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AN ELECTRICAL STORM SWEEPS OVER MIDDLE WEST, CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE INJURED

Death List May Reach Considerable Proportions—Mother of President of National Editorial Association Among the Victims—More Than Thirty Counties in Minnesota Affected by Storm.

St. Paul, Minn., June 10.—Several persons killed, more than 100 injured and property losses which will aggregate hundreds of thousands of dollars, was the toll taken by a terrific wind and electrical storm which swept North Western Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota last night.

Partial restoration of wire communication today disclosed a slowly mounting death list and fears were expressed tonight that final reports from sections still isolated might increase the casualties.

The known dead include Mrs. R. H. Wilkie, sixty-one years of age Grey Eagle, Minn. Mrs. Wilkie, who was crushed to death in the collapse of her house on Birch Lake, was the mother of Will Wilkie, recently elected president of the National Editorial Association, at its convention in Boston.

More than thirty Minnesota counties were more or less seriously affected by the storm which was felt with diminished intensity in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The monetary damage is confined to small houses, barns, other out-buildings, live stock and trees.

Near Grey Eagle, twenty-five of the thirty cottages in the summer colony at Birch Lake were levelled. In addition to one killed, fifteen persons were injured there, several seriously.

DESCRIBED AS FOE TO CUPID

London, June 10.—"Hundreds of possible brides are being doomed to lives of useless celibacy through that infamous institution, mixed bathing."

This was the devastating pronouncement today of Councillor Donald Clark of Tonbridge, Kent, in opposing the motion for mixed bathing in public swimming pools. "I am not Puritanical, nor am I jesting," Clark said, "but I am an ardent imperialist and I am patriotic. A girl becomes vulgarized with her hair straggling over her eyes like a wet terrier's. Such a damp fright would disillusion any young man. He would recoil with horror."

Clark made no reference to men's failure to stand the beauty test in bathing attire. He declared Brighton and other resorts permitting mixed bathing are sources of decadence and a menace to England.

In spite of Clark's formidable objection, the council approved mixed bathing.

MARRIAGE WAS ANNULLED

New York, June 10.—The obligation of frankness resting upon two persons who intended to marry was defined yesterday by Justice Fawcett in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, in granting an annulment of marriage to Robert J. Smith, a salesman of Union Course, Queens. Smith declared that Florence J. Smith, his wife, had concealed from him the fact that she had been in an institution for the insane in Canada. Justice Fawcett confirmed the report of Referee Almet F. Jenks, Jr., recommending the annulment, and said in part:

The Court found that Mrs. Smith stay at the St. John's Hospital in Canada for treatment for a mental or nervous disorder prior to her engagement was "a material fact."

NOW GOING OUT OF STYLE

Portland, Ore. June 10.—Operations for the removal of the vermiform appendix are going out of style, is the view expressed at the annual convention of the Oregon State Medical association.

Much that was called appendicitis in recent years was not that at all, but plain stomachache in varying degrees of intensity, the physicians say. The views were uttered during a discussion of an address by Dr. James T. Case of Michigan, on a Roentgenological Study of Pain in the Lower Abdomen.

MUCH DAMAGE BY AN EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

London, June 10.—Considerable damage has been done in Tuscany by earthquake shocks according to a Central News despatch from Rome dated on Wednesday. A despatch on June 5th reported two violent shocks at Ferrara, Northeastern Italy.

CONTRIBUTION FROM PROVINCE FOR ST. QUENTIN

Provincial Government Votes Grant for Seed on the Recommendation of Hon. Mr. Tweeddale.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, today announced that the provincial government had decided to supplement the aid already given by the province to the fire-sufferers of St. Quentin, by a contribution of five hundred dollars for the purchase of seed. The government acted on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, it being thought that seed could be used with advantage as timothy and clover can be sown on burnt area with a prospect of obtaining a hay crop this season. Oats can be used as a substitute for hay in feeding stock.

The seed will be given as a donation from the province, to the Relief Committee for distribution to farmers who may be thought to be so situated that they can use it to great advantage.

