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## ST. JOHN FIRST CITY TO RECEIVE PRINCE OF WALES; BLOCKADE AGAINST GERMANY LIFTED TODAY; MARITIME EXPRESS DERAILED, KILLING TWO

### Maritime Express Wrecked

The Eastbound Passenger Train Jumps the Rails at La Durantaye, the Locomotive and Seven Cars Piling Up.

### TWO KILLED AND ONE INJURED

Fire Broke Out Amongst the Wreckage and the Bodies of the Driver and Fireman Were Burned in the Blaze.

Quebec, Que., July 11.—By the derailment of the east-bound Maritime Express on the C. N. R. line, today, at 3.35 p. m., west of La Durantaye, County of Bellechasse, two men were killed and one was lightly injured.

The victims are: Killed—Driver J. H. Pelletier, and Fireman J. A. Leclerc, both of Riviere du Loup.

Injured—Mail Conductor Oscar Belanger, Bourlambaque street, Quebec. The train, which left Montreal at 9.25 a. m., passed through Levis at 2.45 p. m. bound for Halifax, left the rails a quarter of a mile west of La Durantaye. The locomotive and tender were the first to derail and tumbled into the ditch, while the seven cars which followed were also derailed and piled up on the locomotive.

Fire Breaks Out. Fire broke out amongst the wreckage, and the bodies of the driver and fireman were burned in the blaze. The cars which derailed, apart from the locomotive, were the baggage, express and the mail cars, dead head diner and one first-class car.

### SOLD TOO MUCH LEMON EXTRACT

Campbellton Grocer the First to be Convicted for Dispensing the Popular Thirst Quencher.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, July 11.—Prohibition Inspector Amos Belliveau, who is doing special duty outside the County of Westmorland, returned today from Campbellton where he had eight cases of alleged violation of the Prohibition Act before Sidpondary Magistrate Matheson.

### FAILED TO SETTLE STRIKE OF THE MARINE WORKERS IN U. S.

Engineers, Oilers and Firemen on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts Quit Their Work on Thursday.

Washington, July 11.—Representatives of the International Seamen's Union and Vice-Chairman Stevens and other officials of the Shipping Board failed to reach an agreement today toward ending the strike of marine engineers, oilers and firemen which began yesterday on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

### THE SITUATION AT SYDNEY IS NOT CLEARING

The Miners Are to Authorize a General Strike of Protest Against Acts of the Dom. Gov't Which They Claim Are Detrimental to Them.

### BLAME GOV'T FOR DEPRESSION

Argue They Should Not Have Permitted the C. N. R. to Purchase Its Coal in Virginia When Their Miners Were Idle.

Sydney, N. S., July 11.—A convention will probably be called, shortly, to authorize a general strike of protest against the action of the Dominion Government in permitting the Canadian National Railways to buy coal in West Virginia, while a large percentage of the miners of Nova Scotia are walking the streets idle. This decision was reached at a mass meeting of unemployed at Sydney Mines yesterday. Another matter, in which the Federal Government is held responsible for the present depression in the coal fields, is its failure to secure the return of the collier vessels necessary to the continuation of the St. Lawrence coal trade. Speaking of the statements made that much of the difficulty connected with the miners' problem is Nova Scotia was due to the fact that men were presently working but half time, D. A. Cameron, M. P., stated that certain factors are responsible for the working hour shortage which, at present, prevails in Cape Breton colliers.

Other Factors. First, the commandeering of ships by the Imperial Government, which were formerly engaged in the St. Lawrence trade. Even if the ships are obtained for the St. Lawrence trade, but maintained, freight rates would be prohibitive, unless the pre-war charter was held to. Second, the increase of freight rates, which has been made by the Canadian National Railway. The third factor, Mr. Cameron said, is that the cost of coal at the pit mouth in Nova Scotia, exceeds the cost of American coal delivered as far east as Montreal and probably Campbellton, N. B.

### COLONEL PECK CHAMPIONS GEN'L CURRIE

Canadian Soldiers Also Praised in Speech Before Montreal Canadian Club.

