.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Phelix and Pherdinand

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—Shallow barometric depressions are at present following each other with great rapidity across the continent. The weather is fair and rather cold throughout the dominion.

Fair, Perhaps Some Snow

Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair; Tuesday, a few snow flurries but mostly fair with about the same temperature.

New England Forecasts—Cloudy today, Tuesday, fair, moderate southerly and west winds.

BLUEBEARD OF GERMANY PAYS PENALTY FOR A SERIES OF MURDERS

Frankfort on the Main, Germany, March 23—Carl Hopen, a druggist of this city, who has been named the "Bluebeard of Germany," was beheaded today for the murder of his father, his first wife and his two children.

The accused man was found guilty of the charge in January and also of attempting to murder his second and third wives and several other persons.

STORMS AND HEAVY ICE MAKE IT HARD FOR SEALERS

Thousands of Seals Killed and Heaped on Ice Fields Are Likely to Be Lost

St. Johns, Nfld., March 23—The eastern sealing fleet of fifteen ships is having the worst experience from weather for many years, and has not more than half the number of seals secured as the same date last year. Wireless messages from the eight ships that are equipped agree that the severity of the storms and the immense thickness of the ice floes make conditions very difficult, and thousands of the seals killed and heaped on the ice fields to be picked up by steamers will never be recovered.

The following ships have those seals actually on board—Beothic, 12,000; Nascopie, 10,000; Stephano, 10,000; Bellaventure, 9,000; Adventure, 7,000; Bonaventure, 6000; Florizel 5,000 and Eagle 4,000. The remaining ships are in the same vicinity, but their catches are unknown. Of the six steamers in the gulf, the Erik has 14,000 and Neptune 3,000. The others are not given. It is rumored that the steamer Seal of Halifax, has 12,000 on board, but this cannot be confirmed.

CUP DEFENDERS ARE GETTING ALONG WELL

Boston, Mass., March 23—Reports from the New England shipyards that are building the three aspirants for the defence of the America's cup against the fourth Lipton invasion next fall, show the Bristol yacht to be 75 per cent, the Bath yacht 50 per cent., and the Neponset yacht 33 per cent completed.

The three yachts will have more than eleven weeks in which to demonstrate their individual claim to the honor of defending the cup. The preliminary yachting season will be the hardest that aspiring cup defenders have ever had, with races every few days from June 2 to August 2.

CRISIS IN JAPAN

Government May Resign Because Of Deadlock Over Navy Estimates

Tokio, Japan, March 23—The Japanese diet was prorogued today by the emperor owing to the inability of the house of peers, and the house of representatives to agree on the appropriations for the navy. The cabinet may resign.

Parliament Not Likely To Rise Before June 1

That Is Indication In Ottawa — Budget Probably Next Tuesday or Wednesday—McBride In Capital

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, March 23—Present indications are that parliament will not conclude its session before May 24 or possibly June 1. Substantial progress has been made but much yet remains.

The Transcontinental debate will take a week, the budget which is likely to be delivered early next week, will require another week, the question of railway aid if it comes before the house will cause much discussion, while the opposition is said to be planning an unusual onslaught upon militia expenditures.

Then there is the redistribution bill, the railway act, shipping act, cold storage act and a lot of government bills and orders to be discussed. At Easter an adjournment for a week will be taken, so that there seems no probability of winding up before late in May.

The redistribution committee has had only two brief meetings but the work is going ahead. The maps have been prepared and submitted to the opposition, and negotiations are being conducted by those members of the committee, from both sides, who represent the provinces or groups. Differences of opinion have arisen some of which have been adjusted, and others have not, but there seems little likelihood of any deadlock.

The date of the budget speech depends somewhat upon the length of the Transcontinental Railway debate, but in any event, it is looked for next week, probably Tuesday or Wednesday.

Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, arrived here this morning, and had a conference with the prime minister. He expects to remain in Ottawa only two days. It is understood that he is strongly favorable to the renewal of the order in council, whereby all foreign labor is excluded from British Columbia and Orientals thus kept out.

