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Lent, which began today, will last 40 days? Holy Saturday, the last day of Lent, will be on April 19.

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War Veterans Here Urge Civil Servants Act Be Amended

GRAND FALLS PROJECT PLAN FAVORED

FARM LOAN CLOSURE IS PROTESTED

Resolution is Adopted at a Meeting of St. John War Veterans.
MANY APPEALS
Membership Committee Reports on Plans for Old Members' Campaign.

The St. John G. W. V. A., at the monthly meeting last night adopted a resolution urging action through the Dominion Command toward having the Civil Service Act amended so that the overseas active service of civil servants should be taken into preferential consideration regarding promotions within the various services under the commission.

A resolution was adopted protesting against the reported closure of applications for farm loans under the Soldier Settlement Board, on the ground that this action had not been preceded by public notice of such intention.

A resolution was also adopted endorsing the efforts of the Dominion Command of the Association to have the present pension bonus continued and incorporated into the pension schedule.

Nine Applications.
President S. C. Tippett was in the chair.

Notification was given that March 31 had been set as the closing date for application for payment of gratuity at Canadian rates to imperial ex-service men resident in Canada on or before August 4, 1924.

Announcement was also made that no claims for disability pensions would be received after August 31, 1924.

ORDERS 50 ENGINES

C. N. R. to Add Powerful Equipment to Its Rolling
Montreal, March 5.—Orders have been placed with the Canadian Locomotive Co. of Kingston, Ont., for fifteen mountain type passenger engines and five Sata Fe type transfer freight engines and with the Montreal Locomotive Works for thirty Mikado freight engines, by the Canadian National Railways.

It is said that on completion of these orders the system will have an operation the largest passenger and the most powerful freight locomotive engines in Canada.

Says U.S. Has "Gas" For But 2 Months

Los Angeles, March 5.—There is less than sixty days supply of gasoline on hand in the U. S., according to Paul Shoup, vice-president of the Southern Pacific Railway, president of the Pacific and Associated Oil Company, at a luncheon of the Los Angeles Advertising Club yesterday.

Three great oil fields in California—Santa Fe Springs, Huntington Beach and Long Beach—have not returned the money invested in them, although it is estimated they have produced \$250,000,000 to date, Mr. Shoup asserted.

APPEALS FOR MORE SOBER ENGLAND

Lloyd George Says U. S. Got Most Out of the War—Prohibition.

Brighton, Eng., March 5.—"The country that got the most out of the war was the United States; it gained prohibition," said David Lloyd George, addressing the Free Church Council here yesterday. He appealed for a more sober England and declared that as a reaction from the idealism of the war the world had sunk into the slough of despond. His struggles had become purely material and a new temper and a new appeal were wanted.

KING, QUEEN ILL

Their Majesties Are Stricken With Influenza Epidemic Now Sweeping England.

London, March 5.—The King and Queen are both stricken with the influenza epidemic that is sweeping England and has reached the first of the royal family. The doctors in attendance are endeavoring to keep them from becoming seriously ill.

Premier Bruce Is Home Again

Perth, Western Australia, March 5.—(Canadian Press)—Via Reuter's—Premier S. M. Bruce of the Australian Commonwealth arrived here yesterday en route from England after seven months' absence. His chief mission to the Old Country was to attend the Imperial Conference in London.

Boy Weighs 19 Pounds at Birth

Newton, N. J., March 5.—Physicians last night reported the birth of a 19-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henon of Ogdensburg, near here. They reported it as one of the most unusual births in the section of the state for many years. Mother and child were reported as doing well.

Wire Briefs

Ottawa, March 5.—(Canadian Press)—The western freight rates issue will be thrown again into the parliamentary mill this session.

London, March 5.—A treaty of friendship between Germany and Turkey was signed yesterday, says an agency despatch from Constantinople.

Nagpur, British India, March 5.—The Swarajists, or Home Rulers, summarily rejected three Government bills in the Legislative Council yesterday.

Ottawa, March 5.—Rev. Dr. Clarence McKinnon of Halifax was the unanimous nomination of the Ottawa Presbytery for the next of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Stockholm, March 5.—An invention claimed to make it possible to send 400 words a minute by telegraph has just been perfected by a Swedish expert, Lieut. Thor Theobald. He is seeking patent rights.

RUSSIA TO SEEK CASH FROM ALLIES

Soviets to Strive at Anglo-Russian Conference for New Credits.
FUNDS ARE NEEDED
Claim Made That Money is Not for Use of the Red Army.

