

FRANCE DECIDES TO STUDY ALLIED DEBT

Ocean Rates Committee Closes Doors To Hear of Tariff Competition

CLERK REFUSES TO MAKE PUBLIC SOME EVIDENCE

Question of Lower Rates Through U. S. Ports Than Through Canadian

WITNESS DECLINES TO NAME COMPANY

Tells of Increase in Charges on Agricultural Implements Since 1910.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 15.—The public sitting of the special parliamentary committee on ocean rates last night suddenly changed into a private sitting when counsel for the Government and the steamship companies disagreed as to whether or not certain evidence of a witness should be taken.

W. J. McLean, shipping clerk of the Massey Harris Company, of Toronto, was on the stand, and H. J. Symington, K. C., government counsel, who was conducting his examination, asked him whether or not his company could obtain a lower rate from the United States than from Canadian ports.

COUNSEL OBJECTS
G. H. Montgomery, K. C., counsel for the steamship lines, immediately rose and objected to the question unless the witness was prepared to reveal the name of the steamship line or lines from which they could obtain the lower rate. This, the witness objected to doing on the ground that it would be prejudicial to his business. It would give the steamship lines, represented at the hearing information which he thought they were not entitled to have. The question was argued by counsel, one or two members of the committee interjecting suggestions, when it was finally decided to clear the committee room in order that the required information might be obtained in private. The press and public were thereupon requested to leave.

Previous to this, Mr. McLean had

Heiress Gets Decree Nisi

CANADIAN PRESS CABLE.
LONDON, May 15.—Alfred Haxton, a business man, today was awarded a decree nisi from his wife on the ground of misconduct with Carlyle Blackwell, a film star from the United States. Mrs. Haxton is the only daughter of the late Barnett Barnato, South African diamond magnate, who was credited with being one of the richest men in the world.

C. G. M. M. PAY SLASH DENIED BY TEAKLE

Also Declares That Sailor's Food is Kept at Usual Standard.

OTTAWA, May 14.—Labor conditions on Canadian Government Merchant Marine ships were discussed in the House of Commons committee on railways and shipping this morning, when C. W. Stewart, Progressive, Humboldt, quoted a statement made in a Labor publication that the merchant marine had reduced expenditures last year through reducing the pay of seamen and the quality of food served on the vessels.

R. B. Teackle, general manager of the Government Merchant Marine, stated that neither the wages or the crews had been reduced, and as for the quality of the food, it had been maintained as usual, and on the Pacific coast, where the complaint had come from it was, if anything, better than on the Atlantic.

Mr. Stewart said there had been an increase in the ocean rates to the United Kingdom, from \$3.20 a ton in 1924, to \$10.00 in 1925. Rates to the Argentine, to Australia and to South Africa, were lower than to the United Kingdom, in spite of the fact that the latter distance was shorter. The rate on agricultural implements was four times what it had been in 1910, he said.

HOUSE REJECTS PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT

Lower Tariff Move Is Defeated, 110 to 33, on Budget

11 CONSERVATIVES BACK GOVERNMENT

Fourteen Bolt From Forke's Ranks and Support King Ministry.

OTTAWA, May 14.—The Progressive amendment to the budget calling for a downward revision of the tariff was defeated in the House of Commons tonight by 110 to 33, a government majority of 77.

Voting with the government members in the negative were the 11 Conservatives present and 14 Progressives and Independents. The 14 were: Messrs. Kennedy, of Gengary; McDonald, of Temiskaming; Shaw, of West Calgary; Fred Johnston, of Last Mountain; McConica, of Battleford; Pritchard, of North Wellington; Reed, of Frontenac; Jelliff, of Leithbridge; Sexsmith, of Lennox; Black, of Huron; Neil, of Comox; McBride, of Carleton Place; Kootenay, of Kootenay; and Finlay, of South Bruce.

THOSE BACKING MOTION.
The 38 who voted for the amendment comprised 31 Progressives, including Robert Forke, Progressive leader, Hon. T. A. Crerar and the two Labor members.

Debate on today's amendment was one of the shortest on record. Actual debate lasted scarcely more than an hour, shortly before 6 o'clock, when the budget bill was called for second reading. The amendment was moved and moved an amendment identical with the sub-amendment moved by "Protest" Forke, Progressive leader, to the main budget motion some weeks ago. The Forke sub-amendment was shorter. The rate on agricultural implements was four times what it had been in 1910, he said.

SEES NO USE FOR DEBATE.
Premier King took the floor when the house resumed at 8 o'clock and intimated that he did not think any good purpose could be served by opening a debate on the budget. Sir Henry Drayton, who was leading the Conservatives, remarked that he could not consider anything more useful to the Dominion than a vote of non-confidence in the government. At the same time he did not wish to support a group wishing to appear as supporting free trade with a secure knowledge that they could not defeat the government.

Then came the division, the defeat of the amendment and the subsequent second and third readings of the budget bill covering the tariff changes.

