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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1924

Waterfront At West St. John Is Busier Than Last Year

MAN DELEGATES MEET AT CAPITAL

CARGOES AT PORT ARE HEAVIER

February Figures Show an Increased Tonnage at West Side Docks.

FEWER VESSELS

Passenger Lists Also Show Increase Over Last Year to Date.

Despite the fact that reports have been received that business along the harbor front was not as good as last year figures recently compiled show that at West St. John during the month of February a total of 26,900 tons more freight were handled than in corresponding month last year.

There were 2,100 tons more of grain sent forward in the ocean liners, 21,200 more tons of general cargo, and 3,600 tons more of import cargo received. That this month will also compare favorably if not surpass March in 1923 may be judged from a fact that over the week-end alone 11,000 tons of import freight were handled.

The figures this year are greatly in excess of last year but there were fewer steamers handling the cargo. In February of this year 44 steamers arrived at Sand Point and discharged cargo, while during the corresponding month in 1923 there were 47 steamers.

Officials Optimistic

Not only have the freight figures shown an increase, but the passenger figures from the opening of the winter season until the present date show that over 2,000 more passengers were landed at this port to date than during the corresponding period in 1923-24.

A local official commenting on this said this is undoubtedly an indication that conditions in Europe are slowly but surely righting themselves and that we have successfully weathered the hardest period of the depression and from now on everything points to a greater volume of business. He predicts that before the end of the season business at this port will be comparing with that transacted prior to the great war, the aftermath of which caused such havoc in the industrial world.

Montlaur Due Sunday

A report received at the local headquarters of the C. P. R. this morning said that the Canadian Pacific steamship Montlaur will arrive here Sunday from Liverpool with 262 cabin and 818 third-class passengers, mail and a large general cargo.

3 Are Burned To Death In Quebec

Three Rivers, Que., March 18.—Eugene Demarchi, Francesco Calucci and Luigi Managatti were burned to death early today at La Gabelle during a fire which destroyed the boarding house kept by one of their compatriots, Ferraris.

Y. M. C. A. Official Gets Bad News

Bellefleur, Ont., March 17.—H. C. Sidenius, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., today received a telegram which informed him that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Sidenius, had been in a motor accident in Chicago, their home. His mother was killed and his father is badly but not fatally injured.

Spain Joins Postal Union

Madrid, March 17.—Spain today became a member of the Pan-American Union under a decree signed by King Alfonso.

Mah-Jongg Dress Is In Three Sections

Paris, March 18.—The mah-jongg dress made its initial bow to the Parisian public at the Auteuil race track. It consists of three distinct frocks, entirely independent, one from another, but worn all at the same time and presenting a delightful "fused color" effect.

FIRPO SAYS HE WILL QUIT RING

"Wild Bull of Pampus," Announces Determination to Stop After April 5.

Buenos Aires, March 18.—"Fed up" with boxing and wearied of the notoriety that goes with pugilistic fame, Luis Firpo, "Wild Bull of Pampus," has announced his determination to quit the ring after his bout with Al Reich, U. S. heavyweight, here on April 5.

While some of his friends expressed skepticism, the South America champion, emphasized the sincerity of his announcement and declared he had just turned down an offer from Tex Rickard, promoter of matches with Harry Wills and Jack Dempsey.

PLEADS GUILTY TO BEATING HIS WIFE

Newcastle Man Bound Over to Keep Peace—Returns to His Home.

(Special to The Times.) Newcastle, March 18.—In the police court here this morning Joseph Napke pleaded guilty to charge of beating his wife Mable Napke, before sitting magistrate Demers.

Mrs. Napke who has since returned to her home, says she was withdrawn from the court by her attorney. Magistrate Demers after hearing defendant a good lecture had him bound over to keep the peace for two years.

Wire Briefs

Brussels, March 18.—The output of the Belgian coal mines for January was the greatest since the armistice, it is announced, exceeding 2,000,000 tons.

Foreign Shippers Receive Good News

Veracruz, March 18.—Foreign shippers here have been advised officially that customs duties paid in good faith to the revolutionary Government would not be collected again. As a result of the restoration of normal conditions at Veracruz, 40,000 bales of bananas arrived yesterday for shipment to New Orleans. This is the first important shipment from the interior since the federal occupation and the largest single shipment ever received in this port.

Refuse Passengers From Germany

Berlin, March 18.—Steamship lines having sailings from Germany to the U. S. are refusing to sell third-class tickets for use during July and August. They say their passengers who obtained emigration visas before January 1 but who could not get into the U. S. under the quota for the last fiscal year.

Uncle Sam Gets Bit Of Change

Washington, March 17.—The people of the United States in filing their income tax returns this month poured \$377,848,840 into the federal treasury, and nearly \$100,000,000 additional is expected before the end of the month.

SUCCESSION DUTIES ARE ANNOUNCED

Amounts Paid to Provincial Government Last Year Totalled \$152,608.

REPORT IS TABLED

Joseph A. Tilton Estate Heads the Long List at \$19,006.28.

Fredericton, March 18.—The amount of succession duties paid to the Provincial Government last year was \$152,608, according to the Auditor-General's report tabled in the House this afternoon, which was contributed from the following estates:

Table listing names and amounts of succession duties: C. W. Whippley 1,230.89, Thomas Henry Wilson 1,341.26, Ralph A. Steeves 117.20, etc.

Hoists House Until Tenant Gets Out

New York, March 18.—Edward Phipps, a Yorkville landlord, was charged with recovering the use of his property at 20 Ritters lane, Yorkville, by hoisting his building and the tenants and leaving them up in the air.

BRITISH PLAN TO DEFEAT YANKEES

Aviators of Great Britain to Pursue Americans Around The World.

