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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1924

Four Persons Are Injured In Gun Battle In a Garage

3,000 ARRIVE HERE IN ONE DAY

Nine Are Dead, Hundred Injured, In Tornado

5 ARRESTED IN SHOOTING, ONE DYING

Battle in Garage at Newark Results in Injury to Four.

ROBBERY PLANNED Reserves Rushed to Overcome Bandits as Watchman Hides.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Newark, N. J., March 29.—John Walsh, 28, is dying from bullet wounds at the City Hospital, Geo. Policastro, 39, is also at the hospital suffering from two bullet wounds, while two others and Harry Borseman, 73, night watchman at the Taylor Garage, 331 South street, are under arrest following a gun battle in the garage early today.

From the scanty evidence gathered by the police and the statements of Borseman, the police believe the four men attempted to rob the garage of large quantities of liquor which they found there. The aged watchman told the police that the four other men succeeded in having him open the garage door early today and then held him up. Borseman said he defended himself. Two revolvers with five empty chambers each and one automatic, which had jammed after two shots had been fired from it, were found by the police on the garage floor.

Blood Shows Battle. Large pools of blood near the telephone and which blotched other sections of the floor bore evidence of the grim battle. The police first learned of the hold up battle when a telephone call came into the Third Precinct station. Reserves who were rushed to the South street garage found two of the alleged bandits lying in pools of blood on the floor, and the other two bending over them. Borseman, the watchman, was in hiding. Walsh was shot through the chest, and Policastro had a bullet wound through the right hand and the right cheek. The police placed all five men under arrest.

Ottawa Signs Hockey Players

Ottawa, March 29.—The Ottawa Hockey Association announced the signing of three players for next season, George Boucher, Lionel Hitchman and Frank Finnegan. Frank Finnegan is expected to sign over the week-end. Within the next ten days, the Ottawa Hockey Association will endeavor to sign those of the present team whom they intend to carry again. There will be some new faces. Youth and speed will be Ottawa's slogan. Negotiations for additional new blood will be started at today's meeting of the National Hockey League in Montreal.

Postal Employees To Meet Sunday

Toronto, March 29.—Toronto postal employees will meet tomorrow to hear a report from their leaders on the salary and bonus question. The men will be asked to say whether or not the Dominion Government's proposals, announced from Ottawa in despatches are satisfactory.

Big Pay For Day's Work In Chicago

Chicago, March 29.—Chicago plumbers hereafter will receive \$1.25 an hour. Chicago Civic Opera musicians will get \$13 a day next season and plasterers are asking a \$14 a day wage scale.

Freak Birthdays In St. Stephen Family

St. Stephen, N. B., March 29.—This is a year of coincidences in the family of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pike, of this town coincidences which will never happen again. There are three children in the family, Helen and Jack and Beulah. Helen will be 11 years old on April 11; Jack will be 19 on the 19th of June, while Beulah will be 20 on the 20th of May.

MACKENZIE KING QUOTES FIELDING

"Six Good Men Would do Work of Thirty Girls" — Civil Service Commission.

Ottawa, March 29.—(Canadian Press)—"I think this commission business has been a little bit overdue in a country where we have responsible government," said Premier King to a delegation from the Board of Trade and Chambers of Commerce throughout the Dominion which had come to urge the strictest economy upon the Government. Mr. King was referring to the difficulties in making economies in the civil service. He stressed the point that the Government could not appoint a single clerk without referring the appointment to the civil service commission. Premier King here cited a statement made to him by Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance. "If Mr. Fielding had said, 'I could select six good men myself if they would do the work of thirty girls in my department,'" Mr. King said he thought there should be a commission to control appointments but the minister of the department should have some say as to who was to be appointed. The function of the civil service commission should be to pass on the qualifications of the appointee.

Wire Briefs

London, March 29.—Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, the noted Irish composer, died today at his home here.

Norfolk, Va., March 29.—The coast guard cutter Manning left here today in response to distress signals from the French steamer Tourse, reported to be leaking about 55 miles off Cape Charles.

London, March 29.—(Canadian Press)—The war compensation court has awarded Gordon Hotels, Limited, \$29,654 as compensation for use of three of the company's London hotels during the war, the Metropole, Victoria and Grand.

Christiana, March 29.—The Storting yesterday ratified the agreement over Greenland, recently arrived at by delegates representing the Danish and Norwegian Governments. The vote was 127 to 8.

London, March 29.—Between eight and ten millions of dollars were remitted to Canada this week and through New York in final adjustment of British Government debts to Canada hanging over from the war.

Paris, March 29.—At a cabinet meeting this morning of Premier Poincare's new ministry, it was unanimously decided to pursue the same foreign policy as that of the former cabinet.

