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Woman and Babe Are Burned to Death Near Fredericton

EARLY VOTE COUNT NOT CONTEST

MRS. L. BAILEY AND LITTLE ONE DEAD

North Devon, N.B., Mother's Apron Ignites as She Starts Fire.

SOON ALL IN FLAMES Neighbors Rush to Assistance, But Fail to Avert Double Tragedy.

Fredericton, N. B., April 14.—Two lives were snuffed out as a result of one of the most horrible burning accidents ever reported here when Mrs. Lucy Bailey, wife of William Bailey, of North Devon, died this morning, and her prematurely born babe succumbed last evening at the Victoria Hospital, where Mrs. Bailey had been rushed for treatment.

Alone in her home with her two-year-old daughter, Maud, about six o'clock last evening, Mrs. Bailey was making preparations to light the kitchen fire. Leaping flames from the white hircwood ignited an oil soaked apron which she was wearing, unconscious of her danger.

In an instant the unfortunate woman was a seething mass of flames. Her cries attracted the attention of Vincent Neale and Fred Graham, two neighbors who rushed to her assistance and with the aid of water and their own strength in removing the burning clothing succeeded in extinguishing the flames but not before Mrs. Bailey had been terribly burned.

GERMANY FAVORS BUT WANTS CHANGES

Acceptance of Dawes Proposal by State Premiers a Foregone Conclusion.

BY CARL GROTT (United Press Staff Cor.) Berlin, April 14.—The German government this afternoon formally accepted in principle the terms of the experts' reports on reparations, as forecast by the United Press.

Announcement came after a meeting of the state premiers and the cabinet. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, April 14.—Settlement of the tangled reparations problem came a step nearer today as the German state premiers went into session here to discuss adoption of the Dawes report. At the same time German and Allied industrialists were in session in Düsseldorf to discuss a trade agreement.

Acceptance of the Dawes plan by the state premiers was considered a foregone conclusion. It was assumed that the cabinet, after the premiers have formally confirmed the decision to accept in principle the report of the experts, will make known formally a similar decision.

Germans, however, will insist that her delegates at Paris make clear the German desire for final fixing of a definite total amount which the Reich must pay, as well as the necessity for regulation of Franco-Belgian military occupation of the Ruhr.

Amherst Bowls Picking Team

Amherst, N. S., April 14.—The Nova Scotia bowling tournament for the championship silver cup will open here tomorrow afternoon. Teams have entered from Moncton, New Glasgow, Inver, Springhill, Joggins, River Hebert and Amherst.

Widow's \$125 Saved for Tombstone Stolen

New York, April 14.—For months Mrs. Marie Ellis, whose husband, William Alletto, a member of the fire company, was killed while fighting a fire in Twenty-seventh street, has been saving to buy a tombstone which she intended to put up at the grave of her husband on Good Friday, the anniversary of his burial. She had saved \$125.

SIR HENRY DRAYTON WILL SPEAK TODAY

Some Budget Proposals May be Modified in Committee—Expect Good Majority.

Ottawa, April 14.—Debate on the budget will open in the House today, with a speech by Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance in the late Government, but there is doubt if the party will really come to grips before Easter.

Following Sir Henry's speech the debate will continue tomorrow and Tuesday, but on Wednesday the House will revert to private members' motions. Thereafter, there will be an adjournment till the following Tuesday, when the debate on the budget will be resumed and will be continued from day to day without interruption.

There is every expectation that the budget proposals will be carried by a substantial majority. Conservatives will strongly contest the proposed tariff reductions, but there is little doubt that the Government will have the support of the great majority of Progressives, and thus be in a position to secure adoption of its proposals.

In committee, however, there may be modifications of some of the resolutions submitted. Sackville Girl Dies in Toronto Toronto, April 14.—Chief Coroner Dr. Graham is investigating the death of Dorothy Lee, aged 25, who died in the General Hospital early on Sunday morning. She was found unconscious in a room in a boarding house on Friday evening.

The young woman, who was employed in a downtown factory, arrived at her home on Friday evening, but did not have dinner. During the evening she screamed for help, and when occupants of the house reached her room they found her unconscious on the floor. She was removed to the hospital, where she died from blood poisoning without regaining consciousness.

