

CHURCH UNION BILL PASSES HOUSE

FEAR TROUBLE WITH THE JAPS

AVIATOR TRIED TO END LIFE

Sergeant Troyes Tried to End it All by a Nose Dive—Is Now in Jail Facing a Courtmartial

LITERARY MAN

IS HONORED

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)
Paris, April 16—Sergeant Troyes, mechanic in the French Aviation Corps attempted suicide in an airplane and wound up in jail facing a courtmartial. Troyes who knew little about flying, entered a plane planning to go aloft and end it all, with a nose dive. He merely succeeded in taking his plane into a fence, wrecking it. He was arrested and must stand trial for damaging government property.

Tribute to Anatole

Anatole, France's grand old man of French literature, was given a great ovation in the press and in literary circles on his 80th birthday today. The Society of Men of Letters sent him a formal address, declaring, "Your works are radiant with humor, pity, and perfect beauty."

BRITAIN MAY REMOVE TARIFF ON AUTOMOBILES

London, April 16—There is a possibility that the Labor Government may remove on May 1 the high tariff wall erected in 1915 against American and other foreign automobiles, pianos, clocks and movie films. The possibility has thrown a scare into the Conservatives and other protectionists, but is engendering no false hopes among American importers who declare they will continue to hold their own even if the present 33 1-3 per cent. duty is perpetuated.

The Labor Government came into power definitely pledged to free trade but so far has tampered with none of the old time tariffs, contending itself with slashing some of the war time duties. It recently decided how ever to discontinue legislation designed to shut out goods from Germany and other countries with depreciated currencies. The Government has declined to reveal the course it intends to pursue respecting the 1915 tariff until the budget is introduced on April 29. Notwithstanding duty imports of American pleasure automobiles have steadily increased since the war, while imports of duty free commercial cars have decreased.

BLACK KNIGHTS CHOOSE OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Moncton, April 15—At the annual session of the New Brunswick Grand Black Chapter. Knights of The British Commonwealth held here today at which a large number of delegates were present from all parts of the province the following officers were elected: Grand Master, Richard C. Magee, St. John; deputy grand master, W. J. Matthews, Moncton; assistant deputy grand master, B. E. Lonsbury, Sussex; grand chaplain J. D. Perkins, Sussex; deputy grand chaplain, E. Walton, Newcastle Bridge; grand registrar, D. K. Graham, Campbellton; deputy grand registrar W. M. Parke, St. John; grand treasurer, J. E. Arthur, St. John; deputy grand treasurer, J. S. Harris, Tracey Station; grand lecturers, C. A. Jones, St. John and Barry Allan, Fredericton.

JAPAN MAKING ADDITIONS TO HER NAVAL FORCES

(Special to The Daily Mail.)
London, April 16—Since signing of the Washington limitation of armaments treaties, Great Britain has started construction on one submarine, while Japan has begun work on six light cruisers, 17 destroyers, and 13 submarines. Parliamentary Secretary Ammon said during the session of the House of Commons today.

MARITIME MAN SUCCEEDS THE LATE MR. BROWN

W. V. APPLETON

IS NAMED

Native of Moncton and Has Been Over Thirty Years in Ry Service.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Montreal, Que., April 16—Walter U. Appleton, the new general manager of the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railways is a native of the Maritime Provinces and has spent his whole life there. He was born in Moncton, N. B. on January 29th, 1878, and joined the Intercolonial Railway as a junior clerk, October 13th, 1890. From that date until October 1913 he served with the Intercolonial Railway successively as machinist apprentice, machinists, chief clerk, assistant to superintendent of motive power and as general master mechanic. When the Intercolonial became part of the Canadian Government Railways Mr. Appleton, in February 1918 was appointed superintendent of motive power and in December of the same year mechanical superintendent.

With the amalgamation of the Canadian Government Railways into the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Appleton on September 15, 1920 was appointed general superintendent of rolling stock with headquarters at Moncton, and on March 1st, 1923, general superintendent of the Atlantic region.

Another Appointment

Although he was born in Scotland Mr. R. W. Simpson came to Canada at an early age and received his education in the Maritime provinces, where he has spent the most of his life. On the completion of his elementary education he attended the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario from which he graduated with distinguished honors in civil engineering. He joined the Intercolonial Railway on July 22nd, 1889 in the chief engineer's office, where he remained until August 1902, at which time he was assistant chief engineer. From August 1902 until June 1909 he was attached to the staff of the General manager looking after estimates, appropriations, etc. In June 1909 he became advisory engineer to the Board of Management. In November 1922 advisory engineer to the general superintendent, from Sept. 1913 until June 1917 when he was appointed assistant to the general manager, he held the position of general fuel and tie agent. In December 1918, Mr. Simpson became assistant to the general superintendent and in June 1922, acting general superintendent. Upon the coordination of all lines into the Canadian National Railways system now existing, Mr. Simpson in March 1923 was appointed assistant to the general manager.

