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RHINE CITIES OCCUPIED BY FRENCH; TEACH HUN LESSON

PAY $1.50 FOR A DRINK; THEN RAIDED THE PLACE

Detectives Swoop Down Upon New York Restaurant Complained of in Minister's Sermon.

New York, April 6—Police last night raided Porter's restaurant on the upper west side, arrested the proprietor and three employes, and announced they had seized a large quantity of liquor. The restaurant was one of five places named by Rev. John R. Straton of Calvary Baptist church in a sermon on Sunday as a "vice resort" where "liquor was served freely" and the "shimmy shake was danced openly."

Five hundred patrons of the restaurant were thrown into a panic by the raid and many rushed to waiting taxi cabs and hurried away without their hats or coats.

The raid was made over the head of Police Inspector D. Henry of the "Tenderloin" district, who is under investigation by a "vice" grand jury on charges preferred by Assistant District-Attorney James E. Smith.

Inspector Thomas McDonald, in charge of the police "vice squad" and the four detectives who made the arrests, reported they entered the restaurant and ordred whiskey, which he said they were served at $1.50 a drink.

WHY GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RECEIVE J. HARRY FLYNN

Sir George E. Foster's Letter to President of the United Veterans.

Ottawa, April 6—A letter sent by Sir George E. Foster to President J. Harry Flynn, of the United Veterans, was made public last night by the latter. It is as follows:—

"Mr. J. Harry Flynn, New Russell, Ottawa:—

"Dear Mr. Flynn:—

"The reasons why the government felt it was out of place that you should be received, either as a member of or as spokesman of the delegation of returned soldiers which was heard this morning, are probably quite well known to you.

"You have publicly employed such language to characterize your opinion of the government and its members that it did not seem willing to admit you to a conference with them.

"If you realy believe what you have repeated so often of them, one can scarcely see why you seek to meet them, and if you did not, there is all the greater reason why the government should decline to meet you.

"Yours very truly,"

"GEORGE E. FOSTER."

The Toronto delegates from veteran organizations, who interviewed the government yesterday left last night for home. They expressed hope that something would be done during the present session along the lines they urged.

"FLU" RAVAGES AMONG INDIANS OF SASKATCHEWAN

Prince Albert, Sask., April 6—The record of flu ravages in the area north of this city so far is twenty-six dead at Stanley and seventeen dead at Lac Laronge. In the last few weeks the Indians at these places were without medical aid until last Monday, when Dr. Norquay of North Battleford was sent from here. A letter to the Bishop of Saskatchewan from Rev. C. F. Hives tells a startling story of the inroads of the disease among the Indian population.

MOVE TO NOMINATE HENRY FORD FOR PRESIDENCY FAILS

Harrisburg, Pa., April 6—Nominating petitions purporting to place the name of Henry Ford of Detroit before the voters of Pennsylvania as a candidate for presidential nomination at the May primaries were rejected yesterday because they did not give the name of any party and failed to comply with requirements of the Pennsylvania primary law.

PRINCE'S HORSES ON WAY TO CANADA

New York, April 6—The Times this morning says:

The horses which the Prince of Wales will race during the coming season on Canadian tracks are now at sea en route to a Canadian port. The greater number of the horses are maidens which will face the barrier for the first time after arriving on this side of the Atlantic. However, some of the thoroughbreds have raced in England. It is understood that the prince plans to use some of the stock for breeding purposes, but this will not interfere with his racing plans for the coming summer.

J. Carlyle, who is in charge of the prince's Alberta ranch, is now traveling eastward to superintend the unloading of the racers from Windsor stable.

Germans Had Sent Troops Into Ruhr Without Permission

Matter of Interest Is Attitude of Other Allies — Germans Make Last Hour Effort to Prevent Occupation — French Troops Now in Control in Frankfort and Other Cities.

(Associated Press.)

Mayence, April 6—French troops entered Frankfort by five o'clock this morning, finding only a small German force, left there to afford protection for the people. The occupation of the city was a mere military march and was not attended by any fighting.

Darmtadt was entered afterwards by French forces. The German government garrison of that city had left at midnight to avoid contact with the French and this morning was six miles east of the city.

Gen. De Goutte has issued a proclamation to the cities and towns within the area to be occupied, declaring French troops have crossed the Rhine to compel the Berlin government to respect its agreement with the Allies and asserting there is no hostile intent toward the people of that region. The proclamation says the French troops will withdraw so soon as German government forces have evacuated the neutral zone and declares no one will be affected by the presence of the French so long as order is maintained.

