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THE WEATHER

Fresh north-easterly winds,
fair and cold today and Friday.

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An American in Shanghai Narrowly Escaped Death

Stirling Fessenden, Chairman of the Municipal Council, Was Fired at While Eating Breakfast—The Would-be Assassin Escaped—U. S. Marines Replace Coldstream Guards in First Line of Defence.

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

LONDON, March 24—Stirling Fessenden, an American, who is chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, narrowly escaped assassination Tuesday, the Peking Correspondent of the Morning Post reported today. An assassin fired at Fessenden while the American was eating breakfast, but missed him, the dispatch said. The assailant was reported to have escaped.

The Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent reported the Cold Stream Guards would be replaced today by United States Marines in the first line defence around the foreign settlement. Two squads of marines have been in position with the Cold Stream detachment for two days. Fifty nationalists were killed and one hundred wounded when the British Durham battalion repulsed an attack on the settlement Tuesday, the correspondent said.

U. S. Warships for Shanghai

Washington, March 24—The United States cruisers Cincinnati, Richmond and Marblehead now at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, were ordered today to proceed to Shanghai.

The Cruisers left Panama February 4th for Pearl Harbor subject to orders of Admiral S. C. S. Williams, Commander of the Asiatic fleet, and Williams today instructed them to go on to the Chinese trouble zone.

DEVELOPMENT SCHEME ON THE ST. JOHN RIVER

Andover, March 23—Development of the Saint John River over the area of about one mile, between the mouth of the Aroostook River and Morrell Siding, is proposed.

Options have been taken on the properties along the river in that neighborhood and as soon as possible soundings will be taken and a survey made.

If the project proves feasible a dam and power house will possibly be built there. The proposition has been looked over by D. B. Davis, M. L. A., for Victoria county, who will interest some industrial company in the project if a successful enterprise there is reasonably certain.

NEW SHERIFF OF VICTORIA CO.

Andover, N. B., March 23—A. Vaughan Bedell, of Andover, has been appointed high sheriff for Victoria County, to replace James Tibbitts, resigned.

Mr. Bedell is the youngest sheriff in the province, being 30 years of age. He is a returned soldier having seen service overseas with the Air Force. Prior to his appointment he has been connected with the firm of D. R. Bedell Co. He is a very popular young man.

Steamship Men Here

Capt. Charles C. Taylor and Harold C. Galt of Saint John were among the visitors to the city yesterday. These gentlemen lately secured controlling interest in the Crystal Stream Steamship Company, owners of the Steamer Majestic, D. J. Purdy and Premier which ply on the St. John River. It is their intention next season to devote special attention to the development of tourist travel on the river.

BIG SUM IS INVOLVED IN REDUCTIONS

Ottawa, March 23—The implementing of the Duncan report with regard to transportation costs and facilities will undoubtedly be a long step toward reinstating a proper basis of transportation costs and services in the Maritimes," says a statement issued here today by F. C. Cornell, who presented the case for the Maritime governments with regard to freight rates before the Duncan Commission.

Mr. Cornell estimated that \$5,000,000 would be a conservative estimate of the amount involved in the rate reductions.

PRINCE GAVE RACING TIP TO BLIND MAN

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Brighton, England, March 24—The Prince of Wales has joined the ranks of race tipsters.

Replying to a blind soldier's question as to which horse would win the Grand National, which is scheduled for Friday, the Prince told him to back Thrown In.

Death at Marysville

The death of Mrs. E. Jane Drysdale occurred last night after a long illness at the home of her sisters the Misses Ramsay, Marysville. The deceased was the widow of W. T. Drysdale. Her surviving sisters are the Misses Hannah and Agnes Ramsay. The funeral service will be conducted at the home of the Misses Ramsay Friday evening at eight o'clock by Rev. N. P. Fairweather assisted by Rev. Mr. Rice. The body will be taken to Woodstock Saturday morning with funeral on the arrival of the train.

KENT COUNTY FARMER MET TRAGIC DEATH

Moncton, N. B., March 23—Alyre Allain, former of St. Mary's, Kent county, met instant death tonight near his home when he was struck on the head with part of a winch that had broken while he was in the act of moving a house he had purchased to add to his own property.

