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USE A CANADIAN-ATLANTIC SEABOARD PORT YEAR 'ROUND

This Plan for Mail and Passenger Terminus Should Be Adopted by Canadian Government--Strong Resolution to Be Presented at Halifax Meeting.

February 20th, 1908. The Editor Times, St. John, N. B. Dear Sir--I have the honor to forward you a copy of a resolution which is to be submitted at a mass meeting in this city on March 12th, and I am instructed to ask you to be good enough to give the same insertion in your valuable journal, with such comment as your kind interest suggests.

The meeting is to be maritime in character, as delegates have been invited from all maritime Boards of Trade, from the Farmers' Association and other business organizations. The Nova Scotia legislature and the Nova Scotia Press Association will be in session here at that time.

The establishment of a fast Atlantic steamship service, with its terminus on the Atlantic seaboard, will make a marked gain for London in the maritime provinces, improve prices, stimulate productive industry and enhance land values generally.

The powerful aid of the enlightened press of the maritime provinces is appealed to to help secure the benefit of the service for the maritime provinces.

I take the opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to every newspaper writer and publisher in the provinces to attend the meeting on March 12th.

Thanking you in advance, I am, Respectfully yours, E. A. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

The resolution is as follows: "Whereas the project of a fast mail and passenger service to connect Canada and Great Britain has been continuously discussed by the people of the Dominion for more than a quarter of a century, and in the light of great imperial and national

GOVERNMENT REUSED TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY

But the Latter Promptly Accepted a Counter Proposition For a Joint Meeting in the Opera House Tonight At Which Atty.-Gen. McKeown Will Be Given the Last Word-- Government Predictions That the Opposition Dare Not Accept Have Been Promptly Answered.

There will be a joint debate in the opera house this evening between Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hazen for the opposition and Premier Robinson and Hon. Mr. McKeown for the government. Each speaker will have three quarters of an hour. They will speak in this order--Fleming, Robinson, Hazen, McKeown.

Thus the attorney general gets the last three quarters of an hour, at what was advertised as an opposition meeting, and to which Premier Robinson was invited to come and make good his charge against Mr. Fleming.

The opposition executive offered to drop Mr. Hazen and give up the whole time to Mr. Fleming and Mr. Robinson, but this reasonable offer was refused. The government party thought they saw an advantage and were determined to make the most of it.

Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the senate and house of commons at Ottawa. "Halifax, N. S., March 12, 1908."

What the opposition proposed was an hour for Fleming, an hour for Robinson, a half hour for Fleming and a half hour for Robinson, the latter thus having the privilege of closing the debate.

The final arrangements for the meeting were made a conference held at the attorney general's office, at which there were present W. H. Thorne and A. J. M. Baxter, representing the opposition, and Attorney General McKeown, F. J. G. Knowlton, Edward Lantaulm, W. H. Thorne and T. H. Estabrook for the government and T. H. Estabrook.

It was agreed that W. H. Thorne would be the chairman of tonight's meeting, and that the expenses for hall rent, etc., be borne equally by both parties.

THE FLURRY IN EUROPE. German Foreign Office Takes a Cool View of the Difficulty.

BERLIN, Feb. 21--The foreign office takes a cool view of the flurry among the diplomats of Europe occasioned by the Paris granting permission to Austria to survey for a railroad extension that would make complete the rail connection with Saloniki, traversing a portion of Turkish territory.

Reports received here from St. Petersburg, Paris and Rome, indicate that at the same time British diplomacy made representations to the Austrians with reference to the object of causing a fresh grouping of the powers in near eastern affairs by means of which Great Britain's ultimate object is believed to be to produce disorder in the Balkans.

Mr. Reinhardt of the Reinhardt Brewery Company said the alleged medicine was brewed from malt and hops just as beer and porter, but claimed the difference was in the use of J. R. Lee drug, and the whole dispute will now be taken to the court of appeals for settlement.

BOSTON'S SIX-DAY RACE. BOSTON, Feb. 21--Nine of the ten teams in the six-day bicycle race at the Park Square Garden Coliseum finished last night's riding on even terms, leaving the Taylor-Butler team one lap behind.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER. HAS OTHER BUSINESS. FREDERICTON, Feb. 21 (Special)--The Hon. E. H. Allen, provincial secretary, has an important engagement at St. John this evening and will be unable to attend the meeting in St. John.