(By Canadian Press.)
London, March 5.—Soviet Russia will strive at the forthcoming Anglo-Russian conference to negotiate credits of £100,000,000, spread over three years, according to the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Express.

He attributes his information to a direct statement by Christian Rakovsky, Soviet charge d'affaires, accredited to London, who recently returned to Moscow to discuss the arrangements for the conference.

The credits, according to the despatch, must be divided in the proportion of 67 per cent. goods and 33 per cent. cash. Great Britain to advance £40,000,000 the first year, £20,000,000 the second, and £40,000,000 the third. Russia would be prepared to begin paying interest on the loan within two years.

Financial Credits
"We emphasize that financial credits are absolutely necessary if the orders we are ready to place in England during the coming conference, the correspondence, the need, textile machinery, ships, mining material, forestry machinery, motor cars, chemicals, metals and aviation materials, all of which she would obtain in England if she should succeed in effecting her programme at the coming conference. The correspondence further quotes Rakovsky as saying: "The whole question of debts must be decided by our proposals for credits. We must have money before we begin to pay."

WILL NOT GIVE UP BOXING IN CHURCH

Minister Disregards Protest From Many Cities in U. S.

Denver, Colo., March 5.—Despite a hundred or more protests from a score of cities from New York to San Francisco, Rev. B. B. Kesler, pastor of the Merrit Memorial Methodist church here, declares he will continue boxing bouts after his semi-monthly prayer meetings. The next such programme is set for tonight.

THEY WANT GRANT

P. E. I. Farmers and Dairymen Discuss Phases of Their Troubles.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 5.—The Central Farmers' Institute yesterday passed a resolution urging the continuance of the federal agricultural grant and the Dairy Association passed resolutions protesting against the decision of the railway authorities to carry cream by express instead of by freight and also against proposed legislation to facilitate the sale of oleomargarine in Canada.

Kaiser's Nephew Is Visiting U. S.

New York, March 5.—Prince Wolfgang Von Hessen, nephew of the former German Emperor, arrived here yesterday on the America. He said there was no romance connected with his trip and that he planned to visit friends.

Rich Now, Leave to Seek Buried Gold

New York, March 5.—Archer R. Huntington, wealthy patron of arts and letters, and his wife, former Anna Vaughan Hyatt, a sculptress, have gone to the Barbados and other islands in the West Indies to search for a treasure which they believe is buried in the South Sea Islands. Some say they have gone to Cook Island, where Captain W. L. Morgan was believed to have buried treasure in 1820.

MAY HAVE DRIVER OF BANDIT CAR

Detective Agency Gets Word About Winnipeg Man Held in Seattle.

Seattle, March 5.—C. G. Brock of Winnipeg held here on a forgery charge may have been the driver of a bandit car involved in the \$32,000 bank robbery in Vancouver ten days ago, according to information received by J. L. Flannery, local manager of the Wm. J. Burns Detective Agency.

TORONTO GLOBE IS EIGHTY TODAY

Newspaper Receives Congratulations, Including Cables From London.

Toronto, March 5.—With today's issue the Toronto Globe attains the eightieth anniversary of its founding by Hon. George Brown in 1844, and is publishing a bulky supplement reviewing the history of the newspaper and the public events of the Dominion as they have been recorded in its columns during the eighty years of the Globe's existence.

A remarkable feature of this supplement is the appearance of advertisements from a great many Canadian business concerns that have been continuously in operation during the period of time covered by the lifetime of the Globe. The paper also publishes birthday greetings which have been received from prominent men in the Dominion, in the U. S. and in Great Britain.

WOULD NOT LET HIS SON TESTIFY

Major Arnold Dissatisfied With Inquiry in Royal Military College Inquiry.

Kingston, Ont., March 5.—A court of inquiry appointed by militia headquarters to enquire into the case which led Cadet Arnold to be expelled from the Royal Military College has completed its investigation. The report is being submitted to the military authorities at Ottawa. Cadet Arnold did not appear before the court, his father, Major Arnold of Regina, refusing to allow his son to testify because the inquiry was secret and because he considered its scope was not broad enough.

McLACHLAN IS FREED FROM PRISON

Leaves Dorchester Penitentiary; Must Report Once a Month.

Dorchester, N. B., March 5.—James B. McLachlan, who was sentenced to serve two years in prison at Dorchester for seditious libel, was released this morning. He will leave here on the Maritime express for Truro whence he will proceed to his home at Glace Bay, N. S.

