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WEATHER
Fair and cold today; Thurs day, mostly cloudy and becoming milder with snow flurries.

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Great Interest in Chain Store Probe Being Manifested

Hon. H. H. Stevens Started the Ball Rolling in a Recent Speech at Toronto—The Government Has Received Many Complaints From Different Sources—Milling Companies Involved.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30—Wide parliamentary interest is indicated in the proposed investigation into mass buying and the spread in prices as between producer and consumer the following outline of which was given on Monday night. Hon. H. H. Stevens in a recent address at Toronto lifted the veil for the contemplated inquiry.

Many complaints have been coming to the Government from different sources. Farmers and live stock producers represent that they are not able to "get by" with what they receive. Fishermen have the same tale, but of late complaints have been made by manufacturers and wholesalers as well as small retailers against mass, chain or departmental store buying.

A delegation saw Hon. H. H. Stevens about it last week. The committee will go into charges that the bakeries are largely controlled by milling companies.

PARLIAMENT WILL PROBE THE CHAIN SYSTEMS

OTTAWA, Jan. 30—The question of hours of labor and compensation will be carefully investigated by the select committee of the House to be appointed under the provisions of the resolution respecting mass buying by department and chain stores, and kindred matters now standing on the order paper in his name, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett told the House tonight.

The proposal is to select 11 members from all parties in the House of Commons to investigate the effect upon the retail trade of mass buying by department and chain stores, labor conditions in the industries concerned, and the general price spread between producer and consumer, in an effort to secure fair and just returns for all concerned.

RESOLUTION ON TITLES NOT BINDING

Ottawa, Jan. 30—The Nettle ban on titles of 1919 was a mere jumble of words without legal validity, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett told the House of Commons today when he defended the government's re-introduction of titular distinctions. The resolution could be referred to any court in the world and proved not only invalid but an affront to the Sovereign.

The prime minister combined a personal belief in state recognition of meritorious services with a legal attack on the Nettle motion in defending his New Year's recommendations to the King for restoration of titles. The resolution had not been passed by the Senate and given Royal assent, therefore, was not legal and binding, certainly not on succeeding governments.

ACE BAILEY'S BENEFIT

Toronto, Jan. 31—The hockey game for the benefit of Ace Bailey will be played on February 14th. The personnel of an all-star team to oppose the Maple Leafs will be announced shortly.

THE MONETARY BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 30—The United States government tonight took title to all the nation's monetary gold and President Roosevelt prepared to follow this unexampled step with action devaluing the dollar in the hope of forcefully stimulating the present upward movement in prices.

He summoned his monetary advisers to a meeting tomorrow afternoon, at which it was generally expected the dollar's new gold content would be determined, to be announced at a press conference set for later in the day.

Beaming his satisfaction and exchanging jokes with newspapermen, Mr. Roosevelt signed the new monetary bill, authorizing these steps, in mid-afternoon today, remarking that it was "the nicest birthday present" he had ever received and saying that the next thing on the program was to get the gold under the authority of the treasury.

CANON VERNON PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO, ONT.

Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 30—Rev. Canon C. W. Vernon, general secretary of the Social Service Council for the Church of England in Canada, died here today.

Canon Vernon who was also president of the Social Service Council of Canada was in his 54th year. He was born in England and was a graduate of King's College, Windsor, N. S., where he was a classmate of the late Rev. Dr. Robert Norwood, who died in New York in September, 1932.

Canon Vernon had been ill since last October, suffering from heart trouble following an attack of influenza.

Social Service council to ask City Council to pass a law forbidding children of fourteen years and under on the streets after nine P. M.—press report. And the fourteen years oldsters ask why pick on us?

DR. R. H. WRIGHT LECTURED ON THE ATOM STRUCTURE

Asst. Professor of Chemistry Heard on Subject of Interest In Series of Talks by U.N.B. Scientific Society.