State of Siege.

The proclamation makes the following provisions for public order:—

Frankfort, Darmstadt, Offenbach, Hochstadt, Koenigstein and Bieburg, as well as all towns and districts within the circles of Gross Greau, Lang Schwatbach and Wiesbaden, with the exception of Biedrich, are declared under a state of siege.

German authorities and public services will continue to function under French military officials, and strikes will not be tolerated.

People are temporarily forbidden to circulate in the various communities from 9 o'clock at night until five in the morning. More than five persons must not collect in streets or in private or public meetings without authorization.

Newspapers are temporarily suspended and permission must be given to use the telephone and telegraph. Postal censorship is temporarily established, wireless installations must be dismantled, and the use of carrier pigeons is forbidden.

All arms and grenades must be deposited in city halls within six hours after the posting of the proclamation but regular police will be allowed to retain sabres and revolvers. Safety guards must disarm.

Any infraction of these rules will result in court martial.

"The general commanding the army of the Rhine" the proclamation concludes, "counts on the public powers and the population to understand the necessity for the above measures, and hopes repression will not be necessary."

Tanks With Them.

It was about 5 o'clock this morning when French troops with tanks entered Frankfort. They were followed by a battalion of sharpshooters and a company of engineers, and these troops occupied strategic points and the railroad station. Half a dozen tanks were posted near the station and the barracks and another force was stationed near police headquarters andthe post office.

These troops held the important entrances to the city until nine o'clock when a battalion of chasseurs detrained at the station.

The French troops also took over the barracks near the depot and occupied the presidency of police, the post, telegraph and telephone office and the principal gates of the town. There was no trouble.

Other Cities.

Paris, April 6—French soldiers today occupied the German cities of Frankfort-on-Main and Darmstadt, sixteen miles south. Forces commanded by General De Goutte, which have been holding the Mayence bridgehead, were ordered forward by Marshal Foch following the efforts on the part of the French government yesterday to induce the Berlin government to withdraw its forces from the neutral zone along the eastern bank of the Rhine, where they had been ordered to disperse communistic units that for the last fortnight have conducted a revolt in the Ruhr valley.

Chief interest in the situation as evinced by newspapers here is whether the Allies will support France, and to what extent. This query was put to Premier Millerand by the Echo de Paris last night, the premier answering:

"England was victorious, and so was France. I am confident everything will work out perfectly."

Asked who would pay the expense incident to occupation, Millerand replied:

"Why, Germany, obviously, since it was she that, by her acts, obliged us to resort to coercion."

Premier Millerand today formally notified Dr. Von Mayer, the German charge d'affaires, of the action of the French government in ordering the advance and informed him that as soon as there had been complete evacuation of the neutral zone by the German troops the French would evacuate the cities they had been ordered to occupy.

Arrive in Early Morn.

Frankfort, April 6—(By the Associated Press)—Arrival of French troops here at 4.45 o'clock this morning, which was anticipated since last night, found the streets of Frankfort deserted, as is usual at such an early hour. The few people in the streets contemplated the spectacle of passing French uniforms with indifference.

Soon after daylight the proclamation issued by Gen. De Goutte made its appearance on the principal bill boards of the city, around which gathered groups of people on their way to their usual occupations.

German regular troops, whose presence in the neutral zone had been tolerated by the Allies, withdrew yesterday afternoon and last evening.

Occupation of the neutral zone between Frankfort and Darmstadt was proceeding quietly this morning.

The American Forces.

Coblenz, April 6—(By the Associated Press)—The position of the American forces in Germany with reference to the Allied attitude and possibly action growing out of the present situation depends entirely upon direct orders from President Wilson. The American army authorities are keeping in close touch with all developments for information, but their direction is in the hands of Washington.

Dramstadt, April 6—(By the Associated Press)—This city was occupied by French troops at seven o'clock this morning. The occupation was effected without incident.

Paris, April 6—A French note issued last night stated that the Germans have violated peace treaty in sending troops into the neutral zone and that French troops will occupy German towns in consequence, of which Frankfort is the most important.

German Report.