ABOUT READY FOR DECISIVE BATTLE

Villa Almost at the Trenches of Torreon—Federals Reported Well Prepared For Him

(Canadian Press)

Bermejillo, Durango, Mex., March 23—(Constitutionalist field base)—Marked by sharp brushes with the enemy, General Francisco Villa's spectacular march against Torreon, which began on last Friday, was nearing an end today. Only a few haciendas and suburban towns remained between his army of 12,000 and the actual siege of Torreon. At no point does the rebel leader expect to meet strong resistance, unless it be at Lerdo, a short distance north of Torreon. Reports are that a more or less formidable garrison of Federals has been placed by General Refugio Velasco in Lerdo to check the Constitutionalists.

Carro La Pila, a huge mountain which overshadows Gomez Palacio and which is supposed to be fortified by the Federals is the only other matter of concern to General Villa, but he does not believe that any considerable body of soldiers would detach themselves from the main army at Torreon, more than three miles from the mountains. With the possible exception of the reported garrison at Lerdo, a defending party on La Pila would have to fall back on Torreon after a long range defense with the big guns which are said to be planted on the mountainside.

It is said that an outside point has been selected as a place of refuge for non-combatants because of representations recently made by General Villa that he intended to employ dynamite, dropping it from aeroplanes, a neutral zone within the Federal lines would necessarily be a dangerous locality in spite of any agreement. It was his suggestion that foreigners and other non combatants be given an opportunity to leave the city.

Mexico City, March 23—It is conceded at the war department that the rebels and Federals will engage in an early finish fight for the possession of Torreon, and it is announced here that Tlahualilo a town of two hundred miles from Torreon, has been agreed upon as the neutral point for foreigners and non-combatants. Tlahualilo is adjacent to the haciends of the same name belonging to James Brown Potter.

Bermejillo, Mex., March 23—Officers from the extreme front returned today after viewing some of the Federal fortifications through field glasses. They reported that the preparations were elaborate. Fresh earth was said to mark the turning places of the enemy's big guns. Some barbed wire entanglements were visible. Troops continued to pour into Bermejillo from the north today. Nearly all of the supplies from Yermo are now here.

SOME 28 OR 30 MORE SAILINGS BEFORE CLOSE OF WINTER SEASON

The winterport season at St. John will close about the last of April, but between now and that time there will be between twenty-eight and thirty steamers sailing from St. John.

There will be five more sailings of the Allan Line. The Virginian, now on her way here, will make two more trips, sailing on April 1 and April 29. Between these two will be the last trip of the Victorian, sailing from St. John on April 15. This will close the St. John-Liverpool service. On the Havre and London service, two more sailings are scheduled from this port, the Sicilian on April 2 and the Corinthian on April 16.

Three more sailings for Manchester direct and three via Philadelphia will complete the Manchester Line's winter schedule. It is expected, however, that a summer service will be in force. The inventor, now in Halifax, will sail from here for Manchester next week. The Importer and the Corporation will leave St. John on April 11 and April 25, respectively, sailing direct to Manchester. The Philadelphia sailings will be:—The Mariner on March 30, the Shipper on April 13 and the Spinner on April 27.

The Head Line will have two more steamers out of St. John. The Bray Head, which is now due will get away for Dublin after April 1, and the Ramore Head will close the service, sailing for Belfast about the middle of the month.

The Donaldson Line will close its winter season on April 18. Five more steamers are scheduled to sail before that date:—the Cassandra, now in port, going Thursday, the Saturnia, now on her way to St. John, will get away on April 2; the Athenia, also bound for St. John, is due to sail on April 9, the Indriani on April 14 and the Letitia, the last steamer on April 18.

Three steamers will complete the Furness Line London service. The sailings are:—Shenandoah, about April 8; Rappahannock, about April 18, and the Kanawha, about the last of April.

Following the Benguela, now in port, there will be one more sailing of the South African Line, the Bendu, which is scheduled to leave this port on April 20. Two more New Zealand and Australian steamers will leave St. John this winter, the Battsford, now at Halifax, getting away probably about April 1, and the Southern, which will leave about April 20.

The C. P. R. will have six more sailings, their season closing on April 19. The Ruthenian, now in port, will sail for Liverpool on Wednesday; the Mount Royal is due to sail for London and Antwerp on April 1; the Tyrolia, on April 7, for Liverpool; the Montreal on April 8 for London and Antwerp; the Mount Temple on April 15 for London and Antwerp, and the Lake Manitoba on April 19 for Liverpool.