"During the division, there was keen interest how the 18 Progressives and Independents who supported the government on the main budget would vote on the Progressive amendment. There were 12 present and they voted with the government. The 12 were: Messrs. Kennedy, of Gengary; McDonald, of Temiskaming; Shaw, of West Calgary; Fred Johnston, of Last Mountain; McConica, of Battleford; Pritchard, of North Wellington; Reed, of Frontenac; Jelliff, of Leithbridge; Sexsmith, of Lennox; Black, of Huron; Neil, of Comox; McBride, of Carleton Place; Kootenay, of Kootenay; and Finlay, of South Bruce.

WOULDN'T SWALLOW SELF.
Before the division, Mr. Lewis intimated that he was not going to "swallow himself" and would absent himself from the House and it was apparent that others followed a similar course. Out of a membership of 235, the total votes cast were only 143. Out of 51 Conservatives in the House, there were only 11 present to vote.

TEXT OF MOTION.
The Progressive amendment to the budget read:
"The House regrets that the budget presented by the acting Minister of Finance contains evidence of the application of unsound principles of public finance, affords no relief from the excessive burdens of indirect taxation and constitutes a failure to carry into effect substantial economies in public expenditure, and the fiscal policy of the Liberal party as from time to time enunciated."

LIVING COSTS INCREASED.
"And that the policy of protection maintained in the present budget has greatly increased the cost of living and production has failed to provide adequate revenues or to prevent serious depression in trade and industry."

"And he further resolved that a revision of the tariff schedules, based on the principle of protection is long overdue, and should be immediately undertaken in order to bring down the cost of living and to place our industries on a permanently sound basis."

Whole Town Council Fined

CANADIAN PRESS CABLE.
STUTTGART, Germany, May 15.—An unusual verdict was rendered by a jury here today, when the whole communal administration of Doffingen was found guilty of usury and the members of the town council each fined 140 to 200 marks. The council, it was brought out, charged 7,000 marks rent for a sheep pasture which before the war brought only 1,200 marks.

YARMOUTH Y.M.C.A. MAKING PROGRESS

Reports at Annual Meeting Show Institution is Flourishing.

YARMOUTH, N. S., May 13.—The annual meeting of the local Y. M. C. A. was held in the large gymnasium and was largely attended. The president, R. H. Davis, occupied the chair and the secretary, William O. Bell, presented his report for the year. This report gave the gathering a splendid idea of the work the Y. M. C. A. is performing in Yarmouth. During the past winter nine lectures were held on Sunday afternoon, the total attendance at these lectures being 4,150, or 700 more than the total during the previous winter.

Nine social events had also been held during the winter with a total attendance of 929. The Y. M. C. A. bowling league alone 211 matches. The winners of the league were the Spark-plugs aggregation, which this year captured the director's trophy, a prize which is annually competed for. Individual winners for high scores in this contest were Karl H. Ralph U. Brown and M. C. A. each of whom were presented with handsome coat sweaters.

The gymnasium was the big attraction of the "Y" and during the winter there were 988 sessions with a total attendance of 5,470, while the number of "Y" members increased from 1,000 to 1,400. The number of sessions exceeded those of last year by 80, while 1,400 more persons used the "gym."

In basketball there was never before in the history of the Y. M. C. A. in interest that has been manifested during the season just closed. Three trophies were presented to the league by the wholesale grocers of Yarmouth and the competition in each of the classes was decidedly keen.

The summer camp of the organization, the number of boys attending the camp were 65; number of Union Church C. G. I. T. 25; attending the spinners' camp, 15; visitors, 400; attending three Sunday school picnics, 300; attending corn ball, 70; other groups, 50; making a total for the season attending Camp Wapomeo, 975. The camp is most picturesquely situated on the shores of Lake Fanning, at Carleton about 20 miles from this town.

SWEPT TO DEATH IN ST. LAWRENCE

Edmond Tremblay Falls From Raft at Grosse Island Quarantine Station.

QUEBEC, May 14.—Edmond Tremblay, 51, a native of Montserrat, was swept to his death in the St. Lawrence River at the Grosse Island quarantine station, when he fell overboard from a raft on which he was standing. The body has not yet been recovered.

Tremblay, with a companion named Edgar Potvin, both members of the crew of the C. G. S. Alice, were detailed to go over the side of the vessel on a raft to paint the hull of the ship.

Last year 454 persons were rescued from shipwrecks around the British coast.

SCORES TECHNICAL.
Knockout Over Harris
LEWISTON, Maine, May 15.—Elmer Rioux, Canadian heavyweight, scored a technical knockout over Al. Harris, St. Stephen, N. B., when the police stopped the bout in the second of a scheduled six-round fight here last night.

Searching For Mississippi Dead



After divers had vainly tried to penetrate the wreck of the sunken U. S. S. M. E. Norman, which turned turtle and sank in the Mississippi river with a death toll of 22, the government steamer Choctaw used her anchor, as shown in the photo, to endeavor to break up the submerged vessel so that the bodies in her might be recovered. Inset is Tom Lee, negro boatman, who while the Norman was listing approached the vessel and took a boatload of struggling survivors to shore. Again and again he returned, making four trips in all and saving more than 20 people.