Just what exactly happened to cause the winch to break could not be ascertained.

Deceased was 37 years of age and was born in Kent county.

He was a highly respected and prosperous farmer. He is survived by a wife and six young children.

A WORTHY OBJECT.

New York, March 24—As a memorial to Mrs. J. P. Morgan, who died of sleeping sickness, Mr. Morgan has given \$200,000 for study of the disease. The gift will equip a complete room in a hospital to be built by the Neurological Institute, which regards the fund as offering unparalleled facilities for research.

FATALLY INJURED.

Cobalt, Ont., March 23—George Eno, aged 65 years, was fatally injured at Yorkston, when the buffer beam of a locomotive hauling a northbound passenger train struck him as he was standing alongside of the railway tracks.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ORGANIZED THIS MORNING FOR SESSION

Hon. B. Frank Smith, Chairman, Addressed Committee, Stating What is Expected of its Members—Comptroller-General to Appear.

The Public Accounts Committee of the House of Assembly met for the first time this morning and organized for the session.

Hon. B. Frank Smith was elected Chairman and Mr. J. Fred Payne appointed Secretary.

Address By Chairman.

Mr. Smith upon assuming the chair addressed the committee as follows:

Gentlemen, in calling this Committee to order for the first time during this session, I assure you that it is a very great pleasure as Chairman of the Committee, to welcome the various members back.

It is also with feelings of great regret that I notice one of our chairs is vacant. I refer to that position occupied by the late member for the county of Albert, Mr. John L. Peck, who by his years of experience and his knowledge always brought to bear on every public question a keen, analytical mind, and as one well versed in the conditions which obtained throughout the province. He always manifested a deep interest in the Public Accounts of the Province, and I am sure we will all cherish his memory and will try to emulate as well the ideals which characterized his life.

On the other hand it is a pleasure to welcome the new members of the Committee this morning, the junior member for Albert, Mr. Osman, who has just taken his place with us, and

MISSION OF A U.S. WOMAN IS IMPORTANT

Will Represent the U. S. at a Conference in London.

YALE ECONOMICS WILL ASSIST

Conference on Double Taxation Will be International.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Washington, D. C., March 24—Miss Anna Belle Matthews, an attorney in the office of the General Counsel of the Treasury has left for London to represent the United States at the International conference on double taxation there. This is probably the first time that a woman has been entrusted with such an important mission abroad. She will be assisted by Dr. Thomas Adams, Yale Economist and adviser to the treasury on tax problems.

WINDSOR, ONT. WILL HAVE A BIG NEW HOTEL

Windsor, March 23—Preliminary plans are completed for a 14-story hotel to be built at Pitt and Ferry streets at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000. The proposed structure will be built by Lane & Sullivan, Detroit hotel contractors, builders of the Forty Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, and other large hostels throughout the continent. This property was bought last year by Dr. W. C. Doyle.

we accord him a very hearty welcome, as well as to the member for the county of St. John, Mr. H. Colby Smith, and we trust that they will be able, not only to take the places of those who have gone, but that they may be able in due time to fill a large place in the public life of this province.

First of Present Government.

I desire to express to the Opposition members of this Committee, as this is the first time we have had the opportunity of an examination into the Public Accounts of the present Government, that we shall accord to them the fullest opportunity of going into the accounts of the province. Every liberty will be given to the members of the Opposition on this Committee, and every facility will be afforded them in expediting the work to take advantage in the fullest measure, to obtain the fullest information with respect to the accounts of the Province.

Roll-call will be taken every morning the same as was done last year. I am going to ask the Secretary to record those of the members who are faithful in attendance, so that a full record will be kept, and at the end of session will be incorporated in the report, so that the members in the House and their various constituencies will be afforded an opportunity of knowing of their faithfulness to this work.

Reply by Hon. Mr. Michaud.

Hon. J. E. Michaud for the Opposition replied thanking the chairman for his expression of a desire to give the Opposition every opportunity to examine and discuss the accounts.

Mr. Osman also thanked the chairman.