The Canadian Northern's Royal Line steamers will make two more trips from St. John, the Royal Edward, which is now in port, leaving here on Wednesday, and the Royal George on April 8.

SUNSHINE TEMPLE ORGANIZED

Sunshine Temple, No. 35, Juvenile I. O. G. T., were instituted in Temple of Honor Hall, North End, on Saturday afternoon. The following are the officers:—Miss Beatrice Campbell, superintendent; John Dunham, chief templar; Iva Flewelling, vice-templar; Laura Folkins, secretary; Pearl Sears, assistant secretary; Lee Coleman, financial secretary; Mrs. L. B. Kirkpatrick, treasurer; Emma Blizzard, chaplain; Pearl Coleman, past chief templar; Reta Chapman, marshall; Mayes Dunham, deputy marshall; Stanley Folkins, guard; Elsa Chapman, sentinel; John Burke, messenger.

An Egyptian papyrus of great value is reported missing from the Louvre. It is a magnificently illuminated example of "The Book of the Dead."

MAILS STOLEN AND RECOVERED

Selkirk, Man., Albert Wilkley, mail carrier between East Selkirk and Walkerburg, was held up last night and his team and the mail taken from him. All were recovered and Albert Eymo and another Galician are under arrest.

PUTTING UP HORN

There was much satisfaction amongst residents of North End, and Indiantown in particular today, because of their seeing the new electric fire horn being put in position on No. 5 station in Main street. The horn will probably be ready by tonight, and a test of it will be made tomorrow. It will be connected with another to be erected in the valley near the Cornwall Cotton mill.

TWO PRINCESSES TO BE WITNESSES

Paris Again Stirred Today By Mme. Caillaux Case

MUTINY IN ST. LAZARE

Women Prisoners Say Too Many Privileges Granted Slayer of Figaro Editor—Talk of More Resignations From Government

Paris, March 23—It is announced that M. Labori, Mme. Caillaux's counsel, will call the Princess of Monaco, Mme. Theobald Chartran, and the Princess De Mesagne-Estradere, to the witness stand in support of Mme. Caillaux's contention that she shot M. Calmette in order to prevent the publication of private letters.

The Princess De Mesagne-Estradere was society editor of the Figaro, but resigned, on March 1 on the ground of ill health.

The reappearance of Mme. Calliaux before the investigating magistrate was aroused great interest in Paris today. She was taken from the Saint Lazare prison to the Palace of Justice in custody of several detectives and strong guards were placed in the vicinity of the law courts, to prevent demonstrations.

A mutiny was said to be simmering today among the 800 women incarcerated in the Saint Lazare prison, all of whom objected to the granting of so many privileges to Mme. Calliaux. The punishment cells were reported filled with refractory women who continuedto shriek protests against discrimination. At attorney representing several of the prisoners awaiting trial in the penitentiary, made representations to day to the minister of justice demanding that the cells be heated and that better food should be supplied to their clients.

Others May Resign

Many rumors were current in political circles today as to the probable fall of the French cabinet as a sequel to the revelations of government influence having been brought to bear to procure a postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette, who disappeared from France when admitted to bail after, it is alleged, committing immense swindles.

In the lobbies of the chamber of deputies, and the senate it was said to be possible that the resignations of Albert Lebrune, minister for the colonies, Rene Viviani, minister of public instructions, and Andre Maginot, under secretary of state for war would be announced soon.

It was argued among members that in case the cabinet continues in office it will probably be only because the opposition groups are unwilling to form a government until after the elections in April.

CANNIBAL TALE IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST HERE

Native Missionaries in New Hebrides Victims—St. John Man and Wife and Children Here

Sydney, N. S. W., March23—Natives in the north of Malekula Island, of the New Hebhides group, have murdered and eaten six native teachers from the Walls mission station.

The news contained in this despatch is of special interest in St. John in view of the fact that at least two former residents of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Ewen G. McAfee are located on this island. Their plantation, however, is at Southwest Bay, and it is believed that they are quite a distance removed from the scene referred to. Many friends in St. John will eagerly await further news.