The transmutation of the elements formed the subject of the second popular lecture of the series sponsored by the U. N. B. Scientific Society. Speaking in the physics lecture room at the University last evening, Dr. R. H. Wright, assistant professor of Chemistry, outlined some of the experiments that have given an insight into the structure of atoms. In the middle ages men sought to transmute base metals into gold but without success although some of them isolated traces of it that were already present and thought they had been obtained by transmutation. During the nineteenth century it was believed that the atoms of which elements are composed were indestructible and everlasting but by the end of the century these ideas were rapidly losing ground.

The Electron

The experiments of Sir J. J. Thomson which culminated in the discovery of the electron showed conclusively that atoms are themselves built up of still simpler things one of which was the atom of negative electricity or electron which could be obtained from all atoms. The science of radio-activity which had its beginning soon after Thomson's discovery soon led to the most revolutionary changes in our ideas of the structure of matter. By means of slides and lecture experiments the speaker showed how radioactive phenomena had been found to involve the spontaneous transformation of one element into another.

The peculiar rays known as alpha rays given off by certain radioactive substances were next discussed and the experiments of C. T. R. Wilson in England described. In these experiments the tracks of the alpha particles through air and other gases are made visible by causing minute drops of water to condense on the charged molecules of air that result from the passage of the Alpha particle. A large number of photographs of these tracks were shown on the screen and attention called to their extraordinary straightness.

If however, they are pictured as minute solar systems with a very small nucleus surrounded by equally tiny electrons it becomes possible for the swiftly moving alpha particles to pass right through them although more slowly moving bodies would not be able to pass the outer electronic barriers. This conception of a nucleus atom was suggested by Rutherford in 1911 as a result of his study of the passage of alpha rays through solids and although regarded as altogether revolutionary at the time has led to very important advances in physics and chemistry.

Dr. Wright then touched on the collisions between atomic nuclei and alpha particles which occasionally occur and by means of photographs showed various of the effects that have been observed.

TO LAND SUPPLIES

North Sydney, C.B. Jan. 31—The ice breaker Montcalm is now off St. Paul's Island with supplies for the people of the Island. This week she landed supplies at Ingonish and was warmly welcomed by three thousand people.

BANK THIEVES GOT \$10,000 IN DARING RAID

Royal Bank Branch In Montreal Looted Yesterday

STAFF LOCKED IN Robbery Well Timed and Carried Out With Precision

Montreal, P. Q., Jan. 31—Entering the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Christophe Colomb and St. Zotique streets shortly before one o'clock yesterday afternoon when the manager and his assistants were with three customers, three armed bandits locked the six persons in the vault and escaped with more than \$10,000, an east end factory's payroll.

The robbery was so well-timed and carried out that neighbors were unaware of the hold-up and the police were not notified until four or five minutes after the bandits' departure.

According to information given by J. W. E. Miron, the manager, three men of about 45 years of age, weighing about 175 pounds each entered the branch shortly before 1 o'clock. Before Mr. Miron or his assistants had a chance to make a move, the bandits ordered them to "stick their hands up and keep them up".

While one of the three men watched the door, two of them directed the two bank employees and the three customers into the vault and locked them in. Just what happened from then on remains unknown to Mr. Miron and to the other four persons as the bandits had the office to themselves and the bills in the teller's cage were at their disposal. According to information received, the armed men made away with more than \$10,000.

Wants Capital and Labor Harmonized

Ottawa, Jan. 31—H. C. Hocken of Toronto, speaking on the address in the Senate yesterday, urged that greater effort be put forth to harmonize the interests of capital and labor. If that were done he declared, there would be no need of strikes and walkouts.

The Senator expressed the opinion that Democracy, rather than Fascism or Communism would provide the best remedy for the adjustment of social ills in the interests of the whole people.

HENS DO NOT CROW

Evanston, Illinois, Jan. 31—It was decided in court here yesterday that hens kept in a backyard are not a menace to the community. A man was before the court here on the complaint of a number of citizens, that kept hens and roosters that disturbed their slumbers. His defence was that he had no roosters and his hens did not crow. The case was dismissed.

