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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

Girls From England to Ontario for Work at £4 to £5 a Week

London, March 1.—(Canadian Press)—Forty girl hostess hands sailed from Liverpool for Canada on Sunday. Their passages were paid for and it has been said they are offered four to five pounds a week at the Mercury Mills in Hamilton.

ROWBOAT NOW USED AS FERRY

The E. Ross Goes to the Blocks and Effort Is Made to Give Some Service.

Another mishap has occurred to the ferry steamer E. Ross, serving between Indian town and Pleasant Point. She was taken through the falls leading on Saturday in tow of the tugboat Wasson, and is now on Hillyard's blocks, while a large rowboat has been put in operation as a ferry. The steamer was inspected today at noon by Heber Vroom, chairman of the Lancaster ferry commission, and councillor John O'Brien, one of the members, and was decided to enter into an arrangement with Captain Gilchrist, who has been in charge of the ferry, for a rowboat service until something better might be arranged.

Councillor O'Brien on Saturday, so on as he heard of the trouble with the steamer, engaged Daniel Hurley to ferry people across by rowboat. It was figured today that it would hardly be possible to put the E. Ross on the route again, and with the use of the rowboat much more could be done. It is being intended to charge a little less than the ferry, but it is said they have been almost prohibitive.

THE INFLUENZA SITUATION

One new case of influenza was reported to the Board of Health Saturday morning making the total number of cases reported since the outbreak 384. The 186 recoveries were reported today and have been reported. The total number of cases now reported is eighty-six. There are thirteen patients in the emergency hospital. None was admitted today.

LOT OF BETTING ON FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND

London, March 1.—(Canadian Press)—The Football Association in an earnest appeal supporting a bill introduced in parliament to prevent coupon betting on football matches, states that in a recent raid at Newcastle the police seized \$1,225 filled up betting coupons, largely for six pence and shillings. In four months one firm made bets amounting to nearly \$200,000 and made that amount yearly profit.

LEGISLATION ONLY FOR FEMALES AND BOYS

Toronto, March 1.—Male workers are not to be covered by the minimum wage legislation to be introduced in the legislature at the coming session, according to Hon. Walter Hogg, minister of labor and health. The measure is designed primarily for the protection of females, though probably it will be made wide enough to cover boys under age.

WILL BE EXPELLED FROM GERMANY

Karlsruhe, Germany, March 1.—A secret conference of German communists at Durlach was broken up by the police on Saturday. Representatives from Austria, Poland, Russia and Switzerland were present. They will be deported pending arrangements for their expulsion from Germany.

Ultra-Socialist Arrested

Paris, March 1.—(Havas).—The police yesterday arrested an extreme Socialist named Lorenz, who is alleged to have been the author of an article in Le Libertaire tending to incite young soldiers to disobedience.

ARREST ITALIAN WITH 45 BOMBS IN HOUSE

Barcelona, March 1.—(Havas).—The police today arrested an Italian, in whose home forty-five bombs were said to have been found.

Regent of Hungary?

Vienna, March 1.—(By the Associated Press).—Admiral Nicholas Horthy, commander-in-chief of the Hungarian army, according to present indications, will be elected regent of Hungary within a few days.

Canadian Bank Clearings

Hamilton bank clearings for February were \$24,575,000; Quebec clearings were \$29,960,584; Victoria, \$11,160,924; Edmonton, \$19,650,940; Calgary, \$30,034,000.

Bohemian On Ledges Today Near Halifax Harbor

Steamship Strikes on "Blind Sisters" at Sambro in Thick Weather

Agents Think She May Be Saved, as Sea is Not Rough—Passengers Spend Four Hours in Boats, With Lines to Vessel, Till Rescued by Tug From Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., March 1.—The Leyland liner Bohemian went ashore at Sambro Ledges, off Halifax, harbor, early this morning in a snowstorm. The sixty-four passengers on the steamer were brought to Halifax by the tug Roebing. The ship grounded on the sinister rock ledge known as "The Blind Sisters." Some tugs are standing by the wrecked steamer. It is not particularly rough, but the weather is exceptionally thick.

The first word of the ship's plight came to C. H. Harvey, marine department agent, this morning at 8.30 o'clock. It was that the Bohemian had run aground on the rocks south of Sambro Light, and that immediate assistance was needed for taking off the passengers and crew.

Mr. Harvey replied that assistance would be sent immediately. He ordered the tug Roebing to go to the scene at once, and to put to sea at once, and notified the various Halifax tug-owners of the Bohemian's distress. The ship's agent was arranged with G. S. Campbell & Company to dispatch the tugs Roebing and O'Leary, and Hendry, Ltd., the Islander.