A. T. LeBlanc, M. P. P., of Campbellton will have charge of the distribution. The seed some of which will have to be obtained in Montreal will go forward at the earliest date.

BOLSHEVIKI EXTENDING OPERATIONS

London, June 10.—The Bolsheviks are rapidly extending operations in Persia, according to advices received today. Tehran, the capital is threatened and in danger of falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks in two or three days should the Reds attack, it is declared. The Persian Government is organizing resistance to the Bolshevik menace. The British, the advices state, have retired to Manjil, 50 miles south of Resht, under Bolshevik pressure.

AN HISTORIC HOUSE SOLD

New York June 10.—Apparatus for the manufacture of insecticide soon will be installed in the old Bishop house at Tottenville, headquarters of General Howe during the British occupation of Staten Island in 1776 and since then a place of historic interest. Announcement of the sale of the property was made yesterday, and with it came the news that the old house will be converted into a factory.

All efforts to have the State purchase the house and preserve it and its dungeon and secret underground passage-way as relics of the War for Independence were unsuccessful.

THE UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

New York, June 10.—Thirteen young men who are clerks for wholesale fruit dealers doing business at the Erie docks in West street were arrested yesterday afternoon in a raid on an alleged crack game on the first floor of a warehouse at Warren and Greenwich streets. Detectives William Bradley and Edward Friel of Inspector William F. Fennelly's staff, who conducted the raid, confiscated \$13 and three dice.

Choir to Hold Drive
The choir of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church will hold a drive this evening to Island View where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallett.

Archibald Fraser of Edmundston is in Fredericton on business. Factory Inspector John Kenney visited a number of mills and factories in this vicinity Thursday.

PREMIER FOSTER ISSUES A STATEMENT IN REGARD TO COMING REFERENDUM

Tells Why the Government is Submitting the Question to the People—Complying With a Provision of the Act—Two Questions to be Voted Upon—The Open Bar Gone Forever in New Brunswick.

Hon. W. E. Foster, Premier of New Brunswick, on Wednesday issued a statement relative to the referendum on Provincial Prohibition, the date of voting, the ballot and other matters. The statement is as follows:

The New Brunswick Prohibitory Act was passed by the Legislature during the session of 1916, without any mandate from the people. It was passed as a war measure, which was the justification for the passage of the act. The promise was made and it was distinctly understood when the bill was passed, that as soon as the war was over and the necessity of the act as a war measure was at an end, the question would be submitted to the people by way of a referendum, for decision, and indeed a clause in the act provides that after the act shall have been in force and operation for a sufficient length of time to enable its efficiency to be tested, such a course was to be taken.

With these facts before us, it is surprising that at a recent meeting held in Moncton, according to press reports, the course of the Government in submitting this question to the people should be questioned. As I see it, the first duty of the Government is to keep faith with the people in this regard, and whatever the will of the people is on this important matter, as expressed at the polls, will prevail.

Date of Referendum.

The date fixed for the referendum is Saturday, July tenth. Since it was known that a referendum was to be held, at an early date, I have had numerous representations made to me and reasons have been advanced why this day or that date would not be convenient to some, but recognizing as it has been recognized of recent years when Dominion and Provincial elections have been held, that the end of the week affords a better opportunity for all those whose duties take them from home during the week, to record their votes, we have concluded to name Saturday, the tenth of July.

In submitting the questions to be voted upon, the desire of the Government has been to submit questions in the simplest possible form, in order to avoid confusion and in order that there might be the clearest possible expression of opinion. The questions we have decided to submit are to be in the following form:

FOR Provincial Prohibition Act.
AGAINST Provincial Prohibition Act.
FOR Sale of Light Wines and Beers under Government control.
AGAINST Sale of Light Wines and Beers.