Paris, March 29.—Work was started here yesterday on the programme for the two international conferences to be held in November under League of Nations auspices to study the subject of opium consumption, with a view to limiting the traffic in opium.

Madrid, March 29.—King Alfonso generated the flood area near Atanques yesterday on a policeman's horse, when his automobile stalled. Directed his staff to wait for him, he rode into the nearby villages, inundated in consequence of torrential rain, and promised help to the inhabitants.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY IS GREAT

Wind Lifts 30 Box Cars Off Railroad Track in Kansas.

5 STATES ARE SWEEPED

High School Wrecked Just as 400 Students Leave the Building.

(Canadian Press.) Kansas City, March 29.—Nine persons dead, between seventy-five and 100 injured, several probably fatally, and property damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars, is the toll of a tornado and windstorms that swept parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri and Illinois last night.

Eight persons were killed and more than 70 injured, in Spawka, Okla., where 200 homes in the best residential sections were destroyed.

400 Students Escape. Four hundred students in a high school there narrowly escaped death or serious injury when they were dispersed by the storm. A small boy escaped death, when at the first sign of the storm, he jumped into a spring or a little while before his home was wrecked.

The storm, traveling in a northeasterly direction, struck Prague and Noble, Okla., injuring five persons and causing heavy property damage. Only one death was reported in Kansas, a boy being killed by lightning at Goff, but property damage running into thousands of dollars was caused at Coffey, nearly every home was destroyed.

Four persons were injured at Vernon, Texas, where considerable property damage was done by a windstorm. Wire communication in some sections of Texas is said to be badly crippled. A person was injured and several buildings in the business section unroofed last night. Some property damage was also reported in St. Louis. Heavy rainfalls were reported in Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas.

A Santa Fe train was wrecked and about thirty box cars lifted from the tracks.

ULSTER BOUNDARY CAUSED THE REVOLT

Reported That McGrath Will Form an Independent Group in Irish Politics.

London, March 29.—Four members of the Government party will join Joseph McGrath, resigned Irish Free State minister, forming a new independent group, according to the Daily Telegraph's Dublin correspondent. They intend supporting the Free State Government generally, but on certain matters act independently. One of these matters is the question of the Ulster boundary. This was one of the causes of the Irish revolt and if it remains long unsettled, the correspondent says there is chance of trouble to break out again.

Before taking his decision to form the new party Mr. McGrath is quoted as saying he consulted "those officers to whom he considered himself bound in honor," or in other words the leaders of the army mutiny.

According to the Daily Mail writer in Dublin, legislation is likely to be introduced in the Dail soon altering the oath taken by the officers and men of the army so as to prevent them from belonging to any political or secret society while in the government service.

Halifax Will Have A Summer Carnival

Halifax, N. S., March 29.—Halifax will fittingly commemorate the 175th anniversary of its founding by a grand summer carnival, August 5 to 15, according to plans made last night. An enthusiastic gathering of citizens. During the carnival dates the British battle cruisers, Hood and Repulse, will be in port.

The carnival events planned for, include a Nova Scotia to Halifax yacht race, Nova Scotia tennis tournament, army and navy tattoo, horse racing, regatta, naval parades and the unveiling of the cross of sacrifice in Point Pleasant Park.

Says It's Tribute To Hon. Mr. Lemieux

Montreal, March 29.—The Gazette says editorially today: "The proposal of the House of Commons should be made permanent is a tribute to Hon. Mr. Lemieux, of whom it can be said that no 'worthier' occupant has ever held the position. He is persona grata with all parties. His experience in public life gives him exceptional authority for the office. His erudition, his broad-mindedness, his sense of justice, and the respect which comes from long service well formed mark him out as the 'missing person' to make the precedent of a continuous speaker."

WILL BE HERE ON WAY FROM ORIENT

Seventy-Five Passengers En Route to Europe—Will Sail on April 11 and 12.

Montreal, Que., March 29.—Seventy-five passengers on the "Empress of Asia," due to arrive at Vancouver on Monday next, hold through tickets to Europe. The ship usually stimulates east-bound travel from the Orient, but officials at Canadian Pacific headquarters say that the heavy movement of passengers is due to the fact that the ship is to be used for the regular trans-Canada tourists who necessitate the putting into service of considerable extra equipment on the Quebec to St. John's route.

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Power on Increase. The shakeup was entirely due to internal exigencies and its effect upon foreign affairs is problematical. While the members of the cabinet were in the thick of the struggle, Poincare is more firmly in personal power than he was before and his personal attitude is well known. Whitehall looks for little or no change in the French attitude, but is optimistic of a settlement of some kind soon.

Particularly in view of the fact that the committee of international reparations experts has reached an agreement as to Germany's capacity to pay and has worked out a scheme for reparations in which the representatives of France and Britain and the United States are unanimously agreed.

May Rescind The Passport Order

(British United Press.)