McLachlan is released on ticket of leave, being required to report every month to a sheriff or police officer. McLachlan had been an ideal prisoner and had done his work well at the institution.

McLachlan entered the prison a few weeks ago. His sentence, however, began October 31 last, the time he spent in jail being included.

ARGUE OVER STATEMENT OF GODWIN

Lawyers in Murder Case Occupy Morning in Disputing Point.
TRIAL WITHIN TRIAL
Jurors are Excluded While Counsel Discuss the Question.

The case of Stewart Godwin, 16-year-old youth, charged with the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside at her home in East St. John between December 17 and Christmas Day, 1923, has developed into a trial within a trial. With the jury excluded from the court room, the opposing lawyers spent the whole morning examining witnesses in connection with the alleged confession of the accused, and arguing as to whether evidence in that connection should be admitted.

The prisoner again sat quietly in the dock, but during the argument he paid little attention to what was going on, presumably on account of the fact that the matters being discussed were highly technical and evidently beyond his grasp. For the most part he sat with his head bowed and drummed his fingers abstractedly on the railing of the dock. That he was bored by the proceedings was evidenced by the fact that he yawned repeatedly.

Detestives Testify.
Evidence in connection with the detention of Godwin, his answers to questions put to him in the police station, and a midnight visit with him to the scene of the murder on the night of December 26, was related by Sergeant Detective Power, Detective Saunders and Kilpatrick and Police Master Ross. All denied that anything was told not to be stated. He replied that he feared his father would beat him and Mr. Saunders assured the lad that he would see his father.

Mr. Powell objected on the grounds that the statements made by him were not voluntary, that he was not warned beforehand, and that they were given as a consequence of fear of results or hope of benefit. He quoted authorities to support his objection.

Mr. Ryan in reply argued that the fact that the examination was one of questions involuntary under the law. He submitted that, in any event, the evidence should be received and the question of its weight should be left to the jury. He also quoted several authorities to support his contention.

Mr. Ryan urged that there was nothing to show that the statements made by Godwin were made on account of any threat or promise. He pleaded for the admission of the statements as it was on them that the crown would be to a great extent based its case.

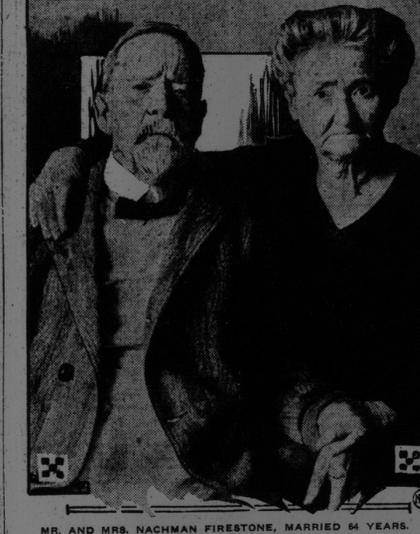
COMMONS TO HEAR OF PRISON REFORM

Ottawa, March 5.—(Canadian Press.)—Under the present penitentiary act, declares Dr. Deslauriers of St. Mary's, Montreal, in a motion he intends to bring before the House of Commons, "the most elementary principles of morality, hygiene and humanity are violated." He will urge classification of convicts and the enactment of regulations to eliminate abuses.

Saskatchewan Cuts Expenses

Regina, Sask., March 5.—A reduction of approximately \$2,441,000 has been effected by the Saskatchewan Government in expenditures, capital and revenue combined, during the last two fiscal years, according to an announcement by Premier Dunning in the supplementary estimates in the Legislature.

Couple Married 64 Years Have Never Had a Quarrel



MR. AND MRS. NACHMAN FIRESTONE, MARRIED 64 YEARS.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Married for 64 years without ever having a quarrel! That's the record of Mr. and Mrs. Nachman Firestone, who live here. "It may sound like fiction," said the 83-year-old man. "But it sure is a fact."

And his 77-year-old wife seconded him. "I was only 13 when she was married in Rumania," said the record of Mr. and Mrs. Nachman Firestone, who live here. "It may sound like fiction," said the 83-year-old man. "But it sure is a fact."

Severe Earthquake Shock is Felt For 50 Miles Along St. Lawrence River

Malbaie, Que., March 5.—Extending over an area of about fifty miles between the Laurentide Chains and the St. Lawrence River, a severe earthquake shock was felt here at 2.15 yesterday in Les Eboulements and at Tadoussac, east of Saguenay.