Montreal, July 11.—Colonel Cyrus W. Peck, V. C., M. P., addressing the Montreal Canadian Club tonight declared that General Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian corps in France and Belgium, was one of the greatest generals of the war and the statement made in some quarters that Currie did not exercise proper care for the safety of his soldiers' lives, was all rot. Col. Peck stated most emphatically that General Currie was most zealous of the lives of the men he commanded.

### TWENTY-FOUR HOURS GENERAL STRIKE IN PARIS JULY 21ST

National Council of Miners' Federation Orders it as a Warning to the Authorities

Paris, July 11.—The national council of the Miners' Federation issued a manifesto today asking all groups affiliated with the organization to observe the proposed twenty-four hour general strike on July 21. The observance of the strike was advocated as a warning to the authorities, who, it was said, are doing nothing to prevent the cost of living from increasing and nothing to prevent food speculation.

### Hungary A Base For All Bolshevik Propaganda

London, July 11.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, quoting advice from Budapest, says that the mission to Moscow, sent by Bela Kun, the Hungarian communist leader, has returned after a long conference with Nikolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky, respectively Bolshevik Premier and Minister of War. Bela Kun has received a letter from Lenin saying that Hungary is to be the base for Bolshevik propaganda against the western European powers. The delegation returning from Moscow is said to have obtained several million counterfeit English and French bank notes to be used in furthering the propaganda.

### Strikers Decide To Return To Their Work At Montreal

The Canadian Vickers Shipbuilding Company Have Come to An Agreement With Their Employees.

Montreal, July 11.—The strike at the shipbuilding plant of the Canadian Vickers, Limited, which has caused 2,500 employees to be idle for five weeks, has been called off, today, as far as the trades and laborers of the Maritime Federation are concerned. The 1,700 or 1,800 men still concerned will resume work on Monday morning, the schedule of wages and working conditions agreed on gives the basic trade seventy-five cents an hour, an increase of seven cents over the previous rates. Laborers are to get forty-five cents an hour, an increase of ten cents over the old rates. Forty-seven hours weekly are to be worked, 1-1/2 hours for five days of the week and 4-1/2 on Saturday. Before the strike fifty hours per week were worked. The new schedule is to be retroactive to a part of the first, so concession asked by the workers in this connection has been granted.

### MONTREAL MAN PUNCHES LAWYER IN COURT ROOM

Buffalo, N. Y., July 11.—Bert for Charles Drucker and William Jarvis of New York, charged with grand larceny in the theft of \$125,000 from Michael J. Connelly of Montreal in a wire tapping game, was increased to \$50,000 in the county court here today. The two men were released yesterday in bond of \$15,000 each, but were arrested on supplementary evidence at the jail door.

### MAY ABANDON PROJECT TO BRING FORMER GERMAN EMPEROR UP FOR TRIAL

London, July 11.—Predictions that the project to bring the former German emperor to trial in England will be abandoned, are growing in view of the almost unanimous opposition of the newspapers of all parties. Virtually all the leading papers, with the exception of the Northcliffe press are denouncing the plan. The Northcliffe papers have taken no stand in the matter, but print many letters from prominent persons opposing the trial. The influential weekly reviews all oppose or deride the project of bringing the former emperor from Holland.

### Sir Thomas' Decision Is Final

Hon. Arthur Meighen is Practically Certain to Succeed to the Portfolio so Ably Handled by the Retiring Minister of Finance.

### FOUR OTHERS TO STEP DOWN AND OUT

Sir Robert Borden Determined to Have a Representative from Quebec Which Presents Some Difficulties.

Ottawa, July 11.—Sir Thomas White's resignation is definite and final, and will be accepted by the prime minister before he leaves Ottawa on Monday for a ten days' holiday. Hon. Arthur Meighen is practically certain to succeed to the portfolio. The prime minister's plans for reorganizing his cabinet are well advanced. The most difficult task, with which he is confronted is to secure representation from Quebec, something he is determined upon doing.