Hon. J. A. Murray of Sussex is a guest at the Barker House.

Jap Exclusion Bill May Become a Menace To Peace of the Pacific

This is View Taken by the British Press of Measure Now Before the United States Congress—A Dangerous Spirit of Enmity Towards Japan is Seen in Action of the Senate.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

LONDON, April 16—The British Press sees today in the adoption of the Japanese exclusion amendment to the immigration bill by the congress in Washington grave danger to peace in the Pacific. The Daily News ridicules the allegation that the Japanese Ambassador's note to Secretary Hughes urging against the adoption of the amendment constitutes "a threat" to American sovereignty and insists that the Senate's action in the amendment demonstrates "a dangerous spirit of enmity" toward Japan.

The American Senate should go slow, the Newspaper says and "consider the note for what it is—an explanation—and think carefully of the dangers towards peace which lurk in intolerance". All the papers print dispatches from Washington telling the progress of debate on the measure.

THE LEGISLATURE DISCUSSED THE MINIMUM SALARY QUESTION; THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

It now looks as if the Legislature would prorogue either at a late hour tonight or tomorrow afternoon. The first morning session was held today, which was featured by a lengthy discussion on the question of minimum salaries to school teachers. While there have been complaints from some of the back-benchers, it is the opinion of many of the members that the fault is not in the law itself, so much as in the way it is administered.

The supplementary estimates were brought down this morning, and will be continued this afternoon.

The Official Report.

Assembly Chamber, April 16, 1924. The House met at eleven o'clock.

HON. MR. MAGEE submitted the report of the Committee on Public Accounts, which was as follows:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Public Accounts of the Province, for the year ending October 31st, 1923, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee have met from time to time since the report of the Comptroller-General was presented and have carefully considered the various items as set out in the Accounts, with the time at their disposal.

Officials have appeared before the Committee, and have explained various items under consideration.

Your Committee finds the Accounts are in proper order, the statement of revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year being clearly set out in detail.

An investigation was conducted by your committee regarding the alleged rumors that the Premier of the Province is a share-holder or otherwise financially interested in Concrete Builders, Limited, a contracting company which has been doing business with the Department of Public Works. Your committee examined under oath Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, the President of the company; Mr. W. P. Kelly, the accountant for the company; Mr. J. F. Winslow, a director of the company, and Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier. The company also submitted its stock book and books of account for inspection. After consideration of the evidence and examination of the books submitted, your committee finds that neither the Hon. Mr. Veniot nor any member of his family are or have been stock-holders or otherwise interested in Concrete Builders, Limited, since its incorporation.

The committee recommends the payment of ten dollars to Mr. Joseph McPeake for services as stenographer in connection with the enquiry.

Your committee further recommends the payment of fifty dollars to Mr. J. B. Dickson, the secretary.

MR. DOUCETT submitted the report of the Committee on Municipalities.

HON. MR. ROBERTS introduced bills to amend the Public Health Act, and to ratify certain loans made by the Governor-in-council to district boards of health.

Minimum Salaries.

The House then went into Committee, with Mr. Hayes in the Chair, and took up further consideration of supply.

HON. MR. VENIOT on the item of \$2,000 for the Halifax School for the Blind, said that there had been a legacy to the institution by the late Mr. Horseman of Moncton, and the government having collected \$2,300 succession duties from his estate, had decided to make a grant to the School for the Blind.

MR. ESTABROOKS said that he intended to introduce a bill to reduce the minimum salaries to teachers by \$100, but had been prevailed upon to allow the matter to stand over until next session. He claimed that the minimum salaries were greater than people in some of the back districts could afford to pay.

HON. MR. VENIOT defended the minimum salaries and claimed that in many cases where hardship was alleged the fault rested with the trustees. The law was based on the report of a non-partisan committee after very careful consideration, and he was not favorable to any change.

The matter was further discussed by Mr. Melanson, Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Mr. Merseureau, Hon. Mr. Magee, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Burlock, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Richards, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Foster.

HON. MR. MAGEE suggested that before reducing the salary of teachers hon. members might consider cutting their indemnity by twenty-five per cent.

MR. FLEWELLING concurred in the remarks made by Hon. Mr. Magee. At one o'clock the House took recess until three-thirty.

Addressed Meeting at Tracey.

M. A. McLeod and James Bremner on Monday night addressed a large meeting at Tracey in the interest of the Department of Agriculture.