London, March 29.—Strong representation is being made to the foreign office against the system which makes it necessary for Canadians at present to obtain passports before entering Great Britain. Passports are unnecessary for British people entering Canada, and continuance of the British formality against Canadians is considered unjust. The recent increase in the price for passports from \$2 to \$5 each adds force to the movement and it is expected that the present regulation will be rescinded immediately.

Virginia Miners Get New Contract

Baltimore, March 29.—Agreement upon a new contract for the Northern West Virginia bituminous field to go into effect April 1, and run for three years was reached late yesterday by representatives of the Northwestern Virginia Coal Operators Association and the United Mine Workers of America in conference here. Between 25,000 and 28,000 miners are affected. Day wages are \$7.25 a day. Tonnage rates vary from 62.7 cents for machine loading and 87.6 for hand work.

New Weapon Will Cut, Stab or Shoot

Montreal, March 29.—A new sort of weapon, known as the "Lynch revolver," used for cutting, stabbing or shooting, was found in the possession of a man who gave his name as Jack Kitchener of Lachine, held on drunkenness charge here last night. On one side of the weapon is a cartridge chamber and on the other side along the barrel is a knife. A catch at the butt of the revolver releases the knife which is made to slide forward until the point projects beyond the end of the barrel.

POINCARÉ IS BOOSTED IN FRANCE

Premier is Declared to be Master Politician of Europe.

NEW MOVE BEST

Resignation and Come-Back Strengthens the Head of Government.

By H. N. MOORE (British United Press.) London, March 29.—Raymond Poincare is the master politician of Europe. Time and again in the past few years he has by sudden and unexpected coups outmanoeuvred his enemies at home and abroad. Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Baldwin in turn failed to influence his policy or weakened his position. MacDonald is trying a new tactic with results still doubtful.

But of all Poincare's coups, the recent reorganization of his ministry is perhaps the cleverest.

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THORNTON DENIES HE WILL RESIGN

Head of Canadian National Railway Says He Will Not Return to England.

New York, March 29.—"Nothing in it at all," said Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, this morning in denying a report that he is to return to England to take over the management of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway. Sir Henry arrived in New York from Montreal this morning. Questioned by the Canadian Press he declared that the report which was cabled from London last night, was news to him. "I have not read anything about it," he said, "and I have no intention of returning to London. You may say there is nothing at all in it."

Emanuel Visits Scene of Disaster

Amalfi, Italy, March 29.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived here yesterday and left on a fishing smack to visit the scenes of desolation along the coast by the recent landslides. Later he boarded a destroyer for the return trip to Naples, where he will leave for Rome. Premier Mussolini has ordered 250,000 lire placed at the disposal of the prefect of Salerno, for the relief of the sufferers.

"Broadway's Angel" on Honeymoon



J. Harold Sommers, war vet of St. Petersburg, Fla., and his bride, who was Rheta Crawford, Salvation Army captain, known as the "Angel of Broadway." They were photographed among the palms at Ormond Beach, Fla.

Two Killed at Drinking Party; Police Lieutenant Held; Denies Boy's Tale

Buffalo, March 29.—A drinking party last night in a house in Perry street, ended in the death of a man and a woman and the wounding of a city police officer, who is in the Emergency Hospital with a charge of first degree murder against him. The dead—Mrs. Mary Schultz, her caller, Andrew Szygel, 35 years old. The policeman accused of the shooting is Desk Lieut. John A. Hayes, of No. 9 Police Station.

The two men got into a fight, the boy says, and Hayes drew a revolver and began to shoot. Hayes was shot in the hand when a stranger rushed into the house and took the revolver from him, according to the boy's story.

In the hospital after Hayes' wounds had been dressed, he made this statement to Police Inspector Hyland: "I was passing by in Perry street, when I heard loud talking and a fight. I entered the house and before I got my bearings, I was hit on the head by a bottle. I pulled my billy and tried to stop the fight, when another bottle or glass struck my head.

"Then I pulled my revolver and fired three shots. I had no part in the party and had not been drinking with these people."

Dr. E. Bowerman, the police surgeon and physicians at Emergency Hospital said that Hayes was not drunk and Dr. Bowerman said he could smell no liquor on the lieutenant's breath.

LEAVES POST IN BANK OF ENGLAND

E. R. Peacock, Canadian, Becomes a Director With Baring Bros. & Co.

London, March 29.—E. R. Peacock, formerly of Toronto, a governor of the Bank of England, has retired from the Bank of England directorship. He recently became a director of Baring Bros. & Co., Ltd., bankers, London, of which Lord Revelstoke also is a director.

It is the custom that no more than one director of business outside that of the Bank of England shall also be a director of Baring Bros. & Co. and as Lord Revelstoke is a director of both the Bank of England and Baring Bros. & Co., it was necessary for Mr. Peacock in joining the latter financial institution as a director, to resign his directorship in the former.