The marine department agents sent a radio to the captain of the Bohemian, asking for further particulars, and was informed that the steamer was sounding on the rocks. He said there were thirty-four passengers and 120 of a crew on the steamer.

The first ship to reach the scene was the tugboat Roebing, which sighted the Bohemian's lights before dawn. The captain of the Bohemian advised the Roebing to stand by until daylight before attempting to launch a lifeboat to attempt rescue of the passengers.

Later, however, he informed the Roebing that the tugs from Halifax had arrived and that he would transfer his passengers to them. By eight o'clock the passengers were safe on board the tug Roebing and speeding to port.

Boston, March 1.—The steamship Bohemian left here on last Saturday with sixty-four cabin passengers and a crew of 200 men and a valuable cargo. She had been expected to dock at Halifax for a few hours today to take on more cargo and coal.

Sydney, N. S., March 1.—Cape Race this morning that the American shipping board steamer Davidson County was being towed to S.O.S. cals. The steamer was reported in a disabled condition in latitude 36-20 north and longitude 53-30 west. The Davidson County sailed from Fayal.

FOUR HOURS IN BOATS ON SIDE OF SHIP

Halifax, N. S., March 1.—The passengers of the Bohemian were landed for a little after nine o'clock this morning from the tug Roebing, which had delivered them from open boats, in which they spent four chilly and somewhat anxious hours. However, these boats were safely anchored to the Bohemian here as she rested upon the "blind" but certainly steady "sisters" as this section of the ledges is known.

The Salsbury-Albert branch line will be cleared tonight so that this will make an improvement over the delivery by sleds. Though the roads have offered great obstacles and risks to horse traffic, the rural mail has been sustained surprisingly well.

Men are still engaged on the St. Martin branch line and it is expected to be cleared before long.

AT NEW YORK TO MEET SIR ROBERT

New York, March 1.—Lady Borden, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. Dr. J. D. Reid, L. C. Christie, legal adviser to the department of external affairs, and Col. J. A. Cooper, chief of the Canadian bureau of information here, were among those who assembled at the docks to meet Premier Borden upon his arrival on the Carmania here this afternoon. Mr. Christie was with the premier in Paris during the peace conference.

The Carmania is expected to dock early this afternoon. Sir Robert will hold a conference with the members of the cabinet and Mr. Christie this afternoon. He will leave for the south with Lady Borden tomorrow or Wednesday.

NEUTRALS' PLAN FOR HIGH COURT OF THE NATIONS

The Hague, March 1.—(By the Associated Press).—As a result of conferences held at The Hague peace palace by representatives of Holland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries, the Dutch government is requested to present to the secretary of the League of Nations the plan for a high court of nations agreed upon after long study by those neutrals.

BERLIN AND THE WAR CRIMINALS

Berlin, March 1.—The national assembly today will open a debate on the new bill relating to the trial of "war criminals." It would empower the supreme state attorney to propose to the punishment tribunal the discontinuance of any prosecution if the attorney should be convinced that there was no ground for the public execution of any person.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "you are being criticized for your apparent opposition to harbor commission. Why, even Shakespear got criticized for his great event."

"Was it Shakespeare?" queried Hiram. "I said: What fools these mortals be?"

"You are hopeless," said the reporter. "I don't see how you can put it in that way."

"Mister," said Hiram, "I heard one time about a fellow that went into a crowd and he was pickpocketed around; an' when some of 'em slapped their hands on their money-pockets he knowed where to go after it. When you hear a man accusin' somebody else of playin' politics, you keep an eye on that man. He'll bear watchin' himself."

"But," said the reporter, "it is harbor commission or nothing—'isn't it?"

"Look here, mister," said Hiram, "couldn't you get out to the Settlement and puttin' a bridge over the creek. Wouldn't you?"

"I suppose you would," said the reporter.

"Yes, sir, we would," said Hiram. "An' the government of Canada can't get freight from its trains into its steamers unless it has wharves at St. John. It built wharves for the C. P. R. Why not build wharves for itself? What's that man Gaudet gettin' at?"

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MUCH MORE PUT IN BANK THAN WAS TAKEN OUT

Deposits in the government savings bank here during February amounted to \$61,208.46, as compared with \$50,829.28 in February last. This is a notable change for the better, as the deposits were far in advance of the withdrawals.