Miss Lee was to have been married last Christmas, but was taken suddenly ill and the ceremony was postponed. She came to the city about two years ago from Sackville, New Brunswick.

Wire Briefs

Paris, April 14.—President Millerand signed a decree on Saturday evening providing for legislative elections on May 11.

Tunis, April 14.—(United Press.)—The Portuguese aviators, Major Raco and Major Sarmiento, have arrived here via Malaga on a flight to Tripoli.

Montreal, April 14.—A. B. Hudson, M. P., Winnipeg South, says the West will welcome the Canada budget.

BRITAIN WILL CUT IN BUDGET

Reductions in Food Taxes are Considered as Certain to be Made.

HINTS ARE GIVEN

Sugar and Tea Imposts as Well as Entertainment Tax Likely Lessened

(By HARRY N. MOORE.) (British United Press.)

London, April 14.—Although the utmost secrecy always surrounds the budget proposals until they are made known by the chancellor several hints from apparently authoritative sources which have been given during the week-end are generally accepted as well founded.

A. V. Alexander, parliamentary secretary of the Board of Trade, declared on Saturday that reductions in food taxes are certain.

G. H. Wane, junior Lord of the Treasury, speaking on the same day, said that the budget would be essentially a woman's budget with reduction of the sugar and tea taxes as well as the entertainment tax.

LITTLE ENTENTE LINKS WITH FRANCE

Defensive Alliance With Roumania Now Being Formed, Says Foreign Office.

Paris, April 14.—That a defensive alliance between France and Roumania is in the process of negotiations was the only official admission the French foreign office was prepared to make on Saturday concerning the reports that France would guarantee the safety of Bessarabia against aggression from any quarter.

It was pointed out that a treaty would be merely one of a purpose of safeguarding the execution of the existing treaty and not direct against any one nation or government. The treaty probably will be drafted before the departure of M. Duca, the Roumanian minister of foreign affairs. When it is signed it will mark practically the completing link-up of the countries of the Little Entente behind France.

A despatch from Paris on Saturday said it was likely, according to a report in authoritative circles, that a Franco-Roumanian pact would be the outcome of the visit of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Roumania to France.

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Refused to Give Up Girl; Lad Is Jailed

Fall River, April 14.—Despite that manly hero, he had worked steadily and turned over his pay of \$22 each week, his father, Manuel, charged him with subterfuge. The youth admitted that the only grievance the parent had was that he would not renounce his "best girl." The latter contended that what her father had said she lives in an apartment in the same place as 22 Avenue street, where the Pedros live. Judge Hanford said that if he did not do as his father directed him to, he would be sent to the house of correction for 15 days in the House of Correction in New Bedford.

MORE MENNONITES COME TO CANADA

Five Thousand From Russia—Must Conform to Laws of Dominion.

Kitchener, Ont., April 14.—During the summer it is expected that \$200 Russian Mennonites will be brought to Canada according to plans of the C. P. R. and the non-resistant relief committee. The newcomers will settle in Waterloo, Lincoln and York counties and western Canada. The Russian government is said to be favorable to their leaving the country and the only stipulation it makes is that Mennonites do not return.

Last year about 2900 came to this country and this year's contingent will commence coming about mid-June and will be met at Montreal by their brethren from Ontario who will dispatch them to the places where work is to be provided for them.

The C. P. R. will transport them to Montreal from Baltic ports for \$140. The money will not need to be paid the company but will be returned in grants signing a note when they reach Montreal. The intending immigrants have been informed by the Ontario Mennonite' personnel, J. P. Kaufman of Kitchener, that their children must attend Canadian schools and they have expressed a willingness to become good Canadian citizens.

GREECE SELECTS A PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Decides For Republic—Majority is Large in Some of the Centres.

Athens, April 14.—The Greek people have decided for a republic by a large majority and martial law has been proclaimed as a safety measure.

London, April 14.—A decree will be published today, says an agency despatch from Athens, nominating Admiral Goundouriotis as president pro tem of Greece. The assembly will be divided into a senate and chamber of deputies, and after the Easter vacation will elect a president who, the despatch says, will probably be M. Zaimis.