In arriving at a decision as to the questions to be submitted, we had in view the particular groups into which our people are apparently divided. First, there are those who desire the continuance of the N. B. Prohibitory Law as it exists today, or with minor amendments. Second, those who favor the obtaining of light beer and wines as a beverage, but who do not favor the sale of stronger liquors. Third, those who desire the opportunity of purchasing liquors of all kinds for personal and private use, but do not favor consumption in public, or the open bar. Fourth, those who

YOUNG GIRL KILLED BY AUTO

Moncton, N. B., June 9.—Rose Elizabeth the five year old daughter of Beverly E. White, was killed, and her brother Jack was seriously injured this afternoon when their automobile ran into a ditch and turned over.

Joseph Adams, who is held on a charge of assault on James Fitzsimmons, was committed to stand trial before Judge C. A. Steeves this morning. The charge entered against Adams of having an illicit still was further postponed and will probably be heard tomorrow morning.

At a meeting of the lady members of the Riverdale Golf Club it was decided to play for the present on the old golf links in the Salisbury road as the new links are not in readiness. Mrs. George Maddison was appointed president and Miss Ada Marks, secretary.

Mr. A. C. M. Lawson left this morning for Sackville to attend the Methodist Conference.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHEAP CLOTHES

Paris, June 10.—Men's suits at 45 francs (in normal times about \$9) will be possible in Paris, according to news papers, if a campaign being conducted by them is successful. The government is holding more than 2,000,000 yards of cloth suitable for clothing, and is being urged to release sufficient for 700,000 suits under an agreement with manufacturers and unions by which each suit could be made at as low a cost as possible.

AN EDITOR BEREAVED.

Halifax, June 10.—Just as the town of Kentville was welcoming the members of the National Editorial Association yesterday, Will Wilke, president of the association, received word of the death of his mother and the destruction of her home by acycolne in Minnesota. The whole company stood with bared heads and tear-bedimmed eyes in sympathy for the tragically bereaved member.

MAY BALANCE OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT SHOWS A GOOD INCREASE IN THE REVENUE

PEACE NOTE FOR THE RUSSIAN SOVIETS.

Warsaw, June 10.—Poland will send a peace note to the Russian Soviet government in a few days, according to newspaper reports here. The proposal will be handled by Premier Shulski, who is empowered by Diet leaders to act in behalf of his government, which framed its new note on June 4.

HOUSING BOARD WAS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

Authorized to Rent Moncton Plans—High Building Costs and Apathy of Public Emphasized.

The Housing Board was instructed last night by the City Council to rent plans for houses which were erected by the Moncton Housing Board. The rental will cost two hundred dollars if the Board does not proceed with the scheme. If it proceeds the cost will be five hundred dollars and will be absorbed by the cost of building.

The City Council in committee last night received the Housing Board as a delegation on this matter. Information was given by members of the Board and its chairman W. T. Chestnut in reply to a direct question by the Deputy Mayor said the scheme as outlined in the Housing Act was impractical. C. D. Richards said that the Board had done what it could but was confronted by an amazing indifference on the part of those whom the act was designed to help. The Deputy Mayor remarked that evidently there was not the lack of dwellings in Fredericton which had been thought to exist.

Delegation Heard

R. H. Simonds secretary of the Board explained what had been done and gave information obtained from Moncton. Costs of the cheapest type of house there had advanced from \$3,400 in 1900 to \$4,700 in 1920. It was not known definitely what costs would be in Fredericton but it was thought they would approximate Moncton costs. It was estimated that the monthly charge for such houses would be \$6.25 per thousand dollars on a twenty year basis, exclusive of taxes and insurance.

C. D. Richards said he wished to make a statement. Criticism had been directed against both the City Council and the Housing Board because of alleged inaction. On that account two members of the Housing Board went to Moncton and secured first-hand information. Mr. Simonds had mentioned that and he wished to point out that even on the figures for 1919 the amounts set for various items under the Housing Act were exceeded in all but one case. The Board could do nothing except by obtaining prices for houses in Fredericton. It was possible that they could be built more cheaply in Fredericton than in Moncton but practical men doubted that. There also was indifference on the part of the public. The Board asked for applicants to fill out official application forms and only three had taken the trouble to get the forms and but one of the three had been heard from since. The Moncton plans would be of great assistance and could be obtained for two hundred dollars but the Board could not give assurance that the scheme would be proceeded with even if that were done.