Mr. Peacock was born in Glasgow, Ont., in 1871, a son of the late Rev. W. M. Peacock. He was educated at Queens University, Kingston. He was English master and senior house master of Upper Canada College, Toronto, from 1895 to 1902.

Sealing Vessel Gets 5,500 Skins

St. John's, Nfld., March 29.—The encouraging news received that the Terra Nova has struck a patch of seals gives a more cheerful aspect to the sealing voyage. A later message is that the crew were in the thick of the seal hunt and before darkness set in 3,500 prime young white coats had been killed and packed. A message to the Minister of Shipping, Hon. W. H. Cavoy, stated that four Greenpond men who went adrift in the ice a couple of days ago while out sealing are now safe.

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MONTCALM HAS RECORD FOR SEASON

Only 42 of Her 1,584 Passengers Destined to Places Outside Canada.

METAGAMA TONIGHT

1,293 More Ocean Travelers Will be Sent to Destinations Tomorrow.

The arrival of the Canadian Pacific steamship Montcalm from Liverpool this morning with 1,584 passengers, a record for this season, caused considerable activity at Sand Point. The large ocean liner docked shortly after 10 o'clock and the gangplank was raised at 10.30. After the immigration officials had cleared the ship the passengers disembarked and preparations were then made to send them forward to their destinations in five special trains, the first of which was scheduled to leave at 2.30 o'clock and the last at 8.30.

The Metagama, which is due in port tonight with 115 cabin and 1,178 third class passengers, will bring the total arrivals to the port during the day to nearly 3,000 passengers.

Mostly For Canada. The 321 cabin passengers comprised 293 adults, 25 children and three infants. Included among the former passengers 1,153 adults, 89 children and 17 infants, destined for the former continent, and among the latter 99 British and Scandinavian and 304 continental. Of this large list only 42 passengers were destined for United States ports. The steamer also brought 16 bags of letters, 1,837 bags of magazines and 836 packages of parcel post.

Land Parties Aboard. There were three special land parties on board, one consisting of 120 British and 150 Danish, who are booked to go to Western Canada; a second consisting of 60 Welshmen, and a third comprising 36 Scotchmen. There were also a number of unaccompanied children as follows: Fred Hatter, aged 16, destined for Blenheim, Ont.; S. J. Hiseley, 16, destined to Toronto; A. Weston, 16, destined for Niagara Falls; I. G. Nelson, 16, destined for Egerton, Alta.; and S. Stafford, 16, destined for Regina.

Among the cabin passengers were: Captain C. W. Whitaker of Vancouver, H. L. DeVon of Toronto, D. C. Alexander of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacMarch of Toronto, Col. F. A. Riam of Montreal, A. S. Pierce and family of Montreal, Sir J. Pitka and family, Captain J. E. Inch, a C. P. E. pilot, and C. J. Nahas.

Mr. MacMurphy, K. C. is a member of a law firm in Toronto. He is returning home after a visit to England. Captain J. E. Inch is en route to Shanghai where he is in the employ of the C. P. R.

E. J. Cocksedge, manager of the Toronto and Canada Building Company, is returning to Toronto on a furlough after five years missionary service in India. The former is a professor in a theological school which is conducted by the Union Baptists. There are at present 100 scholars there. Mr. MacLaurin has been on missionary work in India for a total of 14 years. He explained that they have a constituency of 280,000 Christians and they are kept busy caring for the spiritual needs.

Also on board were Dr. D'Praser and Dr. D. F. Joshe, the former an Anglo-Indian and the latter an Indian, who are associated with the Canadian Baptist Missionary Society. In addition to a private practice Dr. D'Praser has been working in the missionary field for the Baptist Missionary Society. He said that his last visit to Canada, was in 1899. She is now engaged in promoting interest in the Anglo-India community and has been organizing the Home Missionary Society. She announced that a children's home would (Continued on page 3, fifth column.)

Marloch Will Bring More Hebrideans

Glasgow, March 29.—(British United Press).—The C. P. R. steamer Marloch left Glasgow yesterday for the Hebrides to take on another party of immigrants for Canada. Reports sent home by the Hebrideans who settled near Red Deer, Alberta, last year have been encouraging and this party are destined to settle in the same vicinity.

Montreal to Take Much Coal From Overseas

Montreal, March 29.—Importations of Welsh and Scotch coal here this year will be more than double those of last year, it is learned from local imports. According to present indications, the total amount imported will be nearly half a million tons, of which about 300,000 will be Welsh anthracite and the balance Scotch.

Weather Report

Toronto, March 29.—A storm of unusual intensity is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward. The weather is now quite cold throughout the Dominion except in the Maritime Provinces.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.