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MINISTER OF RAILWAYS DIES IN THE SOUTH

HON. W.C. KENNEDY ENDS HIS CAREER

Gifted Canadian Statesman Passes Away at Naples, Florida After Long Illness.

Naples, Florida, Jan. 17.—Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways and canals for Canada who came here recently to recuperate after an operation in Montreal, died suddenly tonight from heart failure.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—Hon. W. C. Kennedy was ill for several months last year and was a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital in this city from the early part of August until November 22, last. He suffered from gall stones and underwent two operations, both of which were successful so that when he left the hospital he was reported as recovered. His heart, however, was always weak and this was the point which the doctors feared most during his illness. He went to the southern states to escape the rigorous Canadian winter and to get back strength to face his arduous duties at Ottawa.

Born in Ottawa, on August 27, 1868, Mr. Kennedy was the son of William and Julia (Costello) Kennedy. He was educated in the separate schools of Toronto and in the De La Salle Institute, Toronto.

He began his business career with the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, Toronto, in 1887, and continued with this firm until 1897. Then he engaged in the gas and oil business at Windsor (Ont.). He was president of the Windsor Gas Company, Limited, from 1903 to 1917.

Mr. Kennedy married Glencora Bolton, daughter of George W. Bolton, of Detroit, Michigan, on May 8, 1907. He was a member of the Detroit Club and the Athletic Club, Detroit; Essex County Golf Club, Windsor; Ontario Club, Toronto, and the Rideau Club and Country Club, Ottawa. He was a Roman Catholic in religion.

The deceased was first elected to Parliament for South Essex in 1917 as a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He was reelected in 1921, and occupied the portfolio of Railways and Canals in the King Cabinet.

CATHEDRAL AT RHEIMS BEING REPAIRED

Paris, Jan. 18.—Despite the difficulties encountered in obtaining either money or materials from Germany for the reparation of the devastated districts the work there is rapidly forging ahead. This is exemplified at Rheims, where not only the cathedral has been cleared of all debris but the work of reparation is progressing.

Many of the streets have not yet been touched, all attention having been centered on the cathedral. At present the repair and reconstruction of the status which were either in the church or around it are occupying scores of experts. Fragments of monuments are slowly being put together and it is expected that within a few months all the statues will be in their original emplacements.

Work also is proceeding on the nave, which is expected to be ready for services in 1925. The famous stained glass windows which at the height of the bombardment by the enemy were removed to a cellar also are being examined and as soon as the frames are ready which is expected to be very soon they will be put back in place.

It's a different world entirely as soon as the overcoat lining begins to tear apart.

Three Persons Indicted in New York Gem Robbery

New York, Jan. 17.—Three indictments were returned today in the \$500,000 jewel robbery from Mrs. C. P. Hugo Schoellkopf, of Buffalo, in a West 52nd street apartment house after a New Year's eve party. The indictments, which charge robbery in the first degree, will be filed tomorrow.

MADE MONEY WHILE INMATE OF THE TOMBS

Broker Charged With Mulcting Prisoners Out of the Sum of \$15,000.

New York, Jan. 18.—Alfred E. Lindsay, the South Nyack broker, who swindled well-to-do women out of sums amounting to more than \$5,000,000 did not cease his operations after being lodged in the Tombs last February, it developed today.

Between February and the following November, when he was sent to Sing Sing to serve from five to ten years for his swindling operations, he managed to obtain about \$15,000, from fellow prisoners in the Tombs by promising to use the influence which he possessed with the District Attorney and several Judges to have their cases dropped, or if they should come to trial to obtain suspended sentences.

Lindsay who got nearly \$400,000 from Mrs. William B. Duke and a large sum from Mrs. William H. Arnold on false pretences, was held in the Tombs an unusually long time because, after pleading guilty, he became the State's witness against Maj. or Redondo Sutton former vice-president of the Pacific Minerals and Chemicals Company, Major Sutton who had been Lindsay's friend was convicted of sending out false prospectuses. He is now serving from six months to three years in the penitentiary. Lindsay also became a witness for the State against Dr. Knut Arvid Endlin, another acquaintance who was convicted of receiving stolen goods and is also doing time in the penitentiary.

MAY FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF QUEBEC FIRE

Quebec, Jan. 18.—The clearing of the Basilica ruins begun today is expected to aid in finding a solution of the mysterious origin of the fire.

So far workmen have been able to report that the fire certainly did not originate in the basement nor in the nave of the church, but in the upper part of the destroyed building. Apart from certain points, where the crumbling of the walls damaged the floor, the pavement has been found intact.

The sanctuary lamp where the fire was suspected to have started was found in the ruins well preserved.

Abbe Deslauries, assistant to Mgr. Lafamme, parish priest, stated today that the religious authorities were more and more perplexed regarding the cause of the fire.

"It seems now that it started in the galleries of the church and this is rather strange," he declared. "The electricity had been cut off as usual that evening and really we seem to be unable to find any natural cause for the conflagration."

Fire Marshal Leclerc is still adjourning his investigation day after day.