Robert McAfee, fish merchant of Main street, when told of the despatch this morning, said that he did not think his son or daughter-in-law and their two little children were in any danger. The last letter he had had from them in Malekula did not speak of any trouble or danger to them, although it told of three members of the crew of a French vessel which had gone ashore some miles up the coast having been eaten by cannibals.

Mr. McAfee and his wife, who was formerly Miss Christian Morrison, daughter of Alexander Morrison, of Princess street, have been in the Hebrides for about seven years. They went there to engage in mission work and have been very successful. They have not been home since first they left St. John, and news from them is not frequently received because of the great distance.

GUNMEN SAY IT IS UNFAIR

New York, March 23—Convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal and sentenced to die in the electric chair in the week beginning April 13, the four gunmen in the Sing Sing death house today issued a statement to the public, alleging that they were left to die unjustly, while fromer Lieutenant Charles Becker obtained a new trial. They reiterated their innocence.

THE LABOR CANDIDATE

At a meeting of members of trade unions on Saturday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, James L. Sugrue, labor candidate for the office of commissioner, was the chief speaker. He gave an address upon his platform. Plans were advanced at the meeting for the conduct of the labor campaign.

"NO POPE" ON LONDONDERRY DOORS; SHOTS ARE FIRED INTO HOMES OF CATHOLICS

Excitement in House of Commons as War Secretary Prepares to Speak ---General Tone in Ulster Matter Report d Easier

(Canadian Press.)

Londonderry, March 23—Catholics were thrown into panic of fear here today when it was discovered that on several homes of Church leaders the words "No Pope" had been written in chalk during the night.

Shots were fired into the homes of many Catholics.

No one was injured, but further anti-Catholic demonstrations are feared and may result in open clashes.

In the Commons.

London, March 23—Wildest excitement prevailed about the House of Commons today before the session at which the War Secretary Seeley was scheduled to make a statement regarding the Ulster situation. David Lloyd George was jeered when he appeared. The chamber was packed with Unionist sympathizers who took up the shout of "Lime House" at the appearance of the chancellor.

It was at Lime House that Lloyd George made a statement that the government would make no compromise with Ulster.

Colonel Seely was very brief and utterly vague. The gist of his speech was that some officers had informed General Sir Arthur Paget, commander-in-chief in Ireland, that they could not serve in certain eventualities. There was, he said, a misunderstanding and these officers had been ordered to rejoin their regiments. The movement of troops, he concluded, was solely in order to protect the stores of government arms and ammunition.

Both Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the oppositon, recognized the widespread anxiety for an exhaustive debate on the subject by agreeing to a motion for the adjournment of the house immediately after the secretary for war had spoken in order to discuss the Irish situation.

The leader of the opposition declared that the government's procedure was a most amazing instance of paltering with the House of Commons.

The danger of the British army being destroyed before the country's eyes had, he said, come on the government like a bolt from the blue. He had, he declared, received proof from other quarters apart from the cavalry regiments that resignations of officers had occurred.

Mr. Law then read a letter stating that officers who would not fight against Ulster would be dismissed from the service. The action of the government in moving troops, Mr. Law declared, was foolish, as there was no new situation in Ulster nor any threatened outbreak. He read a letter in which General Sir Arthur Paget had stated to the commanding officers that active operations were to begin against Ulster and that it was expected the country would be in a blaze by Saturday. The Irish commander-in-chief wrote that he was in close communication with the War Office and had received instructions from headquarters.

Mr. Law asserted:—"It will be difficult for the prime minister to convince the house that, with or without his knowledge, some of his colleagues did not make these movements of troops as part of a concerted plan to provoke or intimidate Ulster."

Feeling Much Easier

London, Eng., March 23—A much easier feeling has been created in the British Isles by the reassuring statement given out by Premier Asquith in regard to the movement of troops in Ulster, which he said, had been made only as a precautionary measure and for the protection of government property. The inference is generally drawn from the premier's remarks that the government's intentions in respect to the army officers who did not desire to serve against the Orangemen had been misinterpreted.

The public in all parts of the United Kingdom today awaited calmly the explanation of the cabinet in the House of Commons, to which place the Irish controversy has been transferred.