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IMPERIAL COMMITTEE HERE TODAY

Visitors Investigating Discrimination in Freight and Insurance.

TO INSPECT HARBOR

City Council and Board of Trade Plan for Entertainment.

Important visitors will be in St. John today, a sub-committee of the Imperial shipping committee who are investigating the claim of discrimination against the north Atlantic ports in the matter of freight rates and insurance.

They will arrive in the city this afternoon and will stay here until tomorrow afternoon, when they will leave for Montreal.

A meeting of representatives of the city council and Board of Trade was held this morning at the Board of Trade rooms at which tentative arrangements for entertaining the visitors and showing them over the port and shipping facilities were made.

They will be met at the depot by A. J. Gray, representing the freight division of the C. N. R., and members of the city council and the Board of Trade. It was thought they would like to have the evening to themselves and no plans were made for this evening.

Will Inspect Harbor. Tomorrow morning it is planned to take them for a trip around the harbor and Courtenay Bay and the dry dock.

A luncheon will be served at the Union Club and in the afternoon it is hoped to have a conference at the Board of Trade rooms.

The party is composed of Sir Halford MacKinder, chairman of the Imperial Shipping Committee, his secretary and H. B. G. Larkin, representative of Australia. R. D. Fenelly of Montreal is secretary of the committee.

Insurance Rates. Halifax, N. S., April 14.—Members of the Imperial Shipping Board who arrived here on Saturday from Liverpool and were interviewed by a committee from the Halifax Board of Trade said they could not understand how the insurance companies could conscientiously make such discrimination in marine insurance rates against the port of Halifax, which now exist.

The members of the board visited the ocean terminals and spent a large part of yesterday diving around the city. They left this morning for St. John.

GIVE A MILLION

President Shawinigan Falls Co. and Wife Make Gift to University.

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Monsieur Biermans is president of Dutch origin, while Madame Biermans is a Belgian. Monsieur Biermans is of Belgian origin and is president of the Shawinigan Falls and resident there.

Will Be "Lion" of Stadium



Frederick G. R. Roth, former president of the National Sculpture Society, shown working on huge lion which will be presented to Columbia University. It will be made into a bronze of heroic size for the Columbia stadium.

Nova Scotian Fatally Shot, Two Women Are Injured In B. C. Cafe Tragedy

Courtenay, B. C., April 14.—One man murdered and two women fatally seriously wounded is the outcome of a frenzied piece of gunplay enacted in a restaurant here Sunday afternoon. Alfred Corbett, owner of the eating house and alleged slayer, is in jail, having calmly submitted to arrest.

Corbett and his wife were quarrelling at the time when Spencer Teed, an employe of the city public works, was dining. Thinking Corbett was about to strike the women, Teed went to intervene when Corbett, it is alleged, drew a gun and first shot Teed in the lung and then about the heart. He then fired, he said, two more shots into his wife, one striking her in the right side and the other in the breast.

The crazed man then is said to have turned his gun on Mrs. R. Simpson, an employe of the eating house, and fired his fifth shot into her shoulder. Teed died a few minutes after admission to the hospital. Little hopes are held for Mrs. Corbett. It is thought Mrs. Simpson will recover.

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Amherst, N. S., April 14.—Spencer Teed belongs to Amherst. He left town about two years ago. He formerly was a shunter with the Canadian Car and Foundry Company's Amherst branch. His brother, William, resides here.

WAS ILL-TREATED

Russian Archbishop so Chained by Imprisonment That Friends Did Not Know Him.

Riga, Latvia, April 14.—Archbishop Zepiak, head of the Roman Catholic church in Russia, arrived here on Saturday from Soviet Russia. The venerable prelate was penniless, ragged and emaciated, the Soviet authorities having failed to provide him with food, money or proper clothing for the trip. Catholic officials here who had known him previously, failed to recognize him. His hair and beard had grown long and white and he appeared broken and haggard.

