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Holy Year of 1933 Was Inaugurated Today by the Pope

Rome the Scene of the Most Colorful Pageant Since the Inauguration of His Holiness Eleven Years Ago—Sealed Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica Was Broken.

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

VATICAN CITY, April 1—With all the medieval splendor traditional to the Church, Pope Pius XI. today inaugurated the "Extraordinary Holy Year of 1933" in the most colorful pageant since his coronation eleven years ago.

For the first time in history the holy year, its beginning symbolized by breaking through the sealed holy door to St. Peter's Basilica, commemorates the death of Christ rather than his birth, which has hitherto been marked, four times each century by special year-long observances. Today's ritual, carried out with a display of richness only exceeded when a pontiff is raised to the throne, began with a magnificent procession to the Holy Door, which had been blocked by solid masonry since the Holy Year of 1925. Every Cardinal in Rome, a hundred Bishops and Archbishops and Patriarchs with violet robes relieved by rich laces, and jewelled mitres in their hands, surrounded the Pope during the solemn and impressive pageant.

WELL KNOWN STATESMAN HAS PASSED AWAY

Hon. Frank Oliver, a Pioneer of Western Canada and ex-Cabinet Minister Ends Career.

Ottawa, March 31—One of the few remaining links with the days of the covered wagon on the Canadian Prairie was snapped tonight when Hon. Frank Oliver died. If ever there was a pioneer of the West it was Mr. Oliver. He pitched his tent where Edmonton now stands and grew up with the city.

Death came suddenly to put an end to 80 years of life filled with action and achievement. Until a few days ago Mr. Oliver was actively engaged in his duties as special officer on grade separation for the Board of Railway Commissioners. He was suddenly stricken early today and died tonight.

A prominent merchant, editor, publisher, member of Parliament, Minister of the Crown and railway commissioner, Mr. Oliver's career was wrapped up in the life and growth of Western Canada.

Before the Canadian Pacific Railway had yet spanned the prairie, Mr. Oliver set out to lay the foundation of his career on the site of what is now Edmonton. That was in 1876 and Mr. Oliver began business as a trader, hauling his goods in during the summer and running opposition to the Hudson's Bay Company.

A few years later, the young pioneer who had learned the printing trade in The Toronto Globe and practised it in Winnipeg, started his newspaper, The Edmonton Bulletin. He remained the publisher until 1923 when he was appointed a member of the Board of Railway Commissioners after spending six years as Minister of the Interior, 25 years as a member of Parliament as well as serving in the first Legislature of the Northwest Territories.

When he completed his five year

TO LIFT BAN ON BEER FOR UNITED STATES

Ottawa, March 31—Canada will relax the ban on the shipment of Canadian beer to the United States to take effect on April 7, it was learned on good authority today. Doubtless an order will be issued to customs collectors next week setting forth the terms under which they may give clearances to Canadian beer destined to cross the border.

The question of whether Canadian beer is stronger than the 3.2 per cent. alcohol content allowed in the United States will likely be a matter for the U. S. custom officials to ascertain. Canadian "9 per cent." beer is 9 per cent proof spirits and would be somewhat over 4 per cent. alcoholic content, but it is thought the Canadian brewers will provide a beer for export which will meet the U. S. requirements.

Gets Case of Beans

Charles "Nucker" Irvine, Devon's representative in the great Moncton Hawks' hockey machine which is bidding for the Allan Cup, is to receive a case of beans from a Halifax bean concern for scoring the first Hawks' goal last night. The telegram announcing this offer to the first Hawk to score was read last night in the broadcast which was relayed to local persons by Station CFNB. Irvine who played a whale of a game last night, is the son of Arthur Irvine, Devon and a nephew of Dr. W. H. Irvine, of this city. Irvine has played hockey in all the larger centers in the Maritime provinces and is popular in athletic circles.

After he was a member of the Board of Railway Commissioners, Mr. Oliver was 75 years old and most men would have been ready for retirement. He continued in office, however, and, as a special officer on grade separations, conducted investigations into proposals for eliminating level crossings and made his reports to the Board.

PITRE TOOK HIS SENTENCE VERY COOLY

Presiding Judge Speaks of the Enormity of the Crime and Advises the Prisoner to Prepare for the Worst.

Bathurst, N. B., March 31—Condemned to the scaffold, Norman Joseph "Rufus" Pitre listened stolidly to his death sentence today and calmly lit a cigarette as he left the courtroom. The stoical reaction was in marked contrast to his attitude yesterday, when he wept while his counsel, C. T. Richard, M.L.A., made a final address to the jury.