In some quarters there was an inclination to believe that General Sir Arthur Paget, commander-in-chief in Ireland, had placed a much graver interpretation upon the government's inquiries as to the feelings of army officers in the Irish garrisons than was intended. His presentation of an ultimatum to the officers that they must serve or resign led, it is thought, to their handing in their resignations.

Sir Arthur Paget always has taken a serious view of the threatened refusal (Continued on page 7, second column).

MR. HICKMAN TO WED DAUGHTER OF FORMER GOVERNOR E. N. FOSS

The reported announcement by former Governor of Massachusetts Eugene N. Foss and Mrs. Foss, telling of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Esther, to Albert Hickman, has been heard with interest in this city, where Mr. Hickman has relatives and many friends.

Mr. Hickman, who is a graduate of Harvard, 1899, was for some time a lecturer in England for the benefit of the immigration department of New Brunswick and afterwards was a member of the staff of Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner in England. He is an author of note, his novel "The Sacrifice of the Shannon," his collections of short stories and other works having enjoyed wide circulation. His activities have not been limited to these fields, however, and Mr. Hickman is the inventor of the "Viper" type of motor boat, which is described as a water automobile, with exceptional claims for speed, safety and comfort. A full sized model of one was shown in this city at a recent exhibition.

It was in the interests of his patents in connection with this boat that Mr. Hickman went to Boston where he has been for the last year. He succeeded in interesting Ex-Governor Foss, who is president of the B. F. Sturdevant Company of Hyde Park, an engineering firm and manufacturers of engines and machinery. An American company, with Mr. Hickman as president, was formed and is now turning out some fast boats.

His intimacy with Mr. Foss led to an acquaintance with the members of the latter's family, including Miss Esther and the acquaintance rapidly ripened into the friendship which culminated with the announcement of their engagement.

Some time ago it was reported that Mr. Hickman was engaged to Mrs. Madeline Astor, the youthful widow of Colonel John Jacob Astor, but this was afterwards denied.

Mr. Hickman is a nephew of Mrs. J. E. Church, and a cousin of Messrs. E. E., W. A., and R. P. Church of this city.

FINDS IN QUEBEC LAST OF LOST INDIAN TRIBE

Philadelphia, March 23—Prof. Frank Speck of the University of Pennsylvania, is preparing a report on a tribe of Indians lost for 187 years, which he found unexpectedly on a recent trip to the Province of Quebec, Canada. The tribe was known as the Wawenocks, once one of the strong tribes of New England. Five families are all that remain.

LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES AND GET RIGHT TO VOTE

Today is the last day on which citizens who have not paid their taxes for 1913 may secure the right to vote at the city elections by paying up. There was not a great rush of voters at the chamberlain's office this morning.

The last day for paying taxes in order to qualify is fixed at three clear weeks before the election day. The expiration of this limit is a reminder of the approach of that momentous occasion. Nomination day will be two weeks from tomorrow, on Tuesday, April 7. One week later the first election will take place, and if the number of candidates is more than double the number of vacancies, as now seems certain, the second election will come two weeks later or on April 28.

In giving a list of the candidates already in the field, in the Times on Saturday, the name of William J. Brown was unintentionally omitted. Mr. Brown is also actively in the field.

QUEBEC HARBOR MASTER PASSED AWAY TODAY

Quebec, March 23—The death of James Cornelius Sullivan, harbor master of the city, and well known to railway men, all over Eastern Canada and the Trans-Atlantic route, occurred this morning. He had been harbor master during sixteen years, and succeeded his father in this position.

MONARCHS TO CONFER ABOUT TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Berlin, March 23—Emperor William left last night for Corfu. On the way he will have conferences with Emperor Francis Joseph and King Victor Emmanul. It is probable that the future plans of the Triple Alliance will be fully considered.

The Panama Tolls.

Washington, D. C., March 23—While President Wilson has no doubt about the passage of the administration bill to repeal the Panama tolls exemption, he is anxious that it be brought to a vote promptly. He has been advised that a vote probably will be taken as soon as the rivers and harbors bill has been disposed of.

Two Trainmen Killed.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23—D. Daisden, a fireman and M. F. Pelance, a brakeman, both of Indianapolis, were killed and five other men injured when a Big Four freight train struck a derail here last night.