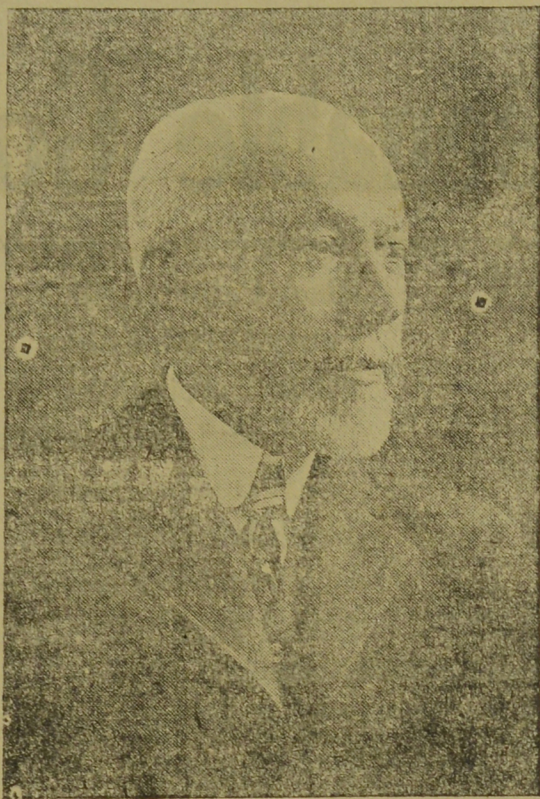


RAILWAY MAGNATE PASSES

Death of Mr. David McNicoll.

ONE of the most remarkable of the many famous men connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway passed away on Sunday with the death of Mr. David McNicoll at Guelph, Ont. From the day of his birth at Arbroath, Scotland, in 1852, up to the day of his death, the life of the late first vice-president of the C. P. R. is a fascinating study. Many men have abilities high as those that were possessed by David McNicoll, but few men can apply themselves to the exertions that are needed for the development of abilities as he applied himself. At an early age he saw his life work before him as plainly as one might see a great ladder standing against a wall.



Little is known of David McNicoll the child and schoolboy, but in 1865—the year the Fenians invaded Canada from the United States—we are told that the lad, then aged 14 years, took up the post of clerk with the North British Railway Company in Scotland and in 1873 he got a position as clerk with the North Midland Railway Company.

In 1874 the young railway clerk came to Canada and at twenty-two years old young McNicoll was lucky enough to get a humble position on the Northern Railway, which ran from Toronto to Collingwood, in Ontario. At the latter mentioned little town he was billing clerk for a year, and then went to Toronto where he was installed as chief clerk in the office of the general manager of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway.

The year 1882 brought him another change, for then he became general freight and passenger agent. About this period the C. P. R. was laying steel across the Dominion of Canada and people were beginning to awaken to the wonderful possibilities of the Canadian Pacific. McNicoll was one of those who saw a great future for this railroad, and in 1883 he obtained an appointment in the service of the company as general freight and passenger agent for the Eastern and Ontario Division. Promotion came rapidly for in 1889 he was made General Passenger Agent for all the lines, both railroad and steamship. There was a still further recognition of his worth in 1892 when he took up the duties of Passenger Traffic Manager for the entire system. The height of his advancement was not attained even in 1899 when he was given the important role of Assistant General Manager, for the following year he found himself Second Vice-President and General Manager. The first vice-presidency was taken up by him in 1903, and in 1906 he was made a director. Owing to ill health in 1914 this distinguished railroad career was brought to a close, and Mr. David McNicoll retired, having left behind him a record that it would be difficult to beat.

Such is the story of the dates of the advancements of the man who is now no more. Looking back on his career we can only see the marks of the bounds he made—the energies that prompted his rapid movements are hidden from us; only those who labored with him and observed his labors can tell of his ambition, and the struggles—the long days of tireless thought, of guiding zealously and of taking guide cheerfully—which were the forces that drove the engine of his ambition. The engine of the ambition of David McNicoll always moved without making an audible puff.

This man, who took a big part in the making of a gigantic enterprise, was the possessor of a strong individuality and a manner none of which was taken from the manner of others. In all that claimed his attention he was most sympathetic; he toiled in quietude and after he had finished arduous work he did not tell his friends that he had been working hard. He endeavored to make his own particular business perfect, and he wanted all who worked in connection with him to have aims similar to his own. To those above him he imparted business ideas and expounded policies that might lead towards new expansions. If he were exacting at times, he was always just. It is true that there were occasions on which his demeanor was brusque, but brusqueness is often the cover for a soft heart; with him it was frequently the beginning of kindness.

The office of Mr. McNicoll was one of the most pleasant of offices in Montreal, and there the first vice-president used to sit in a swivel chair which allowed him to change his pose as he changed the thoughts which he presented to those who came to speak with him. There was none of the swell about him; he was a plain man, usually wore dark clothes, and his attitude was always unostentatious. He was able to pack a large bundle of wisdom into a small heap of words, and he was as practical in his conversation as in his work. There were few questions with regard to the general details of the C. P. R. which he could not answer extempore.

David McNicoll did not sit brooding over the difficulties that came in his path; he surmounted them; his energy made his memorial, stamped his eulogy on the chart of time.

His remains were interred at Montreal on Tuesday.

SPEAKER CLARK ON

COST OF LIVING

Buy Some Laying Hens and Eat More Corn Products, He Advises.

Washington, Nov. 28.—If the high cost of living bothers you, don't wait for government remedies but buy some laying hens and eat more corn products, says Speaker Clark. Not that he does not think the government can help bringing down the price of food stuffs by legislative or other action, but he puts more faith in more direct methods.