When reorganization is finally consummated it is practically certain that Hon. Dr. Reid, Hon. March Burrell, Sir George Foster and Hon. C. J. Doherty will no longer be in the cabinet. Mr. Calder is likely to succeed Mr. Meighen as minister of the interior, Mr. Rowell taking over immigration, with which will be united the Department of Health. Hon. A. K. Macdonald is likely to be offered the post of trade and commerce in succession to Sir George Foster. Mr. Nickle of Kingston, is spoken of to succeed Dr. Reid in the Department of Railways, and Mr. Tolmie of British Columbia is slated to take the post vacated by Mr. Crear. The position of Hon. F. B. Carvell remains somewhat blurred.

### Council Decides To Lift Blockade Against Germany

Being Convinced the Ratification of the Treaty is in Legal Form, They Decide to Remove the Barrier.

Paris, July 11. (By The A. P.)—The Council of Five has decided to raise the blockade against Germany tomorrow. The council, after receiving the report of the legal experts declaring the ratification of the treaty by Germany to be in due form, decided to raise the blockade tomorrow. So far as the action of the council is concerned the measure will be effective by the publication in the Journal Officiel of a decree annulling the preceding decree regarding the blockade.

### Paris Shoppers Hustle Around For Sandwiches

Paris, July 11.—Lunch was a difficult meal today for most of Paris, because of the many places closed by a strike of waiters, cooks and other employees in the restaurants, cafes and small hotels. Only the smallest places, where the proprietor and his family furnished all the labor in the establishment, were able to operate normally. Delicatessen stores and shops selling cold meals and other foods, did a big business. Many cafes were open for business today, but were forced to close later when their employees left.

### St. John Company Gets Contract For Work In Halifax

The City Votes An 800,000 Expenditure for Street Paving and the Local Company Receives a Large Award.

Halifax, N. S., July 11.—One of the contracts given by the City Council, on connection with its \$800,000 expenditure, goes to a St. John company. Contracts for street paving, representing an outlay of \$800,000, the largest on record for this city, were awarded to two firms at a meeting of the City Council. The Council debated the report of the engineer on the tenders all night, and the decision was reached this morning at 1.30. It was the longest session the Council ever held. The engineer reported that the consideration as ever given to anything of the Canadian Bituminous Paving Corporation, of Toronto, and the Barrett Company, Ltd., of St. John, were the lowest. The price of \$1.60 per lineal foot was bid for concrete curb and gutter in all cases, except one, the N. S. Construction Co., which was 15 cents higher. The St. John company was awarded a contract for work on Kempt road, part of Cunard street and North street.

Alderman Murphy opposed the contracts. He said that in forcing through a contract the Council was disposing of the most important matter which had come before the city for some years with a little knowledge and consideration as ever given to anything of its kind. Inasmuch as it involved an expenditure of nearly a million dollars, he did not feel justified in voting for it. He could not see where any company could carry through the work within the time stated. His opinion was that money could be saved by a modification of the city's specifications of the work.

### DIRIGIBLE REPORTS DISABLED ENGINE

Despite the Handicap the "Blimp" is Making Good Progress.

London, July 11.—The Air Ministry has received the following report from Ponta Delgada, Azores: "The B-54 at 8.10 p. m. Greenwich time (4.10 p. m. New York time) is four thousand feet above the clouds, and despite a disabled engine is going strong. We are just about to descend to look at the sea. All well."

### TO RUSH WORK ON THE SYDNEY STEEL PLANT

The New Contract Entered Into Between the Government and Dominion Steel Company Guarantees Completing the Work Suspended in Spring.

### 250,000 TONS OF SHIP PLATE ORDERED

The Mill Will be Rushed With All Possible Speed and is Expected to be Rolling Plate by the First of January.

Montreal, Que., July 11.—Following the announcement by Hon. C. C. Balfour, Minister of Marine, today, to the effect that a new contract had been entered into between the Dominion Government and the Dominion Steel Corporation for the delivery, within a five-year period, of 250,000 tons of ship plate, at the price of \$3.95 per hundred pounds, Mark Workman, president of the Steel Company, stated that work on the big mill at Sydney would be resumed immediately. "Pending the outcome of the recent negotiations," said Mr. Workman, "the government requested us last week to discontinue building operations, which was instantly done. Now that the matter is settled definitely, we will rush the plate mill to completion, and I expect that we shall be rolling by the first of January next. The price of \$3.95 per hundred pounds, agreed upon between the government and the corporation is quite satisfactory to us, and, I believe, to the government.