JAPAN'S ACTION CAUSES BIG NEWSPAPER PROTEST

London Chronicle Asks That Japan's Haughty Action in Shutting the Door of Manchuria Be Investigated by British Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 21--The Daily Chronicle, in a long article and editorial protesting against "Japan's haughty action in shutting the door of Manchuria" by vetoing the Hain Min Faunkum Railroad, which was being constructed by a British firm, the being the first time that a British firm has secured such a contract in China, says that the view of the British foreign office that Japan must decide for herself in such matters, particularly makes Japan the sole arbitrator of any steps China may take for the development of commerce and industry in Manchuria and must have a far reaching effect in discouraging the Chinese government from dealing with British contractors.

"One wonders," says the Chronicle, "whether if the contract had been secured by a Japanese firm the same objections to improved communications would have been felt." The Chronicle adds that the matter be vented by parliament.

TOKYO, Feb. 21--While the Japanese cruiser Akashi was engaged in towing work at Arjaki in the Negasaki prefecture on the evening of Feb. 20, a bombardment of three non-commissioned officers were killed and two officers were injured. The Akashi returned to Turi.

A FOOLISH GIRL TAKES OWN LIFE

She Was Formerly a Servant in General Stoesel's Family and Brooded Over His Conviction.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 21--Because of her regret over the conviction of General Stoesel at St. Petersburg, Amelia Harris killed herself yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas. The girl was a Russian and had formerly been employed in General Stoesel's family. She was working here in the home of Joseph Silver and when she was informed of General Stoesel's conviction she went to her room and no more was heard from her. When the escaping gas caused the door of her room to be broken open she was found dead.

AUTO FACTORY COMPLETE LOSS

Fire in Stoddard, Dayton Company's Plant Did \$250,000 Damage.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 21--Fire of unknown origin broke out in the mammoth plant of the Stoddard-Dayton automobile factory at an early hour this morning and swept through the old section of the plant, causing damage of many thousands.

The entire fire department fought the flames but was unable to prevent their spreading to the new section recently completed and the plant will be crippled for weeks to come. The plant will be a total loss, which is covered by insurance. The amount will reach over a quarter of a million. The Stoddard-Dayton factory was the largest automobile work in the country.

SOME ORANGES

Shipments from Riverside, Calif., Average One Carload Every Twenty Minutes.

RIVERSIDE, Cal. Feb. 21--An average of a carload of oranges every twenty minutes has been packed and shipped from Riverside in the past week, figuring nine hours as a working day. This is the heaviest week's work of the season thus far. The packing houses are full of fruit and it is believed that the shipments next week will pass the 500 car mark.

SENT MONEY TO BURY HIS SON

And Afterwards it Was Found That He Was Alive--A Mistake or a Swindle?

GUELPH, Feb. 21 (Special)--Daniel Jackson received on Tuesday a telegram signed by E. J. John Callaghan, 903 Broadway, New York, stating that his son, William, had died on Monday and asking for instructions. This was a blow to the family, as it was only on Monday they received a letter from the son.

Soon after a second telegram was received as follows: "We have embalmed remains of your son, William, and await further instructions from you. (Signed) Kroemer & Kane, undertakers, 440 West 8th street."

Early yesterday a third telegram was received: "Casket embalming, etc. \$100. Deposit same with American Express, all express charges. (Signed) Kroemer & Kane."

The money was sent to New York to cover the expense of sending the remains to Guelph and relatives in New York were wired. As a result of the latter step the following message was received yesterday: "I am still alive, and well, and working today. An error has been made. (Signed) W. D. Jackson."

Either it is a case of mistaken identity or an attempt at a heartless swindle has been made by New York parties.

OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Feb. 21 (Special)--Ambassador Bryce had a long interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. L. P. Brodeur today in regard to the fisheries question which is to be referred jointly with Newfoundland to the Hague tribunal. The reference is about complete and is to be satisfactory to the Canadian authorities and the ambassador. Some of the officers of the fisheries department were present during part of the interview. The inland fisheries also came in for a general discussion.

A delegation is expected here from Toronto for the Ontario government to oppose the proposals for the harnessing of Niagara Falls which may prevent any further power plants being established there. The hydro commission wants to draw power from the falls if it cannot deal with the existing power companies. The interview will take place with the dominion government tomorrow forenoon, so that Mr. Bryce may have the benefit of their views.