Berlin, April 6—The progress of the German troops into the Ruhr region was chronicled in an official statement issued yesterday which reads:—

The advance of police forces in the industrial region is proceeding according to plan. Regular troops are present north of Botterop, Westphalia, which has not yet been occupied. The clearing action is also progressing east of Dortmud, which the first detachment has just entered, and where it advanced against stronger detachments of Red Guards on the Leunen-Kamen mine.

In the Hoerde district the Wickede railway station has been stormed by Red Guards as were also the Admiral and Glueckauf mines.

Considerable plundering occurred in Dortmund. At Essen the Krupp provision department was robbed.

The Reds lost 300 killed in fighting with government troops near Petzum, southwest of Hamm, Westphalia, according to a despatch from Hamm to the Lokel Anzeiger today. It says that two armored cars and one flying squad participated in the action.

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LATE SPORT NEWS

New York, April 6—The recently announced rules under which athletes can compete in the Olympic games will deprive the United States of some good men. Among these Earl J. Thomson of Dartmouth, A. Alm of New York, A. C., a jumper; Hannes Kolehmainen, runner and Carl Merlens, walker. The rules will particularly strike heavily on the soccer players, the majority of whom are of British birth. They will also slightly effect the fencers, trapshooters and swimmers in this country.

New York, April 6—The lawn tennis struggle between Wm. T. Tilden, the new national indoor champion, Vincent Richards, 17 year old former holder of the title, S. Howard Voshell another former indoor champion, and perhaps the Andreson brothers, so keenly waged here last week, will be renewed this week at Pinehurst, N. C., where the annual north and south championship tournaments for men and women will begin on Thursday.

Gibson vs. Dreyfuss.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 6—George Gibson, who is managing the Pirates, is quoted as saying that he will resign unless Barney Dreyfuss accedes to the salary demands of Catcher Schmidt. Dreyfuss says that Schmidt can remain idle if he cares to.

Meanwhile Schmidt is reported to have signed with a western semi-pro club, but Dreyfuss insists that the contract is worthless, as the big catcher is bound to the Pittsburg club by an option for which he received money last year.

If Gibson quits, Cutshaw or Carey will succeed him. Resigning is one of George Gibson's specialties. He "resigned" twice last season while managing the Toronto Leafs, but when his action was ignored by the club, he continued on the job.

Quebec Golf.

Montreal, April 6—That golfing in the province of Quebec will in future be controlled by one governing body, was decided at the annual meeting of the Montreal and District Golf Association meeting last night. Previous to the meeting it was suggested that the name of the association be changed from the Montreal and District Association, to the Province of Quebec Amateur Golf Association, with a view to enable the members of all clubs in the province to compete for the championship.

The championships for professionals and ladies will be held on June 18 and the amateur championship for men on Saturday, June 19. The championship competitions were awarded to the Country Club, which has its course at St. Lambert.

Denver, Colo, April 6—Harry Grebe of Pittsburg was awarded a decision over Captain Bob Roper of Chicago in a 12-round bout here last night.

Lancaster, Pa., April 6—Lou Tendler, a Philadelphia lightweight, easily defeated Tim Droney of this city, in six rounds here last night.

It is reported that between 500 and 600 Chicago firemen yesterday decided to withdraw their resignations.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I s'pose you're gittin' warmed up over the elections—aint you?"

"No, sir," said the reporter shortly. "I am not interested."

"Don't you pay no taxes?" queried Hiram.

"Taxes!" roared the reporter—"I am taxed to death. It's robbery! I have threatened a hundred times to move away from the place. Whenever I hear anybody talk of coming here to live I tell them this is no town for a white man."

"Who puts on the taxes?" asked Hiram.

"That fool crowd at City Hall," cried the reporter. "They'll bankrupt the city and drive everybody out of it. Their equal can't be found this side of Patagonia."

"That's queer," said Hiram.

"What's queer?" demanded the reporter.

"A minute ago," said Hiram, "you said you wasn't interested. Now you're all het up."

"I said I was not interested in the elections," corrected the reporter.

"Elections for what?" asked Hiram.

"For the city council," said the reporter.

"Who spends the money they raise in taxes?" asked Hiram.

"The city council," said the reporter. "But they don't spend it—they waste it."

"Now let's git this thing right," said Hiram. "The city council taxes you to death an' then wastes the money—am I right?"

"Perfectly," said the reporter.

"An' yit you don't care what kind of a city council gits elected," said Hiram.

"You couldn't elect a good city council in this place if you tried," said the reporter.