### Terms Satisfactory.

To the observation that a reduction of fifty cents per hundred pounds seemed a substantial one, Mr. Workman stated: "That is quite true, but we are facing changed conditions to those existing when the original contract was made. We desire to extend every assistance in our power to the successful and highly necessary work of carrying out of the shipbuilding policy of the government."

Other directors of the corporation expressed themselves as well satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations, which had been, as Hon. Br. Balfour stated today, carried out in the most amicable way. At the new price of \$3.95, the contract involves an outlay on the part of the Dominion Government of over \$20,000,000, or some \$4,000,000 annually, and represents a saving to the national treasury of approximately \$2,800,000. The new mill, which is to be constructed with the view of taking care of domestic requirements for steel plates, in addition to that of the government, will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000, it is stated.

### NAT'L LIBERAL COM. CALLED TO MEET AT OTTAWA JULY 31

Will Arrange the Agenda of the Convention Which Takes Place There August 5-7.

Ottawa, July 11.—The National Liberal Committee is called to meet in Ottawa, on July 31, to arrange the agenda of the convention, which takes place here on August 5, 6 and 7. The committee is composed of Liberal Premiers and leaders of the opposition in the various provinces, members of parliament and Senators. On the evening of the fourth of August, a meeting of Liberal Senators and members will take place.

### HELD FOR EXAMINATION.

Charles Morrison, a colored man, who interrupted the meeting of the Common Council a few days ago, claiming to have found a cheque, and who has been wandering around the streets at night lately, was gathered in by the police last night on Union street and is being held for examination.

### The Prince In St. John August 15

The Loyalist City the Only Place in New Brunswick He Will Visit, and the First to Receive Him on His Visit to Canada.

### TO ARRIVE HERE BY WARSHIP

The Tentative Programme Arranged is an Extensive One and Will Keep His Royal Highness Busy.

Friday, August 15, will undoubtedly be one that will never be forgotten in St. John, and the old Loyalist city will be thronged with thousands of visitors from all over the province, for it will be the date on which His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, will arrive here and be the guest of the Provincial Government and the City of St. John.

All roads will lead to St. John on that day, for this will be the only chance for New Brunswickers to see the Prince, as it is learned that His Highness will only spend one day in the province of New Brunswick, and that day will be in St. John.

### Programme.

The programme for the day that the Prince will be in this city is rather extensive.

St. John will be the first port that the Prince will arrive at, coming here on a warship. Rear Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, K. C. M. G., will be chief of staff to His Royal Highness during his visit. As far as can be learned the Prince on his arrival will be met by the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada; Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada; Lieutenant-Governor William Pugsley, of New Brunswick; Premier W. E. Foster, of New Brunswick; members of the Government, and Mayor Hayes and Commissioners. His Royal Highness will be escorted to the Armouries and along the route of procession it is intended that New Brunswick Returned soldiers will form lines on either side of the streets. The returned soldiers will then parade to the Barrack Square and will be reviewed by the distinguished visitor.

After the review the Prince will be the guest of the Provincial Government at a banquet to be held in the Union Club. In the afternoon a reception will be held in the Hotheasy, given by Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley. The Prince and staff will leave in the evening for Halifax where an extensive programme is being arranged. From Halifax His Royal Highness will proceed westward, visiting the important cities in all the Canadian provinces.

### HANDLEY-PAGE MACHINE NOT SO BADLY BENT

Mechanics, After Careful Examination, Decide There is Nothing to Prevent Its Being Repaired at Parrsboro.

Halifax, July 11.—A despatch from Parrsboro states that the Handley-Page biplane may not be dismantled, at that place, as it was expected it would be. The mechanics, after carefully examining the damage done to the machine, decided that there is nothing to prevent its being repaired at that place.

Admiral Kerr, Major Brackley and Major Grant left this morning for Montreal, where a meeting of the Handley-Page Company will be held on Monday, and it will be decided then what action shall be taken with regard to the machine.