At the request of Hon. Mr. Michaud it was decided to ask the Comptroller-General, W. A. Loudoun, to attend the sittings of the committee.

Cost of Living in U. S. Had Slight Decline in Month of February

The Purchasing Power of a Dollar Was Worth One Cent More in February Than it Was in January—Investigation Made by the National Industrial Conference Board—Comparison With Pre War Days.

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

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 24—Everybody's dollar was worth a penny more in February than it was in January which means that the high cost of living continues to slip downward, at least on paper.

The index number of the cost of living stood at 165.2 in February as compared with 166.9 for January, according to the monthly investigation of National Industrial Conference Board.

But as compared with July of 1914 when \$1.00 was worth a dollar the February dollar was worth but 60½ cents.

CAPITALISTS WILL INVEST MILLION IN P. Q.

London, March 24—While the greatest secrecy is being preserved regarding the identity of the members of the syndicate which is going to invest \$500,000,000 in the development of the Province of Quebec, particularly the Lake St. John district, it is known that they are all English and that some of them are titled men. Nor is there any doubt of the syndicate's existence, it being reliably stated that four of the members will shortly leave England for Quebec in connection with the project.

DYSART SPOKE TO FEDERATION OF LABOR

Hon. A. A. Dysart, leader of the opposition party in the provincial legislature, addressed the New Brunswick Federation of Labor Wednesday afternoon.

He expressed himself as in favor of organized labor, said that organization in the ranks of labor was necessary and pointed to the Workmen's Compensation Act as one of the beneficial results from the activities of organized labor, which favorably affected both organized and unorganized labor.

Resolutions.

The resolutions committee made a favorable report upon the resolutions in regard to the following subjects:

(1) That there be no appeal to the courts from findings of the Public Utilities Commission.

(2) That in the event of the legislation asked by the federation not being enacted at this session of the legislature, the government appoint a commission to make a survey of the requirements in that regard and report before the next session of the legislature.

(3) That moving picture operators be subject to examinations and be licensed and that other changes be made in the theatre and cinematograph act, as suggested by the organized moving picture operators.

Visitors Entertained.

These resolutions were all adopted by the convention. Last evening was given over to a social entertainment provided for the visiting delegates by local labor men.

ST. JOHN BILLS CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

Committee Room,
March 24th, 1927.

The Municipalities Committee met this morning. Mr. G. Earle Logan appeared to support the bill regarding taxation of the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Co. and the bill was ordered reported to the House.

The bill regarding permanent sidewalks in Lancaster was also ordered reported, as was the bill relating to discount of taxes in City and County of Saint John.

Bills referring to repair of Great Marsh Aboldeau and to amend the St. John city assessment act were stood over for further consideration.

Messrs. W. R. Ross and W. L. Golding appeared before the Committee on behalf of the City of St. John.

Jas. A. Whitebone of St. John is registered at the Windsor.

CONCERT AT OPERA HOUSE BIG SUCCESS

The concert at the Opera House last evening under the auspices of the King's Daughters, drew a crowded house, and was one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the kind put on here in many years. Indeed it would not be an exaggeration to say that it was a fifty per cent improvement over some of the dramatic efforts by local talent frequently staged here. The best musical talent of the city was represented in the splendid program and all acquitted themselves with the greatest credit.

The stage was set in the form of drawing room with appropriate fixtures and was graciously presided over by the Countess of Ashburnham, long and active worker of the order of King's Daughters. The program included selections by a double quartette of ladies, which was really one of the best features. Violin selections by Mrs. Gunn of Saint John and an exhibition of dancing by Miss Chisholm of Saint John, a niece of Mrs. A. P. Crockett, added variety to the entertainment. A piano duet by Mr. and Mrs. George Tennant was greatly enjoyed. There was also a reading by Miss Lawrence of the Normal School staff and a number of musical selections of a high order. The audience showed its hearty appreciation of the splendid program by applause and frequent encores.

L. A. Putnam of Sussex is registered at the Queen.

SOCIAL

Mrs. A. R. Slipp, who has been visiting relatives at London, Ont., returned home today.