The sentence pronounced by Mr. Justice Baxter was that Pitre be hanged on June 1 for the murder of George G. Smith, aged resident of South Tetagouche, who died from a bullet wound suffered when "Rufus" and his brother Wallace held up Smith in the latter's store on the night of April 20 last.

Rufus was found guilty only after proceedings unparalleled in British law. Acquitted last August, he was forced to stand a second trial following an appeal by the Crown against his acquittal.

As a result of turning King's evidence, Wallace Pitre was given a comparatively light sentence of five years' imprisonment. When he appeared before a grand jury today and pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery with violence, leniency was asked by R. P. Hartley, K.C., Deputy Attorney-General and Crown prosecutor.

Nothing to Say

"No, Your Honor," Rufus replied when asked if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced.

"You have had a fair trial by a jury of your country who have unanimously found you guilty of the crime of murder," said Judge Baxter. "If I were to say anything about the details of that crime I would only be imperfectly relating something which you must know to the fullest extent, details which I hope will be present with you daily during the short time that remains to you on this earth."

"All I can say to you is this: you are approaching the season when the whole Christian world commemorates the sacrifice of One for the sake of others. By your faith in that sacrifice you may yet share the infinite mercy of the Eternal Father. I would advise you to turn to your church for instruction and consolation and for preparation for which you have more time than you gave your unfortunate victim."

Was Cold Blooded

"Though the jury has recommended mercy, that you may get mercy in this world, it is, I think, only fair that I should tell you that I would be greatly surprised if the Minister of Justice should see fit to recommend any change in your sentence. Remember that it must strike the eyes of any man as a ghastly, cold-blooded, wilful, brutal murder, and that almost any man would regard it as such. Now, I only say that, that you may not delude yourself with false hopes. The recommendation will go forward and that is all I can do, or the jury can do, and advise you to make your preparation for passing from this earth."

"The sentence of this court is that you, Norman Joseph 'Rufus' Pitre, be confined in the common jail of Gloucester county until the first day of June next, and on that day you be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul."

GOVERNMENT MAY LOSE ON SUGAR TAX

Leak at Ottawa and the Time Factor May Hit Treasury

SOME CHANGES MAY BE MADE

Hour of Delivering Budgets May Be Changed In the Future

(Financial Post)

Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 31—As a result of advance information on the government's two cent sugar tax appearing in the press, it is now clear that consumers, anticipated their needs at least three months in advance. The government, due to this advance information, has lost approximately \$5,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 which it was expected the new tax would yield this year.

There is much heart-burning in official circles as a result of this "slip" in budget information which is supposed to be secret. There may be an investigation to discover how the news leaked out. There may, also, be a change, in future years, in the hour at which the budget is brought down in Parliament.

Time Factor Important

In addition the result of the time change in Canada, upon the sugar tax was to put it simply, disastrous. Hon. E. Rhodes began his speech about 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. That was at 2.30 P. M., Winnipeg time; 1.30 P. M., Saskatchewan and Alberta time; 12.30 P. M., at Vancouver and Victoria. The speech was released to the newspapers across Canada almost immediately after Mr. Rhodes began, and the new taxes became public property in Western Canada a few minutes later.

At Winnipeg the enterprising merchants and public had nine and a half hours to load up with sugar before the new tax was effective. The two Western prairie provinces had one hour more and Vancouver nearly 12 hours. Sugar refineries and warehouses did a land-office business. It is reliably reported to Ottawa that at Vancouver, scores of trucks were hired to cart sugar from the refineries to private warehouses even to private homes.

May Delay Budget

There is of course, but one remedy for this situation, and it is to delay future budget speeches until 8 P. M., at night, when commercial houses will be closed for the day.

In Eastern Canada, however, the sugar tax was generally anticipated with equally disastrous effects upon the national treasury.

The government is seriously considering amending the sugar tax resolution in committee to make tax provisions retroactive for, say, one or two days. Before doing so some check-up will be made on last minute sales, to discover if the bulk of the purchases were made in the 24 hours preceding the budget speech.

BROADCAST FROM TORONTO TONIGHT

Toronto, Ontario, April 1—The National Network will carry general Motors Hockey broadcast Saturday night with Foster Hewitt describing Boston-Toronto battle in Maple Leaf Gardens. The hockey broadcast audience is now over a million and growing.