SUSSEX TOO FAST AT BORDER

St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 17.—Sussex started on its series of games away from home this evening by winning from the local players, 10 to 2. It was the first appearance of the Sussex team on St. Stephen ice and the visitors showed themselves the fastest aggregation of hockey players seen here in years. They are fast skaters, good stick-handlers and clean players. Their combination was in evidence at all stages of the game.

The local team was handicapped by the absence of Walker and Ganong, who were unable to play tonight on account of illness.

French Are Veering In The Direction of Less Rigorous Methods

THE IDEA OF REQUISITIONING THE MINES HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR THE PRESENT—DECISION REACHED AT A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC MISSION—FRENCH NEWSPAPERS CREATING A BAD IMPRESSION ABROAD.

Essen, Jan. 17.—The French economic mission has decided to content itself for the time being with the requisitioning of coal already mined and brought to the surface, diverting to France the cars already loaded and destined for the interior of Germany and postponing for the present the idea of requisitioning the mines themselves.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the economic mission, at which General Simon presided and which lasted many hours. The meeting was called after advices had been received from Paris that the word "confiscation," mentioned in the French papers was creating a bad impression abroad, especially in Great Britain and the United States. The realization that the French technical services in the Ruhr were totally inadequate to direct a task of such magnitude also was responsible in a measure for the alteration of the French plans.

VEERING TOWARDS Milder METHODS

That the French policy in the Ruhr is veering toward milder methods is also shown by the announcement by French general headquarters at midnight that the "defaulting magnates" would not be arrested but would be simply summoned and tried before courts-martial, leaving these courts to deal with them as they deemed fit. "We will not give them an opportunity to pose as martyrs," was the comment at headquarters.

Application of the Tirard plan for collecting customs, which was presented to the Paris conference by M. Poincare will also be enforced between now and January 31.

It developed during the evening that friction existed between the French economic civilian authorities, which was responsible for orders and counter-orders, the vacillating policy, involving: First, the stern and then the conciliatory measures, obtaining in the last few days.

The economic mission realizes that preparations are totally inadequate for the French to take complete charge of the Ruhr mines without the assistance of German technical organizations, and is desirous of gaining time, without the wish to resort to the requisitioning of the mines until there is absolutely no other way out.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Congregation Contributed More Than Ever to Some Funds—Credit Balance on Year.

The annual meeting of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in this city took place Wednesday night with a large attendance. The general tenor of the meeting was optimistic and the church during the year made substantial progress.

The minister Rev. Dr. Sutherland presided at the devotional services and the business session which followed. The usual reports were presented by the sessions, trustees and various organizations. On of the best years in the history of the church was shown. Congregational contributions to the Missionary, Benevolent and Educational funds of the Presbyterian Church in Canada were never larger.

The report of the trustees showed a total revenue of \$7,234.33 and the treasurer reported a balance of \$259 in the bank after all bills are paid. Total receipts for missions were reported as \$3,752.82.

Congregational statistics show that the Sunday school has 37 officers and teachers, 451 scholars making a total of 488. Families number 305 an increase of 14. Members in full communion number 476. The net increase was 25.48 being received and 23 removed. Baptism totalled 29, 6 children and 23 adult.

Marriages numbered 6 and deaths 15.

Trustees elected to complete the board of twelve are W. S. Thomas, John Neill, W. L. McFarlane and J. B. McNair. Auditors elected are A. S. McFarlane and J. Walter McKay.

The meeting decided to contribute toward the expenses of the movement toward improving the religious organization among colored people. These contributions will continue until the outcome of the movement may be observed.

FARRALINE HOME WILL BE ENLARGED

Free of Debt—Fund to Assist Inmates Who are Not Able to Pay Full Charges.

The Farraline Home in this city which is owned and operated by the Order of the King's Daughters is to be enlarged at some future date to meet the intentions of the Order in regard to it. The Home having been cleared of debt the last item of \$400 having been wiped off. In the last few months the directors have set a new objective and by resolution decided at their meeting in this city yesterday to establish a fund for the assistance of those inmates of the Home who may not be able to meet the full charges.

The report of the Finance Committee was received with pleasure by the directors as there was a debt of four thousand dollars on the property two years ago.

The resolution which was passed by the directors all of whom were in attendance was as follows:—That each circle of New Brunswick be asked to set aside each year a sum to establish a fund for the assistance of any who are unable to pay the full charges at the Home.

It also was decided that the president of the Order, Miss Ella Thorne of this city, should receive applications for admission to the Home. Reports showed that the operation of the Home was proceeding smoothly.

The meeting was held at the residence of the Countess of Ashburnham and the Countess entertained the directors at supper. Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Likely of St. John poured and Mrs. McAlpine of St. John, Miss Daisy Weddall, Mrs. A. T. Murchie, Miss Sadie Thompson and Mrs. J. Walter MacKay served.

During the last fortnight 100,000 barrels of potatoes have been shipped from the Maritime Provinces to Cuba. Three cargoes were taken from Prince Edward Island, two from Nova Scotia and two from St. John.

NEW FRENCH AIM IN THE EAST STUDIED

Peace Envoy Returns From Paris; May Have Ideas to Save Parley.