"When did you try?" mildly inquired Hiram. "Now if it was me an' I hed a chance to vote fer three men out o' five—that's a majority o' the council—I'd pick out the three men I thought was best an' vote fer 'em—yes, sir. I'd like to see that council double your taxes an' then go on a trip to Californy to spend the money. A man that hollers about taxes an' then wont go an' vote orto be put in a Home fer the Feeble-minded—By Hen!"

DETROIT TO RUN A RIVAL STREET RAILWAY SERVICE

People Vote for $15,000,000 Bond Issue Under Lead of Mayor Cousens.

Detroit, Mich., April 6—A proposal sponsored by Mayor James Cousens to bond the city for $15,000,000 with which to begin the building of a municipally owned street railway system to compete with the present Detroit United Railway was carried at yesterday's election. The vote was 89,285 in favor and 51,093 against, or 63.6 per cent of the total vote cast, against a required sixty per cent.

Mayor Cousens announced that with the consent of the city council he would begin excavating for the new car tracks at noon today.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over the lower lakes region and middle Atlantic states yesterday is now over the maritime provinces, and another of lesser intensity is approaching the Great Lakes from the west. The weather is cold throughout the dominion. A heavy snowfall has occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley and rain in the maritime provinces.

Fair and Colder

Maritime—Moderate southerly and westerly gales, showery. Wednesday, strong westerly winds, fair and colder.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds, cold today and Wednesday, occasional light snowfalls.

New England — Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Strong west winds.

Toronto, April 6—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest During Night.
Prince Rupert	30	38	30
Victoria	38	48	36
Kamloops	30	52	28
Calgary	14	20	6
Edmonton	0	20	*2
Prince Albert	10	20	8
Winnipeg	0	20	0
White River	8	24	*2
Sault Ste. Marie	18	24	*2
Toronto	18	24	14
Kingston	29	37	25
Ottawa	24	40	22
Montreal	22	34	20
Quebec	30	36	28
St. John	38	42	38
Halifax	38	42	36
St. John's, Nfld.	44	44	28
Detroit	20	30	18
New York	34	54	30

*Below zero.

JAPS SURPRISE RUSSIANS AND SEIZE VLADIVOSTOK

CITY OCCUPIED AFTER EIGHT HOURS OF SEVERE FIGHTING

Japanese Flag Replaces Russian on All Government Buildings—Attack Was Totally Unexpected—All Russians inthe City Disarmed.

(Associated Press.)

Vladivostok, April 6—Japanese troops yesterday occupied Vladivostok, after eight hours of severe fighting in all parts of the city.

The Japanese imperial flag is flying in the place of the Russian ensign from all government buildings.

Some of the officials of the revolutionary contingents already have been arrested and deported. All Russians have been disarmed.

Throughout last night the Japanese fought with rifles, machine guns, genades and small artillery in all portions of the city. Their incessant fire met little opposition, as the Russians were taken by surprise, the Japanese moves toward occupation having been unexpected by the party in power.

Many Russians escaped into the hill country behind the city, whence they came two months ago, when the All-Russian government of Admiral Kolchak fell before the attack of a revolutionary party.

Early yesterday the Japanese launched their attack in the Korean quarter, which they occupied. Later they marched Korean and Russian prisoners, tied together with ropes, through many of the streets of the city.

The last of the American expeditionary force under Brigadier-General Wm. S. Graves left Vladivostok on April 1. A few hours subsequent to their departure a proclamation was posted throughout the city stating that Japanese troops would not evacuate Siberia at the present time. The proclamation warned all inhabitants against any unfriendly attitude on the part of the Russian population. The tenseness of the situation had increased hourly since that time until the clash yesterday.

Russian revolutionary forces took control of Vladivostok early in February, after having made a night raid upon the city. The commander of the All-Russian forces in the city, General Rozanov, escaped and took refuge on a Japanese cruiser in the harbor, later going to Japan.

Subsequent to asuming power in the city, the revolutionary authorities maintained control for the purpose of handling affairs over to the administration of Bolsheviki officials which are now assumed to be on their way to the Far East from Moscow.

Recent advices from the Far East have indicated that the Japanese were concentrating their forces along the Ussuri railroad, north of Vladivostok, and the Chinese eastern railway in Manchuria.