CARRYING ON MAIL SERVICE WITH DIFFICULTY

An improvement is reported concerning conditions of the mail service along the Shore Line Railway, though it is by no means back to its old standard. Conditions at various points through the province have been very severe upon the mail service and some parts where the storms have been particularly felt have had to suffer quite a change in delivery schedule.

At present, it was said today, conditions are more severe through Albert county, where the mail service has been continued even at a reduced rate with much difficulty. The railway authorities there said the Salsbury-Albert branch line will be cleared tonight so that this will make an improvement over the delivery by sleds.

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Fiume Besieged; Blockade Is Begun

Critical Situation in City Where D'Annunzio Gained Notoriety—Call for Occupation by British or Americans.

(Associated Press.) Fiume March 1.—A siege of Fiume has begun with a stringent blockade against commodities, including foodstuffs. "Perhaps we may appear to be lenient toward those occupying Fiume," said Gen. Cavaglia, of the government forces, "but it is not against the forces of iron blockade we are prepared to contend."

The correspondent has gleaned opinions of all sorts in Fiume. Those of the citizens with whom he has talked seemed and that the city now is in the deepest of despair, financially and commercially. "We are starving," said a prominent banker, who previously had been a strong supporter of Italian annexation. "We are unable to go further. We now are ready for an international city. We want our port re-opened to commerce. We want the city occupied either by British or an American garrison. The present state is impossible."

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POTATO FLOUR MILL MAY BE ESTABLISHED

(Special to The Times.) Fredericton, N. B., March 1.—W. P. Hartman of Pittsburg, Pa., who arrived here on Saturday, had a conference with Hon. J. P. Tweddell, minister of agriculture, with regard to the establishment of a potato flour mill in New Brunswick. He returned to the United States this morning. His proposition is under consideration.

A meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative Dairy, Ltd., was held here on Saturday. Mr. Gallant of Moncton, assistant dairy supervisor for New Brunswick, gave some advice concerning the type of equipment for the company's plant. The ice cream equipment will, it is expected, be in operation within a month. Butter making will probably begin by May 1. Two thousand dollars of stock have been subscribed. Returns on the stock have not been received on account of the recent storms.

The department of health today has received a number of additional cases of influenza in the hospital. Five cases are reported at Digby and four new cases at Grand Manan. Dr. J. A. Wade, district officer, has returned from Madawaska.

The athletic authorities at U. N. B. have been informed that King's College in Toronto will be in the city for Tuesday night at Stellarton, N. S., for the championship of the Eastern Intercollegiate Hockey League. The ticket in support of Aid, J. A. Reid for mayor now stands: W. L. Jennings, A. L. Cooper, A. H. Williams, J. A. Gair and J. Stewart Neil. Another candidate, Thos. F. Blizard, has been in the lead of the race.

An attempt was made to induce Mr. Blizard to withdraw and run in the by-election which will follow Aid, Reid's election the majority but it is understood that Mr. Blizard has refused. Mr. Neil does not wish to put the city to the expense of a contest for one ward alone and may not run in Mr. Blizard does.

DOCKERS' STRIKE HOLDS SHIPS IN DUTCH PORTS

Rotterdam, March 1.—Yesterday saw the end of the second week of the dockers' strike, and there is no sign of an amicable adjustment of the trouble. There have been no disorders. A total of 129 ocean-going ships are being held in the harbor here, and there are many others in port at Amsterdam. Twenty-three vessels were able to sail during the last week.

Cadix, March 1.—The strike of dockers recently called at Tarifa on the straits of Gibraltar has ended.

STRIKE OF MINERS IN MONS COAL FIELDS

Brussels, March 1.—The strike of coal miners called a few days ago in the Mons fields in protest against the new bed prices and for higher wages, has extended to the central district of La Louviere 147 miles west northwest of Charleroi, where some disorders are reported.

The socialist labor minister has had an interview with the leaders of the miners with the result that the latter have agreed to await the results of an investigation into the profits of the new owners.

NEW OUTBREAK OF "FLU" IN QUEBEC; SEMINARY CLOSED

Quebec, March 1.—There has been a recurrence of the "flu" in Quebec. The Seminary of Quebec with sixty students in bed, closed its doors yesterday, and the 200 others home for two weeks.

REAL ESTATE ENQUIRY

The board of trade has received an enquiry from St. Catharines, Ontario, for the names of real estate and farm dealers. The desired information has been forwarded.

Scraps of labor troubles have been reported in Japan so the London Daily Mail says it understands.

ARRESTS MADE IN PARIS STRIKE

Paris, March 1.—Three active leaders in the Paris railroad unions were arrested this morning—M. Sirolle, M. Leveque and M. Signac. Great excitement among unionists ensued.