There was no damage reported but the tremor lasted for one minute and a half with more or less density. The region has been accustomed to frequent seismic shocks, but according to old residents they have been more numerous in recent months especially since the Japanese catastrophe. Yesterday's was an unusual one in regard to violence and length of time.

FRENCH WILL BUILD Two New Steamers on Atlantic to Compete for Havre-New York Business.

Paris, March 5.—A bill authorizing the French line to issue additional shares amounting to from four to twelve million francs to cover construction of two new liners for the Havre-New York service, was approved by the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. The ships are to replace the La Savoie and La Lorraine, which, according to the report of Deputy Vasta, in behalf of the merchant marine commission, must give way to faster boats in order to compete with foreign lines for French passenger traffic and mail service.

Weather Report

Toronto, March 5.—The depression which was just west of the Great Lakes yesterday has moved to the Ottawa Valley and another which may prove important is moving eastward over Dakota. Rain has fallen over a large portion of Ontario and western Quebec. The weather has been colder in the west.

Mild and Showery.
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair today; Thursday, southerly winds, milder and showery.
Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds with local snowfalls tonight and tomorrow.
New England—Fair tonight and Thursday, colder, fresh south shifting to west winds.
Toronto, March 6.—Temperatures:
Highest during
Lowest
Yesterday night
Victoria . . . 40 50 40
Kamloops . . . 42 48 40
Calgary . . . 30 . . . 26
Edmonton . . . 6 36 6
Winnipeg . . . 14 28 14
Montreal . . . 36 40 36
St. John . . . 24 38 20
Halifax . . . 30 38 22
New York . . . 38 48 42

SPEECH FROM THRONE WILL BE HOPEFUL

Govt. Policy on Immigration to be Announced During the Session.
OUTLOOK IMPROVES
Lumber Industry in the Province Facing Brighter Future.

(By Canadian Press.)
Fredericton, March 5.—It is understood that the speech from the throne at the opening of the session of the New Brunswick Legislature tomorrow will state that the expert's report regarding the feasibility of the development of the Grand Falls on the St. John river for hydro electric purposes are favorable to proceeding with the project, but that it is probably as far as the official document to be read by the Lieutenant-Governor tomorrow will go.

The policy of an administration will probably be detailed during debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne or in the budget. In addition to the Grand Falls project, reference to investigation as to the possibilities of hydro development on the Petitcodiac river will probably be made in the speech from the throne.

To Develop Minerals.
It is expected that the Government's policy in respect to immigration will be more or less definitely set forth in the speech from the throne and that in that connection the forthcoming Empire Exhibition in England will be touched upon. More encouragement for development of the mineral resources of the province will probably be forecasted and the success of the administration in having the wharves on the rivers taken over by the Federal Government will naturally be referred to. The highways programme for the year will probably be forecasted.

Improved trade in the province will be one of the matters referred to, no doubt, in the chronicle of events of the past year, also the visit to the province of the Governor-General and the loyal reception given His Excellency and Lady Byng by the people of the province. The speech may be expected to refer to the unfavorable climatic conditions for agriculture and the consequently lessened crops, but will say that better prices were obtained for the products of the farms. Greater encouragement to dairying may be forecasted and no doubt the opening of the province's agricultural school and the success already obtained in that connection will form the subject for a paragraph.

Outlook is Brighter.
Regarding the lumber industry the speech from the throne may be expected to say that there is a brighter outlook for the industry, but there may also be regret expressed as to the losses by forest fires during the year; in this connection it is expected that the record cut of lumber during the present winter will be referred to and it will be explained that this is due to the co-operation of the lumbermen in salvaging the fire affected lumber.

It is safe to predict that the speech will refer to the good record of the province in floating its bonds during the year, progress in education is generally a subject for the speech and it is expected that the speech will refer to the work of the department of public health and some new features of health work which have been and are to be taken up in New Brunswick.

Reference to the heavy damage from floods sustained by the province to the roads and bridges as well as the hydro development at Musquash may also be expected.

Boy Escapes Electric Chair

Albany, N. Y., Mar 5.—Lester Gerstberg, 17, youngest inmate of the death house in Sing Sing prison, convicted in November, 1923, of the murder of his stepfather, Marco Guerseri, near Baltimore, Green County, was saved from the electric chair yesterday by Governor Smith, who commuted the lad's sentence to life imprisonment.