Although Archbishop Zepiak knew that he had been previously condemned to death he was wholly unaware of the Pope's efforts to secure his release. When he was told by his guards to leave jail he thought that a harsher fate was in store for him, the Soviets having given him no intimation of his destination. He realized he was at least free from his fifteen months of bondage only when he arrived at the Latvia frontier, where the two guards who had accompanied him from Moscow ordered him to quit the country.

LEGISLATORS FACE THREE BUSY DAYS

M. P.'s Assemble in Fredericton—Concrete Builders Officials to be Heard Tuesday.

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, April 14.—Members of the Government and Legislature will gather again today and tonight for three days of arduous work to wind up business before Good Friday.

The officials of Concrete Builders Limited will come before the public accounts committee tomorrow morning to testify that neither Premier Veniot nor any member of his family is in any way connected with the company. They desire to be examined on oath.

INTEREST IN ELECTION IN CITY KEENER

Good Vote Registered in the Morning Hours at the Polls.

ALL CONFIDENT

Many Combinations Suggested as Outcome in Guessing Results.

The comparative listlessness which has marked the civic elections here for the last few weeks gave way this morning and, with fine weather and a large number of representatives of the various candidates busy at the polls, the contest took on considerably more interest, and by noon the indications were that the vote would be at least well up to the average. A good vote came out this morning.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the contest was the confidence displayed by the backers of every candidate in the final result of today's ballot. While only two of the four candidates for the mayoralty, and four of the seven aspirants for the post of commissioner can survive the primaries today, all combinations were put forward as possible results.

Many Women Voting. In different wards the percentage of qualified voters who had deposited ballots up to noon varied, but on the whole it was said that the vote was well up to the average, in some places large. It was reported that several of the voting places that a large number of women were turning out to exercise their franchise.

As usual, the noon hour was a busy one, many people taking advantage of their noon recess from work to deposit their votes. As the polls do not close until 7 o'clock it is also anticipated that there will be a busy period from 5 o'clock until the closing hour is reached.

So far as could be learned, there were no untoward incidents to mark the election, and everywhere the proceedings seemed to be passing off in a quiet manner. No evidence of liquor, a common ailment of former election days, could be observed this morning.

Many Visit City Hall. H. E. Wardroper, common clerk, was kept busy all day, checking enquiries from persons whose names did not appear on the voting list and who claimed they were qualified to vote. Although in some cases it was found that the persons presenting themselves were not entitled to the franchise on account of non-payment of taxes or for some other reason, a few found that their names were omitted through clerical errors. In the latter cases, certificates entitling them to vote were handed out.

Automobiles Busy. The election added considerable work to the duties of the traffic policemen on the various city corners, as practically every candidate was backed up by a fleet of automobiles. Motor cars, it is understood, were at a premium and every available conveyance was pressed into service. It was indeed harvest day for the taxi-men.

HOPE ABANDONED

French Ministry Gives up Steamer Missing With 37 Officers and Men.

Paris, April 14.—The ministry of marine announced yesterday that it had officially given up as lost the steamer Port de Brost which sailed from Bordeaux on February 8 for Dakar, Senegal. It is believed all on board including 37 officers and men, went down with the ship probably on February 13 in a hurricane off Cape Finisterre.

Weather Report

Toronto, April 14.—Pressure is high over the upper Lake region, while moderate depressions are centred this morning over Montana and the Maritime Provinces. Showers have occurred from Ontario eastward, also in Southern Alberta.

Fair Tomorrow. Maritime—Snow or rain in many districts; strong northwest winds tonight. Tuesday, fresh to strong northwest winds; fair.

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JACK ESTATE PROPERTY SOLD

The tender of George H. Waterbury for property of the D. R. Jack estate at the corner of Princess and Sydney streets, a three-story structure with eight tenants, has been accepted by the Eastern Trust Co. Ltd. It was announced this morning. Tenders closed on Saturday with five bids in all being received. Mr. Waterbury also secures the property adjoining which is a three-family wooden building. The purchase price was not disclosed, but the property is assessed by the city at \$18,200. Bids for the property of the estate at 170-174 Princess street, for the Mecklenburg street building and property at Duck Cove were also received but none were accepted. The Princess street property is assessed at \$11,200.

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