IRISH AFFAIRS

Montreal, April 5—A Dublin cable to the Montreal Star says:—

Complete breakdown, throughout Ireland, of the Lloyd George home rule bill, which has passed second reading in the House of Commons, was forecasted yesterday by Sir Horace Plunkett, president of the Dominion Home Rule League. "If this bill becomes an act, as seems probable, it will fail, simply because it will be to the Irish people what its predecessors have been for the British government, 'a scrap of paper,' Plunkett declared in an interview with a United News Correspondent.

Lloyd George described his bill as more generous than the act of 1914, but, politically, it is the least generous of any measure yet proposed. Its purpose is not home rule for Ireland, but as the prime minister has declared, it is a bestowal of state's rights similar to the American plan for state legislatures, and this upon a people who have already acquired that right under their own congress.

Under the existing act, which the proposed bill will repeal, the Irish Nationalists had won their national congress. Now they are offered two state legislatures. The proposed joint council is in no sense a national parliament, and its power to create one is illusory.

"Anglo-Irish conflicts have been prolonged by the retention of Irish representatives at Westminster. The internal Irish problem of agreement between the Protestants and Catholics will be aggravated and perpetuated by the deliberate creation of two states with areas so defined as to reduce the chance of union to a minimum.

"Ulster has concentrated the forces of six of its nine counties and this gerrymandering, which perpetuates the partition of Ireland, is the work of Uister and British unionist politicians, who are determined to maintain the present disunion in Ireland.

"The Dominion Home Rule League plan is steadily gaining ground in the British dominions and for obvious reasons it will be generally supported. During my recent visit to the United States the league plan had only to be explained to be approved. Among other evidences of this trend of opinion, I have just received a copy of a resolution passed unanimously by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, of Orange, New Jersey, endorsing the dominion league's demands."

To London Times.

London, April 6—A despatch to the Times from Dublin says that two morals are generally drawn from Saturday's incidents in Ireland, first, that the republican movement has become a really serious menace to British authority in Ireland, and, second, that the government must devise a better method of combatting the campaign of crime. The despatch says the brains of Dublin Castle are being outwitted at every turn by the brains of the revolutionary movement.

According to the despatch, the damage resulting from the destruction of barracks aggregated a loss of £50,000 sterling. Some of the barracks contained much personal property belonging to policemen and their families.

A strong force of troops and police in an armored car visited the Nationalist quarters in Belfast on Monday and arrested six men, but it is understood prominent Sinn Feiners who were sought escaped.

The despatch asserts that about eighty prisoners, including those convicted under the defense of the realm act and others against whom no charges have yet been made, started a hunger strike on Monday, and also that several political prisoners in the prison hospital refused to accept food.

EASTER ASSEMBLY.

The Knights of Columbus opened the post-Lenten season last night in their hall in Coburg street with a very delightful assembly, at which more than 200 members and their friends were present. The affair was under the direction of the lecturer, M. T. Morris, and an efficient committee. A committee composed of ladies under the convenorship of Mrs. L. A. Conlon, contributed greatly to the success of the evening. The chaperones, Mrs. M. T. Morris and Mrs. John R. Nugent, received the guests. Mrs. Conlon was assisted in the dining room by Mrs. C. A. Conlon, sr., and Mrs. M. E. Agar, who poured, and Mrs. Thomas Mooney, Mrs. Bernard Gallagher, Mrs. C. A. Conlon, jr., Mrs. V. McGillivray, Mrs. W. L. Gray, Mrs. Warren Nugent and Mrs. E. P. O'Toole. A. P. Ryan was the efficient floor manager.

The death of President Pavlovideh of the provisional national assembly at Belgrade on Saturday is announced.

ST. DAVID'S TEA AND SALE TODAY

The Women's League of St. David's church held an afternoon tea, candy, home cooking and pantry sale this afternoon in the north and south rooms of the church, the proceeds to be for the organ fund, which the women have undertaken to raise. The rooms weve artistically decorated, in keeping with the Easter season, and on each table in the south room, where the tea was held, a bouquet of lilies was placed. The sale was under the convenership of Mrs. Robert Reid and Mrs. W. J. Bingham. The apron table was in charge of Mrs. A. D. Malcolm, Mrs. Alexander Corbet. Miss E. Willet and Miss McFarlane; the home cooking table, Mrs. W. A. Simonds, Mrs. A. Petch and Mrs. William Smith; candy table, Mrs. David McClelland, Mrs. McFadzen, Mrs. D. W. H. Magee, Mrs. Thomas Ledingham, Mrs. Mason and Miss E. Henderson. The tea tables were in charge of Mrs. D. R. Willet, Mrs. John Malcolm, Mrs. George Shaw, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Robert Mays, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. R. B. Paterson, Mrs. H. L. McGowan and Mrs. William Weyman. Mrs. Robert Reid and Mrs. Andrew Malcolm poured.