Thus he expressed himself today on the high cost of living which he regards as one of the greatest problems facing the nation. He referred to Representative Fitzgerald's embargo bill.

"There may or may not be a chance for Mr. Fitzgerald's proposed bill," he said, "it might do some good; I don't know. I think the government can help to lower food prices by legislation or other action, but I do know there are ways by which the consumer can cut down his expenses.

"For instance, everyone who can should keep hens. And any man who has twenty square feet of ground can keep them.

"People should eat more corn products, too. Mush is highly nutritious and it isn't eaten enough.

"Rice is almost entirely overlooked in this country. I was surprised to hear the other day that five cents worth of rice will serve as a substitute for bread for an entire day in a family of six people."

The Speaker declared that he will urge passage this year of a federal law prohibiting the killing of veal calves. Such a measure failed at the last session. He also expressed the view that the egg speculators violate the law in holding eggs for a raise in price, and that people were "foolish" to permit their butter prices to be regulated from one point in this country.

STORM WAS WORST

IN FORTY YEARS

Quebec, Nov. 30.—News of a strenuous fight against the worst storm in forty years down the Gulf and the lower St. Lawrence was brought to port today by four coasting steamers that were in the grip of the terrific gales, slashing rain and blinding snow on their trip up the river.

The worst experience was that of the C. G. S. lightship Arctic, which was torn off her anchorage at the lower traverse and had to run in and out of small inlets for protection. The Arctic reached here today, a veritable ice craft.

The steamer Cascapedia, over a week late, arrived today and reported experiencing the worst storm in her career.

Over ten days late on her trip to and from Gaspé ports, the steamer Gasparian, plying between Montreal, Quebec and Gulf ports, is expected here tonight after an experience her crew believed to be their last.

The C. G. S. Lady Evelyn, which arrived today, also has thrilling tales to tell. She is just in from a hard cruise to Anticosti and north shore ports, where she went with the mails and to take on passengers which the Canadian Government steamer Montcalm had been unable to reach in her last trip some ten days ago owing to a howling gale.

CHICAGO DIET SQUAD

ON SECOND WEEK

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Plainer fare will mark the menus of the diet squad of Chicago's health department during the remainder of the attempt to demonstrate how to live well at reasonable prices, the second week of which began today.

Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner, expressed the hope that in the full week the cost of feeding the twelve dieters might be cut to about 25 cents per day per person. The cost for the first week was 33 2-3 cents, exclusive of allowances for fuel, light, heat, service and overhead expenses.

Only two dozen eggs were used in the first week, these costing 40 and 44 cent a dozen. Thirty-five quarts of milk at 9 cents a quart were used, chiefly for cooking. Economy was exercised, it was pointed out, by purchasing in large amounts, thus saving fractional weight and "split nickel" charges, although all goods were purchased in down town retail stores.

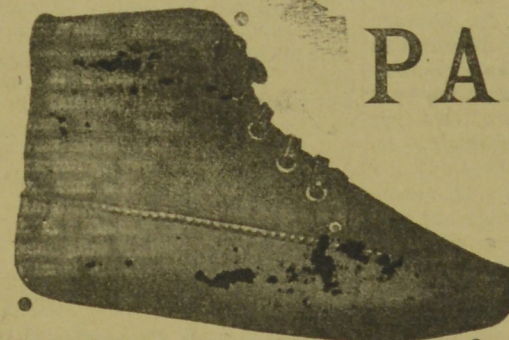
Dr. Robertson said he expects to cut down the daily ration slightly and to substitute less fattening and less costly foods, pointing out that in the first week the members of the squad made a total gain of 24 1/2 pounds, and that the average had increased from 152.08 to 154.31.

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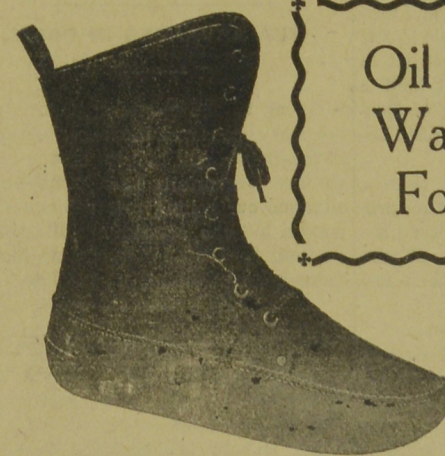
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TO PROTEST AGAINST
TREATMENT OF BELGIANS

Washington, Nov. 29.—Ambassador Gerard conferred with President Wilson today and received final instructions on views to be presented to the German government regarding the deportation of Belgians and submarine warfare. No written communications have been given the ambassador, but Mr. Wilson outlined to him fully the attitude of the American government toward pending issues.

The President is understood to have emphasized the unfavorable impression created here by Germany's treatment of the Belgians, and to have reiterated that the United States had said its last word on submarine warfare and expected Germany to live up to her pledges.

While Mr. Gerard would not discuss the matter for publication, he is said to have informed the president that Germany undoubtedly is ready for peace on terms satisfactory to her.

NOT MUCH CHANGE IN
GREEK SITUATION

Athens, via London, Nov. 30.—King Constantine, acting in the capacity of commander in chief of the army, this morning called a council of the officers of the Athenian regiments at the headquarters of the first army corps. The King attended the conference.

Premier Lambros declared the situation is unchanged. The decision of the crown council yesterday to support the government in opposing the demands of the Entente Allies for the surrender of arms and all munitions probably will be formulated into a verbal note for delivery to Vice Admiral Du Fournet, commanding the Allied squadron, in respect to the statement that he would insist on delivery of the war materials.



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