London, March 18.—Stirred by the start of American airplanes on a world flight Great Britain is rushing plans to enter the race and beat the Americans around the world, the Evening News declares today.

Big Celebration In New York City

New York, March 17.—Cheered by scores of thousands of men and women in holiday mood, who lined the sidewalks for blocks, 25,000 marchers today paraded up Fifth Avenue in the annual St. Patrick's Day procession.

Would Cross Sea On New Aircraft

Friedrichshafen, March 17.—More than 700 Germans who desire to immigrate to the United States have applied for passage on the ZR-3 which is being built here at the Zeppelin works for the United States Navy and which is to make a flight across the Atlantic upon completion. The trial trip in Germany will probably take place in May.

To Patrol Sea For Ice Floes

Washington, March 17.—The navy hydrographer office ordered the coast guard cutter Tampa, at Boston, to begin tomorrow the work of patrolling North Atlantic steamship lanes for ice floes and other dangers to shipping.

Receiver For Chicoutimi Co.

Montreal, March 17.—The Crown Trust was named today interim receiver of the Chicoutimi Pulp Company, Limited, by judgment of the registrar in bankruptcy.

Tonight's The Night At The Arena

Tonight is the big sport night at the Arena—hockey match, half-mile handicap, mile race and introductory of St. John's Olympic candidates, including Belyea and Gorman.

Seven Killed In Fight Over Sugar

Manila, March 18.—Seven Filipinos were killed in a clash between landlords and tenants on a sugar plantation near Candaba, Pampanga province, said a dispatch reaching here yesterday.

PROBE AT VICTORIA IS CONTINUED

Third Week of Inquiry Into the Pacific Great Eastern Starts.

SESSION HEATED

Provincial Income Tax Returns are Under Fire in Quiz.

(By Canadian Press.) Victoria, B. C., March 18.—The third week of the inquiry by the Royal Commission into the conduct of the construction and administration of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway began yesterday before Mr. Justice Gallieher with the case of the provincial party, sponsor of charges of corruption and maladministration against the Oliver government, still uncompleted.

U. S. Their Refuge!

No more Russia for Baron or Baroness Michael Royce Garrett. They have arrived in this country, practically penniless, to attempt to recuperate their shattered fortunes. The baroness will stay, and the baron will lecture on philosophy. The baroness has promised immigration officials her husband will not become a public charge. He lost a leg while serving with the White army. They were detained for a time on Ellis Island.

Boy Bandit Puts Palm Beach Colony Into State of Terror Evades Arrest

West Palm Beach, March 18.—Harford Mobley, boy leader of the Ashley gang, is at large, and has the Palm Beach colony well-nigh terrorized. Harford is wanted as a fugitive from justice, for bank robbery, highway robbery and murder, by both American and British governments for piracy on the high seas and robbery and minor counts, besides the hold-up of 60 guests of The Plantation, a road house, north of Miami.

One Case In Kings Co. Circuit Court

(Special to The Times.) Hampton, March 18.—The King's County circuit court met here this morning but on account of the fact that the grand jury was not all present, owing to road conditions, business was suspended until this afternoon. There is only one case on the docket of the court, a charge of larceny, arising out of a matter involving the trading of horses. Judge Crockett presided.

British Ambassador To Speak Tonight

New York, March 18.—Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador, will make his first speech since his arrival in the U. S. tonight at the dinner of the Pilgrims' Society of New York in the Waldorf Astoria.

Protests Against C. N. R. Dismissals

Ottawa, March 17.—In the Commons Chamber, (Liberal, Col. Chester, N. S.), protested against the dismissal of certain conductors dismissed from the C. N. R. in Nova Scotia as a charge of pilfering. Some of them, he claimed had been found guilty without being confronted with actual witnesses.

Tokio Says Several Injured In Quake

Tokio, March 18.—Many houses were demolished Saturday evening by a severe earthquake which rocked the southern section of Saghalien Island, off the east coast of Asia. Several persons were injured, but none were killed.



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Weather Report

Synopsis—The disturbance which was in the Mississippi Valley yesterday is now approaching Lake Erie as a very shallow depression, while north and west of the Great Lakes the barometer is high. Light snowfalls have occurred in Quebec. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

INDIANS TRIED

Cawnpore, British India, March 18.—Trial opened here yesterday of eight Indians, alleged Bolshevik agents, charged with conspiring to establish a communist international organization throughout India. Four of the accused men were absent.

Refugees Against Redskins

Testimony was given purporting to show that Indian revolutionaries met at Moscow in 1921 and decided on a programme of Bolshevik propaganda.

Temperance Folks Will See Veniot

Fredericton, March 18.—The Capital is alive today with representatives from several organizations of a provincial character. First among these is the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance, of which Donald Fraser of Plaster Rock is president, and Rev. Thos. Marshall, the secretary, so far as active work goes. It is not quite clear yet what the Temperance Alliance wishes to interview the government about, but no doubt that will be made clear this evening, when it is very probable that arrangements will be completed for a conference between the delegates and the members of the Legislature.

CHURCH UNION BILL

Labor Conference to be Held—Lumbermen to Meet Soon.

LABOR MEN GATHER

Another organization representing a large number of industrial workers is the N. B. Federation of Labor, which met in annual session this morning. J. E. Tighe, of St. John, is the president. There are several labor leaders from outside of the province in attendance already and others are expected to arrive. Among them is Tom Moore, of Upper Canada. The federation will discuss many matters which they consider to be in the interests of labor in this province and before they disperse, will meet the government as usual and place their recommendations before them.

LABOR MEN GATHER

The meeting is likely to have a personal touch because it has already been announced that Mr. Labelle of the International Pulp and Sulphite Workers' proposals to answer the statement made by Premier Veniot when presiding at the investigation into Work (Continued on page 2, column 4.)