Bridge Tenders Called

The Department of Public Works is calling for tenders for the Vautour (Docthe) Concrete Arch Culvert and roadway embankment, Parish of Acadieville, Kent County.

NORWEGIAN WHALER AND CREW LOST

(Special to The Daily Mail.)
Montevideo, April 16—The whaling vessel, Selvik has been lost with all hands, according to word received here today. The vessel sunk while whaling in southern waters. The Selvik is a 143-ton whaling vessel, built at Christiania and registered at Sandieffjord, Norway.

ROUND THE WORLD FLYERS REACH ATHENS

NEXT JUMP

IS TO EGYPT

British Airmen Arrived in Athens This Afternoon from Corfu.

Athens, April 16—The British round the world amphibian plane arrived at the Old Phaleron aerodrome shortly before 4 p.m. today. The big plane piloted by Major Stuart MacLaren winged its way gracefully into the harbour after departing from Lake Korissa Island of Corgu at 11.30 o'clock this morning.

The British airmen were greeted with cheers by crowds which had been waiting for them along the water front guns boomed a salute as they came ashore. MacLaren was smiling and happy. "We're under way again he said." The aviators said the flight from Corfu was made in good time and that they expected to get under way as soon as possible for Egypt.

SCOTLAND YARD TO GUARD THE RUSSIAN ENVOYS

London, April 16—Elaborate arrangements for police protection of the Russian delegates to the conference which opens on Monday are being made by the British Government at the request of Russia. The latter nation is plainly nervous about the safety of its representatives during their stay in London.

Foreign Office officials this morning conferred with the police authorities in order to devise precautions which the Russians consider necessary. The Sun was informed at the Foreign Office today that while the decision not to admit the press is to be adhered to, a report of the proceedings will be issued at the close of each day's session. After the morning session the chief of the Russian delegates will lunch with Prime Minister MacDonald at 10 Downing street.

HEAVY BAIL FIXED FOR THE EX-TREASURER

Toronto, April 15—When Hon. Peter, former Provincial Treasurer, who was arrested yesterday appeared in police court today to defraud the Government of Ontario he was not called upon to plead or elect, Crown Attorney McNair asking that the accused ex-cabinet minister be remanded for eight days. The court consented and bail was fixed at \$102,000, \$50,000 of which was furnished by Mr. Smith himself and the balance by friends from his home district.

WILLING TO RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET

Japanese are Willing to Regard It as the De-jure of Russia—Ambassador to Notify Krassen of This Fact.

CONCESSIONS

ARE DEMANDED

(Special Cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Peking, April 16—Japan has expressed her willingness to recognize the Soviet government as the de jure government of Russia, according to reliable information received from Tokio sources.

The Japanese government, it is learned, has instructed Minister Yossica Wa, representative at Peking to notify M. Krassen, Soviet plenipotentiary of this fact.

Japan proposed to make certain concessions and also to offer certain conditions. Recognition would be followed by a Russo-Japanese conference similar to the Anglo-Russian conference now under way in London.

The Japanese government has offered to evacuate Saghalin Island but demands the cancellation of the Sinclair oil contracts and the cession to Japan of Harbin and the Chang Chun section of the Japanese eastern railroad.

CRERAR AND FORKE PLEASED WITH BUDGET

Ottawa, April 16—Political Ottawa has devoted a great deal of the week-end to a thorough canvassing of the Budget. In the rooms that open off the gloomy corridors of the buildings scores of private members are perusing the schedules, rereading from Hansard the utterances of the Acting Finance Minister and analyzing Governmental policies from the point of view of their particular constituencies. Especially busy are the Progressives. Unofficial opinion among the Westerners is strengthening that the Robb Budget is one that they can support in the House and defend upon the hustings—if need should arise for the latter course.

It is an open secret that Hon. T. A. Crerar left for Winnipeg on Friday night highly gratified at the fiscal pronouncement of last Thursday; the same is known to be true of Robert Forke, the Progressive Leader, in spite of the fact that he, like his predecessor in the chieftainship, declined to issue any statement in the matter.

AIRPLANES TO EXTERMINATE THE LOCUSTS

Manila, April 16—A unique plan for the extermination of locusts, which have made inroads on sugar cane fields in several parts of the Philippines has been completed by the plant pest control division of the Bureau of Agriculture.

An airplane is to be used in scattering poison dust on the locusts in the breeding stages in the hills and tall grass, where men on foot find difficulty in penetrating. A hopper filled with the poison dust has been attached to the plane and the dust spreader which is connected with the engine can be controlled by a lever.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kitchen returned yesterday from Florida, where they spent the winter.