GETS RESPITE

Athens, Jan. 30—On his plea that he is too ill to travel, the Greek government decided today that Samuel Insull may say here 10 days longer before seeking another haven. His residence permit was to have expired at midnight tomorrow when government officials had previously said, he would be expelled.

AREAL BAD ONE

Crown Point, Indiana, Jan. 31—The notorious desperado, John Dillinger, is now lodged in the Chicago jail, surrounded by machine guns. He was given an airplane trip to Chicago and when he arrived there a force of over one hundred policemen superintended his transfer to the jail.

Thousands Send Felicitations to The President

The Entire Nation Joined In Celebrating Franklin D. Roosevelt's 52nd Birthday—One Telegram Contained 40,000 Signatures — Many Dinners Held Throughout the Country.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 31—The people of the United States, regardless of party affiliations joined heartily yesterday in celebrating the 52nd birthday of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In a brief address delivered at midnight the President expressed grateful appreciation of the honor done him and said he regretted that he could not divide himself into six thousand parts that he might attend all the balls and parties being held throughout the country for the benefit of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for crippled children, an institution close to his heart. "I never had such a birthday," were his concluding words.

Many Congratulations

No less than 150,000 telegrams and letters of congratulation poured into the White House yesterday. Among the number was a telegram from Alabama 1,280 feet long and containing 40,000 names. One man walked from Baltimore, a distance of 40 miles, in his bare feet to deliver a message, and another walked a distance of 300 miles for the same purpose. A birthday cake weighing 250 pounds was among the gifts sent in. No other living President was ever the recipient of so much honor on his birthday during his lifetime.

FOREIGN NEWS AT A GLANCE

MEXICO, D. F.—Thousands "camped out" in cars gardens and even in the streets of Acapulco and nearby towns in the state of Guerrero today, fearing further shocks following a heavy earthquake felt over a 1000-mile area in south-central Mexico.

VIENNA—The armed Fascist Heimwehr (home guard) was called upon to "avenge every Nazi attack" in a "finch fight" against the organization's opponents.

LONDON—The international wheat advisory commission met amid expressions of the league belief that Russia's refusal to accept the wheat quota offered her will not virtually affect the world situation.

VATICAN CITY—Frs. Rocco Gonzales, Alfonso Rodriguez and Juan Del Castillo—Jesuit priests martyred by Indians of South America centuries ago—were beatified. Hundreds of South American pilgrims attended the ceremony.

LONDON—Lord Baden Powell, 77-year old founder of the Boy Scouts, "had a fairly good night and otherwise there is no chance in his condition," says a bulletin issued from his hospital today.

COLOGNE—Further activities of the Catholic youth organization were forbidden by police today, after its members had clashed in uniformed demonstrations with members of the Hitler youth group.

MOSCOW—In a message read to the all-Russian Communist Congress today the Chinese communist party pledged its aid "if the Soviet Union is attacked by Japan."

C.P.R. EARNINGS TOOK A BOOST IN DECEMBER

Montreal, Jan. 30—Net profits of the Canadian Pacific Railway in December shot upward nearly \$1,000,000 according to official figures published here. The total was \$3,246,397, as against \$12,310,749 in December, 1932, an increase of \$935,648.

Gross earnings were up to \$9,912,738 from \$9,701,199, an advance of \$211,538. Working expenses were cut sharply from \$7,390,450 to \$6,666,340, a decrease of \$724,110.

For the calendar year 1933 net profits show an increase over 1932 of \$772,121, comparative figures being \$20,862,105 and \$20,089,984. Gross earnings decreased \$966,025 from \$123,936,713 to \$114,269,688.

ELEC. DIMPLE MAPS EARTH 5 MILES DOWN

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 31—An electrical "dimple," a new step in electrical prospecting, has been perfected at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The "dimple" made in the ground, half the size of Massachusetts, promises to map the earth's crust to a depth of 5 miles or more, Dr. L. B. Slichter explained to the American Association for the Advancement of Science here today.

"The shape of the electrical dimple is very carefully measured with electrical instruments," Dr. Slichter explained, "and by means of a new process it has been found possible to compute the electrical resistivity at depth from the shape of the surface dimple."