Secretary-General Chervet of the Paris, France and Mediterranean unions, was arrested. All those under detention are charged with interference with the liberty to work and provoking disobedience.

Five thousand persons have volunteered for service on the railroads during the strike and 200 chauffeurs have placed themselves at the disposal of the ministry of public works in carrying out the re-organizing system, according to the Matin.

The labor federation issued the following communication: "The strikers are on different points of the country, the federal council observes that the general strike movement is carried out in perfect calm."

LOCAL NEWS

WAS IN TRAIN WRECK

In the private car "Rosemont" attached to the early Montreal express, G. E. Graham, manager of the D. A. H. Kenville, N. S., arrived in the city this morning and left at noon on the Halifax train. Mr. Graham was injured in the train wreck at North Bay some weeks ago and was laid up in hospital.

Maids Demanding Holidays and Two Cigarettes a Day

Rome, March 1.—Maid servants at Ferrara have organized. Their demands include a fortnight's vacation each year at the sea baths at their employers' expense and two cigarettes a day.

CANADIAN KILLED BY TWO MEXICANS

Alexander Fraser Shot Dead and Brother Is Wounded, Probably Fatally.

Nogales Ariz., March 1.—Deputy Sheriff from Santa Cruz county and posse from Tucson with bloodhounds, crossed the line into Mexico in pursuit of bandits who killed Alexander Fraser and shot his brother, J. A. Fraser, in a run on Saturday on their store at Montez Camp. Fraser was born in Canada.

The body of Alexander Fraser was brought here last night. He was fifty-eight years old and one of the best known men in the county of Santa Cruz, Mexico. His brother was last night dying of his wounds. His wife and children are enroute to his bedside from San Diego.

Fraser told the story of the raid on the store owned jointly by him and his brother. He identified one of the bandits as Lara, a former employer of the Frasers. Lara was accompanied by another Mexican. Mr. Fraser said they entered the store and ordered hands up. Then without warning they began shooting. Alexander Fraser was almost instantly killed. John Fraser was shot in the arm and the bandits took what they pleased and left on horse back.

The sheriff's posse returned to Montez Camp last night after a fruitless search for Lara and his companion.

PREDICT BIG RECEPTION FOR HON. MR. ASQUITH

London, March 1.—The return of former Premier Asquith to the service in parliament today attracted considerable advance attention from press and public. The Times in outlining the plans for the day, including a sort of triumphal procession from Cavendish square to the Commons, said that the plans for the day, including a sort of triumphal procession from Cavendish square to the Commons was under consideration.

Nominations for the civic elections of March 8 must be made before 4 o'clock under conditions which usually accompany royal visits to parliament and predicted a "tremendous reception" for the Liberal leader.

Newspapers which are not supporters of Mr. Asquith joined in giving details of the demonstrations planned. The Daily Mail, which has been usually antagonistic to him, said that the celebration of his return to parliament was "popular recognition of the fact that with his return an effective parliamentary opposition will come into existence for the first time since the war."

The newspaper said: "The absence of such opposition and the jealousies of non-unionist Liberals and Laborites have put unchallenged power in the hands of the government, which has been injurious to parliamentary government and the welfare of the nation."

HEARING ON SHIP CHANNEL PROJECT

International Waterways Commission Begins Sessions in Buffalo.

Buffalo, March 1.—The international waterways commission began here today hearings on the project of the enlarged ship channel in the St. Lawrence river from Lake Ontario to Montreal at the joint expense of the United States and the Canadian governments.

The proponents of the plan include fourteen northwestern states, the prairie provinces of Canada, northwestern cities and ports and shipping interests on the Great Lakes. Their chief argument is lower freight rates to tide-water and cheaper electrical power.

Opposed to them are the state of New York, Montreal, Eastern Railroads of the United States and cities located along the Erie Canal. The opposition has selected former State Senator Henry W. Hill as spokesman.

Chairman Hill said the opposition expected to show that it would be unwise for the United States to spend the large amount of money involved on a "profitless enterprise outside the confines of this country when so many projects within are crying for attention."

Gardner, chairman of the commission, said that the fate of the proposed project will be decided by the conclusions reported to the governments of Canada and the United States.

AN ACCIDENT

Thomas Connolly of 125 Brussels street, a longshoreman working at No. C shed, had his right hand slightly cut this morning. He was treated at an emergency hospital and later went back to his work.

Berlin Socialists protest against a proposal of the Prussian diet to re-organize the State for loss of 150,000 jobs. They are warning they will withdraw from the German government.