ANOTHER MINE HORROR. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 21--While ten miners were being lowered into the Stanton mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company today, a large body of ice in the shaft fell, striking the hood of the cage and demolishing it. Two of the ten men were killed outright, one died on the way to a hospital and three others it is believed will die of their injuries.

MIGHT AS WELL SELL PORTER

Witness in Toronto Test Case Says Porter or Beer Contains As Much Medicinal Value As Hofbrau.

TORONTO, Feb. 21 (Special)--The test case in connection with the prosecution of several druggists for a breach of the liquor act by selling patent medicines with too much alcohol in them was brought up in the court yesterday.

Prof. C. F. Hebecker called by the defence to offer Dr. N. A. Smith's analysis stated that there was very little difference between beer, porter and Hofbrau, a preparation which the druggists are accused of selling and that the "two former beverages would contain fully as much medicinal value as Hofbrau."

Mr. Reinhardt of the Reinhardt Brewery Company said the alleged medicine was brewed from malt and hops just as beer and porter, but claimed the difference was in the use of J. R. Lee drug, and the whole dispute will now be taken to the court of appeals for settlement.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, Feb. 21 (Special)--Mrs. Edgett, wife of James Edgett agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., died here last night after an illness of two weeks. She was a daughter of James Bishop of this city and leaves a husband and one child beside four brothers and six sisters.

QUEENLY SOLICITUDE

Queen of Italy Lavishes Gifts on Child Injured by Her Automobile.

ROME, Feb. 21--An automobile in which Dovaeger Queen Margherita was driving yesterday, ran over a five-year-old girl, who, however, was only temporarily injured. The queen alighted from the automobile, lifted the child in her arms and drove with her to the hospital. She then sent for the mother and presented the child with a big doll, which was put in a bed next to her. The queen would not leave the child until she was sure the child would be well again in a few days.

A RUSSIAN CABINET MINISTER DISMISSED

Lieut. General Rudiger is No Longer Minister of War.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21--The Novaya Zemlya states that Lieut. General Rudiger has been dismissed from the office of minister of war, and that his successor will be Lieut. General Nicholas Ivanoff, who took part in the Turkish and Japanese wars as commander of the Third Siberian army corps, and later of the First army corps, and who now is Governor General of Constantinople.

ISLAND CLERGYMAN TO GO TO DEMERARA

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 21 (Special)--The Presbyterian church at Hartsville yesterday witnessed an event of great importance in the designation of Rev. A. D. McKenzie, M. A., as foreign missionary to Better Hope, Demerara, South America. The services were participated in by many island clergymen. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Stirling and the designation prayer offered by the moderator and every member of the Presbyterian gave Rev. Mr. McKenzie the right hand of fellowship. T. C. James representing the foreign mission committee, presented him with a bible, delivering a feeling and eloquent address.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie is a native of Hartsville, P. E. I., has a brilliant record as a student at McGill and Montreal Presbyterian colleges, winning the gold medal and the Monie travelling fellowship. He will leave for Demerara in April. He is the fourth missionary to be designated by Island Presbyterians, the others being Geddie in 1848, Morrison in 1888, and Grierson several years ago.

FOURTEEN MINERS KILLED IN A MINE

Explosion in Colliery Near Newcastle - on - Tyne Claimed Fourteen Victims.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE, Feb. 21--Fourteen miners lost their lives by an explosion in the Gible pit in the village of Washington last night. There were fifteen men in the mine at the time of the accident, and only one escaped with life. Shortly before the explosion occurred 500 miners ascended from the pit.

THE COST OF LIVING (Toronto News). Prof. Mavor points out in the Financial Post that the cost of living in Toronto was 67 per cent. higher in 1907 than in 1897. That is to say, \$1.67 would go only as far last year as \$1.00 would ten years ago. The greater proportion of the increase has been in the rent value of houses. In some cases rents have advanced 113 per cent. Food prices rose 46 per cent. in the decade, fuel 26 per cent. and clothing 49 per cent. No wonder the man on a fixed income or salary finds it more difficult to make ends meet than he did in the nineties. Forced economies, amounting to privation, have been the result in many households. No doubt the average bread-winner cherishes the hope that the present trade set-back may reduce living expenses. On the whole, however, the tendency of prices on this continent may naturally be expected to be upwards.