FIRE-SIDE CLUB HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

St. David's Church Organization Enjoys 22nd. Reunion—Activities Extended.

At its twenty-second annual banquet last night, the Fireside Club of St. David's church reviewed a year of great progress and elected officers. The banquet was held in the church rooms and was a beautiful feast provided by the members of the club. The members of the Spartan Club were special guests and the whole party numbered 47.

Allan MacGowan, retiring president, was the chairman and master of ceremonies. A toast list was duly honored after a song led by Ronald Shaw. Kenneth Nelson, Malcolm MacGowan, Rev. Hugh Miller, Murray Law, Robert Reid, D. Gordon Willet, O. J. Fraser, Donald Smith and Mrs. S. J. MacGowan spoke during the toast list.

Activities Extended.
William MacGowan gave a solo and A. Burden a mouth organ selection that were much enjoyed by the club this season. Murray Law, secretary, in his annual report, referred to the two basketball trophies won by the club this season, the Y. M. C. A. New Year's trophy and the Y. M. C. A. senior House League trophy.

He reported a gratifying increase in membership and showed that the scope of the club's activities, athletic, intellectual, religious and social, had been considerably extended during the year. A special tribute of praise was paid the leader, John MacKinnon.

Officers Elected.
The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Leader, John MacKinnon; honorary president, Rev. Hugh Miller; president, D. Gordon Willet; vice-president, Murray Law; secretary, Kenneth Nelson; and assistant secretary, Ronald Reid.

The banquet was greatly enjoyed and marked the closing of the present season. The club will resume activities in October.

Dr. H. S. Bridges Again Is at School Post

Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of the city schools, was in his office Wednesday afternoon last and spent fully two hours at his desk meeting several of the principals and discussing the work in the schools. It was his first visit since he was taken ill on Oct. 11, 1922 and he found a very warm welcome awaiting him. He is now in good health and expects to take a more active grip of his work than he has been able to do for some time.

DEAD MAN BLAMED

Skipper of Lost Sand Boat Said to be Responsible For Accident.

LEAMINGTON, Ont., May 14.—Blame for the capsizing of the sand-sucker Kelly Island, off Sandusky, which turned turtle off Point Pelee, May 5, was laid by a coroner's jury at Leamington this afternoon on the skipper of the craft, Captain William G. Stockford, who was drowned with eight of his crew.

Negligence on his part in ordering the sand-sucker's hose to be disconnected before the aperture through which it was thrust could be covered in the lee side of a rough sea, was given as the cause of the accident.

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CAILLAUX AND BRIAND WILL SEEK SOLUTION

Finance Minister in Hopes of Re-establishing French Credit

BRIAND THOUGHT TO AIM AT SETTLEMENT

Negotiations Regarding U. S. Obligations to be Held at Washington.

PARIS, May 15.—Finance Minister Caillaux and Foreign Minister Briand were authorized by the French cabinet today to study the inter-allied debt question in an attempt to find an acceptable solution. This decision of the cabinet was given out officially after a long discussion and the delivery of opinions by both Caillaux and Briand.

Finance Minister Caillaux has expressed the view that the inter-allied debt problem must be solved to re-establish French credit and he told the finance commission of the Chamber of Deputies, on his recent appearance before it, that part of the Dawes reparation plan receipts must be devoted to this purpose immediately even though France were hard pressed for money.

BRIAND'S PLANS.

M. Briand, as Foreign Minister, is known to have been considering the debt question as part of his foreign policy, and although his views have not been revealed it was said recently in authoritative quarters that the negotiations for settlement of the debts would be resumed during the present month.

The United States Government has made it clear that the negotiation, when they take place, will be in the hands of the debt funding commission that, it is held, the diplomatic exchange regarding the debt to the United States must be made in Washington rather than in Paris.

WINS GOLF TITLE

Girl in Her Teens Captures Derbyshire Championship Also Driving Honors.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire, May 15.—Fourteen-year-old Enid Wilson yesterday won the Derbyshire women's golf championship, defeating the previous title-holder, Mrs. Farrington, 9 up and 7 to play in 118-hole play.

Enid also won the cup for the best scratch score on Tuesday and took the driving competition with a shot of 211 yards.

She is competing in the women's open championship tournament, which begins at Troon, Scotland, next Monday.

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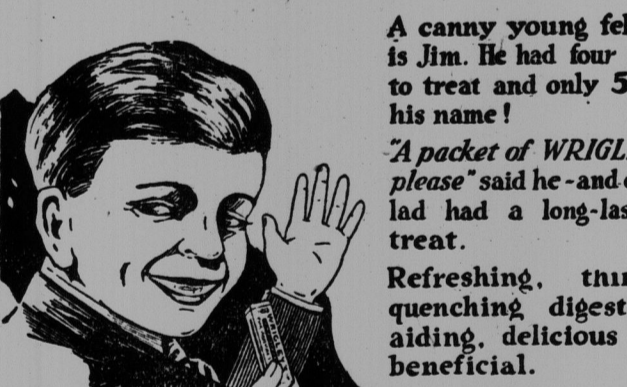
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