Ald. Baxter

Ald. Baxter, after the Council took the matter into private consideration made a brief statement as a member of the Housing Board. He explained conditions in Moncton and stated that in his opinion costs would be slightly less in Fredericton. The Moncton plans could be used for \$200 if the houses were not built. The cost would be \$500 if the houses were built.

Ald. Barker said that if there were no more applicants than there had been it would be unwise to spend the \$200.

Ald. Young said that for once Ald. Barker and himself agreed. He moved that the Housing Board be asked to advertise for applicants and if ten signed application could be obtained, that the scheme be proceeded with.

Ald. Baxter said that no applications could be obtained unless the cost of the houses could be stated.

The Housing Board must spend at least \$200 for plans before any information re cost could be included.

Ald. Neill said that unjustified criticism had been directed against the Housing Scheme. The Board had done much work in this matter. The

DRAMATIC FALL IN WAR EXPENDITURE

An Increase of About Thirteen Million Dollars in Ordinary Revenue in May—A Twenty Million Dollar Increase in Five Months—Capital Expenditure on War Account \$276.

Ottawa, June 10.—Satisfactory increases in the ordinary revenue, coupled with a dramatic fall in war expenditure on capital account mark the May balance sheet of the finance department. Last month, ordinary revenue was \$38,175,292 as compared with \$25,553,399 in May, 1919. During the fiscal year up to date revenue totals \$67,211,075, compared with \$46,287,587 in the corresponding period of last year.

Last month, capital expenditure on war account was \$276 in May of last year, it was \$25,916,838, an unprecedented drop of more than \$25,000,000.

Ordinary expenditure last month to totalled \$39,959,355, nearly two millions more than ordinary revenue during the same month. But included in this expenditure are the heavy May interest payments on Victory loans.

In every branch, ordinary revenue shows an increase over last year. Despite an increase over last year, spite tariff reductions made last year customs revenue is six millions higher than it was in May, 1919. Revenue under the heading of miscellaneous—chiefly income and business profits tax—totalled more than ten millions last month. In May 1919, it was rather more than four and a half millions.

The increase in net debt last month was \$22,216,764; in May 1919, the increase in net debt was \$58,996,154.

ARMY MAKING A BIG DRIVE

New York, June 10.—The jingling tambourine of the Salvation Army retired since the army leaders decided it no longer was necessary to call attention to the organization's work, was brought out yesterday for duty during the remainder of the drive for the home service budget of \$10,000,000. It called attention to the workers who were stationed in subway trains and on street corners and by nightfall the returns indicated it still was a powerful ally.

Col. William Peart, chief treasurer of the army in this country, announced then that the fund is approaching its goal and that even with such great population centres as Chicago and New York omitted, about \$5,000,000 has been realized. New York's quota of \$1,000,000 is being subscribed rapidly.

Today the financial district is to be canvassed by ten of the "Florodora" chorus. City Hall Park, Times square Union square and Columbus Circle, as well as other centres of the town are to be attacked at the same time.

B. C. FLOATS BIG LOAN

New York, June 10.—The Province of British Columbia has sold to a syndicate of bankers, it was announced yesterday, \$2,000,000 of 6 per cent. bonds to mature on June 4, 1925. They are being offered today at 92.85 and interest to yield 7 1/2 per cent. The bankers interested in the transaction are Halsey, Stuart & Co. and associates. A. E. Ames & Co., the Dominion Securities Company and Wood, Gundy & Company.

The principal and the interest of those bonds are payable in Canada or in the United States. The bankers in the syndicate point out that British Columbia is the third in area of the provinces of Canada and has an estimated population of more than 450,000.

scheme either should be carried through or abandoned.

Ald. Baxter said the expenditure of \$200 on plans was the only way out. City Engineer McDowell favored the purchase of the plans.

Motion Carried
Ald. Neill moved that the City Council authorize the Housing Board to read the plans and call for tenders for the necessary houses, so that it would be in a position to give a definite figure to any applicant.

Ald. Hall seconded the motion which was carried.