

**President of the Canadian National Railways Spoke Before Ottawa Commercial Club on Sunday Afternoon—Thinks That the Returns in a Few Years Will Help Wipe Out the War Debt.**

St. John Times: The mystery of a quantity of ink has been solved. It had been shipped from this city but had not reached its destination. The buyer was wroth and the shipper bewildered. Days lengthened into weeks and then one day it was discovered that the liquid had been suspected of qualities quite foreign to ink and had been held up by a liquor inspector. It is now flowing in the manner usual to good ink.

Denver, Col., March 8.— Asserting that his wife had refused to caress him in any way during the entire fourteen years of their married life, Carl H. Witt filed a suit for divorce from Mrs. Lillian Witt, charging cruelty. So indifferent was she to him, he says, that once when he hurt his hand she refused to dress the injury for him, declaring she didn't "care to touch" him.

The recent municipal elections had shown that the Sinn Féin, under proportional representation, could poll less than half of the votes and this left De Valera in a difficult position as he knew his entire programme could never be carried out. He was, therefore, seeking a compromise, which was displeasing to those of his followers who only wished to use the Irish question for ulterior motives and who had no idea of welcoming a settlement which would in fact, "deprive many of them of their occupations as agitators."

The death is announced in South Lawrence, Mass., on Saturday, of Mrs. Emma Coldbrook Neales, of Woodstock, who had been spending the winter with her son, Dr. Stanley C. Neales, a dentist of South Lawrence. Death was due to paralysis. Mrs. Neales was the widow of the Venerable Archdeacon Neales, of Woodstock, and was a daughter of Mr. Simpson, for many years Queen's printer at Fredericton. She is survived by a son Dr. Neales, and two daughters Mrs. D. Baker of Newport, R. I., and Mrs. D. C. Haviland of Woodstock.

Reuben Budovitch and Abe Lavigne two Jewish residents of the West End were the chief performers in a lively scrap pulled off Saturday afternoon and which made necessary interference by the police. The trouble arose over a set of harness on Lavigne's horse and of which Budovitch claimed ownership. The claimant started to take the harness off the horse and Lavigne began an argument with a club. Lavigne says the next proceeding was a combined move by Budovitch and his brother which resulted in the possessor of the harness getting beaten. After a long time peace was restored.

Ottawa, March 7.—The question of soldiers' pay and the exchange rate is raised by a request of which A. R. McMaster (Brome) has given notice that he will make in the house on Monday. Mr. McMaster asks for a copy, under an order of the house, of all correspondence, agreements, and contracts, between the government and any banks, touching upon the payment of officers and men in the C. E. F., especially as regards the rates of exchange prevailing between Canadian and British currency and the manner in which the same effected the pay of Canadian soldiers, together with copies of all departmental or other government regulations dealing with the subject of soldier pay and the effect of fluctuations of exchange thereon.

Perlin, March 3—Russian Soviet authorities at Petrograd have begun extensive preparations for resumption of trade with the Allies, the Vossische Zeitung asserts.

The newspaper prints a despatch from Petrograd which reports that the Soviets have conscripted 4,000 laborers to repair the city's harbors, elevators, canals and railways so they will be ready for use in the spring when the authorities expect to start trading with foreign countries.

Keene, N.Y., March 8.—Entirely cut off from neighboring towns, this village has 350 cases of flu out of a total population of 425 souls. People are dying so fast that one man had to bury his own wife. Hemmed in by coal-tains and impassable snow drifts in valley, Keene is practically inaccessible to badly needed medical assistance. There is no doctor and only one or two nurses.

New York, March 7—Governor Smith, in a speech delivered here last night, reopened the campaign which was waged against William Randolph Hearst by many prominent citizens during the war. The governor, in a slashing attack, accused Mr. Hearst of diverting to his own use almost one thousand dollars worth of army food, which he said was intended to feed the poor of New York city. "And I want to see some real newspaper ask him tomorrow whether he paid for it," said the governor, according to reports printed in the morning papers here. Governor Smith declared the Hearst newspapers were "unfair, unfaithful, dishonest and hypocritical."