Lausanne, Jan. 18.—For the first time since it opened the conference is depending on French action—on the instructions M. Barrere brought back from Paris.

Meanwhile French opinion is divided into two divergent currents, one vexed at the role of second violin France has been playing at Lausanne and pointing out that all the important French gains in the Near East have been the result of following an individual policy, and the other wishing to maintain Landon's "benevolent neutrality" while the delicate reparations game is going on in the Ruhr by continuing to support morally the British attitude toward the Turks.

The French have an additional reason to uphold allied solidarity at Lausanne as they are especially interested in financial questions, controlling four-fifths of the Ottoman foreign debt, more than half of the foreign investments of Turkey and being particularly hard hit by the new Turkish tariff which is prohibitive, for 90 per cent of the French exports are to Turkey, and the Turkish dry law.

The fact that on all three questions the Turks have become more intransigent since the allied break on reparations is likely to make the French think twice before trying to play a lone hand at Lausanne.

In any case Barrere will have to suggest a stronger policy, whether pro-ally or pro-Turk, if he intends to sway the conference proceedings. For a continuation of the present policy in the circumstances will make the Turks skeptical of the French giving the British military support if it comes to a showdown—and that is the thing which really matters.

COMPENSATION BOARD PAID OUT A LARGE SUM

St. John, Jan. 17.—The total compensation paid out by the Workmen's Compensation Board in 1922 was \$481,353. The board had a total of 5,216 cases reported of which 3,915 were finally disposed of. In 1921 the cases aggregated 4,834.

In the 1922 report there is an increase in claims on account of lumbering and milling factories, building trades, N. B. government employees and waterfront operations as compared with 1921 while decreases are noted for mining, steel work, bridges and excavating and Canadian government employees.

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The following disabilities were listed, 2,673 temporary total disabilities; 1,069 minor or cases in which disability existed for less than seven days; 148 permanent partial disabilities involving loss of various members. There were 25 deaths from injuries.

There are 985 cases in which, on December 31, payments were met completely.

In 316 cases completed reports had not been received. Of the total of 5,216 cases, 2,321 were reported from Class II, covering the lumbering industry of the province.

Total compensation payments made for all purposes was \$481,353.18, classified as subtended.

Ordinary compensation, \$167,942.68; Medical aid, \$72,477.98; hospital maintenance, \$26,061.04; reserved for future pensions in death and persons in death and permanent disability cases, \$214,871.48.

No Rupture Has Occurred In Washington Negotiations

London, Jan. 17.—It was emphatically declared in official quarters today that there has been no rupture in the negotiations at Washington regarding the funding of the British war debt to the United States, the conversations being, it was declared, merely suspended.

HUNGER MARCH SANCTIONED BY COMMONS HEAD

COMMUNISTS ARE GAINING STRENGTH

Rent Strike Program Has Support of MacDonald; Recruits Called by Jobless.

London, Jan. 18.—Further evidence of at least a temporary strengthening of the communistic element among England's unemployed came from two sources this week.

The Scottish Communists who started a serious "rent strike" by taking advantage of a technical oversight in the last rent bill have been fully supported publicly by Ramsey MacDonald, Labor party leader in the commons.

More Hunger Marchers.

The other evidence was a further call of the unemployed organization for more "hunger marchers" to come to London. There are about 1200 of them from the provinces still here living upon the public almshouses but the success of the demonstration Sunday in which these acknowledged communistic leaders were supported by the official council of the Labor party and the fact that they have successfully forced themselves on public institutions have given incentive to more activity in London.

Before the war rents for the lower type of houses in England was set by the government. In 1920 with the rise in the prices of everything, it was palpable the landlords had a sound argument in demanding a change in scale. Whereupon parliament passed a law granting raises of 30 to 40 per cent. But it contained a joker in that it provided a month's notice was necessary before the rent could be raised and hardly any landlords formally gave such notice. Rents were raised universally.

Rent Strike Spreads.

Now through the plan started by the Clyde Communists, the tenants are declining to pay any rent whatever until the landlords pay them for the technical overcharge. Their lawyers say they have the right in the case. The resulting "rent strike" is spreading rapidly and MacDonald recently came out strongly in favor of it. The fight in the commons will be in the question whether correcting the measure will be retroactive and the landlords see in the campaign now backed by the labor leader an effort to prevent retrocession.

The hunger marchers who are remaining in London claim that they have forced the already overburdened almshouses to give them a better diet than when they first presented themselves and in view of this success they have invited 6,000 more of their members to come on to the metropolises.

ACOUSTICS IN THE HOUSE ARE FAULTY

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—In an attempt to remedy faulty acoustics the House of Commons chamber is to-day given over to workmen. All the desks have been moved and stages or scaffolding run around the walls. The intention is to carpet the floors and to have curtains across all the window recesses.

From time to time there have been suggestions that the seating should be changed completely and the speaker's chair placed at one side rather than at the end. But such a project would involve remodelling of the chamber to a large extent and no attempt will be made to put it into effect before the coming session.

The present changes are expected to be completed a week from next Saturday.

It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.