HEALTH CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA BETTER.

Moscow, April 6—(By the Associated Press)—Facts and figures furnished by M. Semashko, people's commissar of public health, show that the typhus situation in Russia is under control and that the sanitary outlook is improved. He said, however, that a possible cholera epidemic this summer was a source of apprehension to him.

NEAR SETTLEMENT OF MATTERS RE VALLEY RAILWAY

Construction Company and Sub-Contractors Clear the Way By Practically Reaching Agreement.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, April 6—Negotiations between the St. John & Quebec Railway Company and the Nova Scotia Construction Co., which have been in progress practically since the work required of the contractors in the construction of the lower section of the Valley Railway was completed are now approaching a basis for a final settlement. Many differences had arisen and the first proposals made by the railway company were not accepted by the contractors. One of the chief contentions of the railway board was that the construction company and its sub-contractors should agree upon settlements of differences which might exist between them so that the railway company would be protected against further claims from the sub-contractors before any final settlement could be made.

At a meeting of the directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company in St. John yesterday, Thomas Cozzolino, president of the construction company, informed them that his company had practically agreed with all the sub-contractors. This clears the way for action in the matter and the prospects are that it will be possible now to have a final adjustment of the amounts due the sub-contractors from the Nova Scotia Construction Company and the amounts due the main contractors from the railway company.

John Kennedy and D. A. McDonald of Kennedy & McDonald, the largest of the sub-contractors, arrived in Fredericton today to confer with Mr. Cozzolino, who also came up on the morning train, regarding some minor differences still at issue.

LOCAL NEWS

CANDIDATES TO SPEAK

An interesting meeting is planned for an evening soon in the rooms of the board of trade at which the various candidates for the mayoralty and commissionership have been invited to speak. The quarterly meeting of the Hardware Clerks' Association will first be held and at nine o'clock the meeting will be opened to the members of the St. John Clerks' Association when ten minute addresses will be given by the candidates for the civic offices.

PICNICS ALREADY.

Although the picnic grounds in the neighborhood of the city are not yet free entirely from ice and snow, enquiries have been received at some of the railway offices respecting the prospect for train accommodation for Sunday school outings. Owing to the war during the last few years and to demobilization last year cars were at a premium and it was impossible to conduct picnics with special excursion trains. Just what action will be taken this year is not known, but there is a belief that no excursion rates will be given.

OWNERS ARE LIABLE.

A warning was issued today to owners of automobiles about the city against running their cars with tags bearing the words "license applied for." This is said to be no help towards identification and at the office of the tax inspector, W. H. McQuade, it was said that those continuing this practice were liable to prosecution.

ROADS CLOSED TO AUTOS.

The annual spring embargo upon automobile travel over roads through the province is now in effect and will continue until further notice. For automobiles the roads beyond Rothesay towards Hampton and Gondola Point have been closed though no orders have been issued against teams.

Arrangement About St. John River Wharves Made

E. S. Carter Brings the News from Ottawa—Fifty Thousand Dollars for Old Government House aud Grounds.

Fredericton, N. B., April 6—Good news regarding the prospects for repairs to the wharves along the St. John river is brought by E. S. Carter, who has returned from Ottawa, where he conferred with the federal department of public works regarding the matter. As a result of his trip he is able to announce that the transfer of the wharves, which was made by the provincial department of public works to the dominion last year, would be finally accepted by the federal authorities at Ottawa at once; in fact, by this time it may have been completed. Following this agreement the engineers of the federal department in St. John, who have charge of such work, have been instructed to forward immediately estimates of the cost of repairs which can be accomplished this summer so that the amount may be included in the supplementary estimates.

The provincial government has received from Ottawa a copy of an order-in-council confirming the offer of Hon. A. L. Sifton, when minister of public works, of $50,000 for the old Government House and grounds at Fredericton, and the transfer from the provincial to the federal government will be made at once. It is said that Percy A. Guthrie of Boston, formerly of Fredericton, has been appointed by the department of justice, Ottawa, to look after the legal work in connection with the transfer.