Called an Art

Chicago, Illinois, March 31—Drawing a glass of beer looks simple, but it is an art, the bartenders' union asserts and so has opened a school for bartenders.

Nazi Boycott of Jewish Industry Is Now Complete

The Stoppage of All Trade in Berlin and Other Cities With Prescribed Elements of the Population is 100 Per Cent. Complete—Four Charges Against British Prisoners in Russia.

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

BERLIN, April 1—The Nazi boycott of Jewish industry and commerce was reported 100 per cent complete in Berlin at noon today. Two hours after the edict clamping down a closure on all places of business owned by Jews sent into effect, the stoppage of all trade with prescribed elements of the population had been completed in many other cities as well as in Berlin. In many quarters of Berlin a "holiday" seemed to be in progress.

To Face Four Charges

MOSCOW, April 1—The Soviet Government announced officially today that the three British engineers imprisoned and facing public trial over the protests of the British Government are charged with "espionage, sabotage, bribery and conspiracy."

DAUGHTER OF DR. CURREN WAS STRUCK BY CAR

Saint John, April 1—Miss Betty Curren, 15-year-old daughter of Dr. L. M. Curren, was the victim of a "hit-and-run" driver last night and was picked up unconscious at the corner of Carman and Princess streets shortly after midnight.

J. L. McAvity and George W. Ramsay, who said they saw a car driving furiously along Charlotte street and east along Duke street about that time, found Miss Curren and carried her in to her father's home, as the office of the nearest doctor.

It was found that she was suffering from shock and bruises but had not received serious injury.

The matter was reported to the police with a description of the car and a close watch was being kept for a car that answered the description.

Shaw's Comedy Scores

The U. N. B. Dramatic Society scored a hit with their production of Bernard Shaw's comedy "Pygmalion" put on in the Provincial Normal School auditorium last evening, before a fairly large audience. The play was directed by Prof. R. E. Cuttley. Shaw's play aims at middle class respectability, being a satire in his usual brilliant and devastating manner. Miss Irene Harrison, Donald Jamer, Bert Sutherland, Miss Bertha Albert, James Bedell, Miss Margaret Scott, Miss Isobel Hartley and Miss Mary MacLeod, C. L. Stevenson, Miss Ruth Hanson, John Hudson, J. Lambert, D. McElman, and J. Stephens, distinguished themselves as the cast. A feature was the scene in act one, in which a summer thunder shower occurred before St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The U. N. B. designer, Gerald Griffin, contrived to have the effect very realistic.

Intermediate Champions

Moncton Pawnees retained the Intermediate Basketball Championship of New Brunswick, when they defeated University of New Brunswick by a score of 34-30 here last night. They won the two game round by a total score of 79 to 63 by virtue of a home game score of 45 to 33. Ted Coffey refereed the contest, which was fast and keenly competed. The game was played in the University gymnasium before a fair crowd of fans.

MAD TORNADOES SWEEP OVER THE TEXAS PRAIRIES

The Death List Totals 68 and a Large Area Was Devastated

Dallas, Texas, March 31—A pack of mad March tornadoes that swept the east Texas prairies and deep into the southern United States increased its death list to at least 68 tonight and left several hundred injured, far-flung damage and a flood menace in its wake.

North Louisiana, southwest Arkansas, Mississippi and east Texas were lashed by the winds which skipped and jumped over an area several hundred miles square.

The latest damage was reported at Sanderville, Mass., where 14 were killed and Harmony, Mississippi, where seven persons were killed.

Towns and villages from the East Texas plains to the Mississippi-Alabama line were wrecked, isolated and drowned. Torrential rains came as the wind skipped away. Creeks rose and highways were flooded.

A complete check was impossible for communication lines were snarled and many highways were bogs. Fear was held that the list of dead would swell as rural communities reported.

The tornadoes—had there were several—started Thursday night in East Texas, where at least 17 persons were killed. The winds swept into Southwest Arkansas, near the Eldorado oil country and over North Louisiana. The village of Hall Summit, Louisiana, was demolished and five members of one family were killed.

A negro child was injured fatally near Homer—centre of the Louisiana oil country. Mount Holley, Ark., playground of spring tornadoes—reported one dead.

The winds apparently abated during the night, but today renewed the assault and tore across the Mississippi river near Grenville. Homes were blown into the Bogue Phila Bayou near Thomson's plantation and four children, one of them a negro, were trapped and drowned in the malestrom.

Mr. K. F. Murphy of Montreal is in the city today on business.