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A CONFERENCE RE GRAND FALLS

CONFERENCE MAY NOT MEET AT GENEVA

The Soviet Union Will Not Send Delegates There.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS

The Leading Powers are Now Discussing the Matter.

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

Geneva, April 13—Private diplomatic negotiations were in progress today, according to League of Nations sources here, to secure the transfer of the preliminary disarmament conference from Geneva to some city to which the Soviet Union would send delegates. The leading powers are discussing the matter. A note received from Moscow today announced the Soviets' refusal to come to Geneva.

DR. W. W. WHITE ELECTED MAYOR OF SAINT JOHN

St. John, April 13—Entering into the Saint John election contest for the mayoralty of the city much later than did his opponents, Dr. W. W. White was chosen yesterday to fill the position of chief magistrate for the next two years. His vote was 2,376. Dr. J. H. Barton was second with 2,070 and Alex. Rowan counted 1,149. The victor's majority over Dr. Barton is 806 and over Mr. Rowan 1,727. Dr. Barton led Mr. Rowan by 921.

Commissioners R. W. Wigmore and T. H. Bullock were the choice of the people for the two commissionerships which they already occupied, but from which four others sought to oust them.

The vote for Commissioners stood: Wigmore, 2,086; Bullock, 2,353; Corbet, 2,292; Jones, 1,453; Carvell, 1,316; Logan, 333.

SPUD PRICES EASIER IN AROOSTOOK

Fort Fairfield, Me., April 12—Having hit the \$10 mark, the Aroostook potato market appeared to be sagging today. Neither buyers nor growers were much interested and the market was weak. A few small lots were brought in and sold at \$10. Some departed for less. Shipments have been heavy for the last few days and there appears to be indications, here, that the receivers are getting all the stock they care to handle at the present prices with the end of the season not far off.

KILLED BY A GAS EXPLOSION

Fredericton Junction, April 12—Copies of the Humbolt Times just received by Mrs. F. W. Pride, tell of the death of her nephew, Vernon Pride, youngest son of Mrs. Georgia Pride, of Eureka, California, and the late Herbert B. Pride, by an explosion at lunch time, caused by the generation of gas in a sawdust burner which blew open the door in a "dutch oven" in the boiler room of the Hammond mills, at Samoa, near Eureka. He was killed instantly as the result of swallowing the flames and hot gases, the blast not lasting long enough to cause ignition. Three other men were injured.

BREACH IN BANK OF TIGRIS IS NOW WIDENING

Rich and Poor are Working to Brace the Dykes.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Overflow of Tigris Said to Have Caused Noah's Flood.

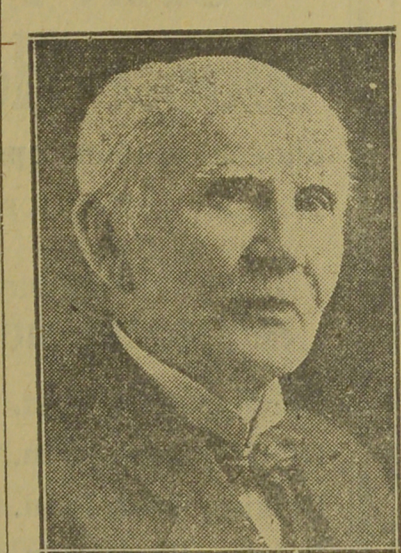
(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

London, April 13—The breach in the banks of the Tigris river is widening today, and rich and poor persons in Bagdad alike are working continually to brace the dykes, according to despatches received here today. It is recalled that Noah's flood is attributed by some authorities to an overflow of the Tigris, the story having been preserved by a Sumerian legend.

GRAND FALLS CONFERENCES HELD HERE

A. R. Gaustein, president of the International Paper Company, arrived here by the Montreal train today with other officials of the company, to confer with Premier Baxter and members of the Provincial Government on the matter of the Grand Falls agreement. The train was delayed about one hour making it nearly two o'clock when the party reached Fredericton. Fraser Companies Limited as interested in the development at Grand Falls also are to be represented. The conferences may occupy several days. Premier Baxter stated that the conferences would be private. Mr. Rollins of Boston solicitor for the International was here last night and conferred with the Premier. These conferences are expected to produce the final agreement between Province and International Company for development. Premier Baxter says the bill will not be presented to the House for some time.

A Veteran Writer



J. E. McCREADY
87-year-old writer on the Charlotte-town Guardian, and a famous newspaper man, who is replying to propaganda circulated in the United States that Canada is ripe for annexation with a vehement denial drawn from his long experience. He is the last survivor of the first parliament of the Confederation.

It must be a great consolation to the widow when the insurance more than covers the loss.

Deposed President Of China Sets up a Minature Government

Tuan Chi-Jui is Utilizing the Legation Quarter and Intends to Resist the Efforts of Nationalists to Replace Him—Held Secret Conference With His Adherents and Decides to Retain Official Seals of Office.

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

PEKING, April 13—Tuan Chi-Jui, the deposed president of China, has secretly set up a miniature government in the legation's quarter, the United Press learns today and intends passively to resist the efforts of Nationalist militarists to place another in the presidential palace.

It is learned that Tuan Monday night secretly assembled his adherents in the Legation quarter, where he had taken refuge from the Nationalists who would have imprisoned him, and decided to retain the official seals of office. Tuan's efforts to continue to function as president is to prevent former president Tso Kun or any other assuming the office.

SAINT JOHN CITY APPEAL ARGUED BEFORE THE APPEAL DIVISION THIS MORNING

Point of Jurisdiction of Public Utilities Commission—Defendant Appealing Against Verdict in Barker House Damages Case—Southampton Trespass Appeal Over Until Next Term—Liquor Conviction at Minto is Appealed.

The Appeal Division, Supreme Court, began its April session here this morning.

Both cases on the King's Bench Division paper were stood over until next term by consent. They were,—Palatine Insurance Co. vs Begin et al in which the plaintiff company was appealing in an insurance case, and Munro et al vs Pinder Lumber & Milling Co., Ltd., et al in which the defendants were appealing in a land trespass case tried at Fredericton.

Saint John Water Appeal.

The King vs Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, ex parte City of Saint John, was heard, Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., showing cause. The case originally was an action on the part of the New Brunswick Power Co. against the city of Saint John because the rate charged by the city for water supplied to the Company was double that charged manufacturers. The City claimed that the company was not entitled to the manufacturers' rate and the company claimed it was. The matter went before the Public Utilities Commission which handed down a decision to the effect that it had jurisdiction over the city of Saint John as a distributor of water.

To this Hon. J. B. M. Baxter as solicitor for the city took exception and took out a rule nisi.

Dr. Taylor today argued that the point already twice had been decided. Dr. Baxter was trying to put a construction on the Public Utilities Act which would make it what he believed was what the Legislature intended and not what it actually was. He claimed that the jurisdiction of the Utilities Board should be sustained.

Hon. Mr. Baxter on the other side argued that the operation of a street railway was only one of the many activities of the N. B. Power Co. There never was an intention on the part of the Legislature to place the water departments of Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton under the Public Utilities Board. Judgments which had been given previously held as strongly on one side as on the other.

Court considers. Transcript Delayed.

In The King vs Frank Braydon, H. W. Robertson for defendant supported an appeal from a conviction for theft under the Criminal Code, the case being tried in Queen's County before Judge Slipp and a jury. A. B. Gilbert appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Robertson explained that he had been unable to obtain a copy of transcript of evidence. Such had been filed since the court sat but he had not had an opportunity of preparing his case.

The case was allowed to stand until this afternoon.

In Maritime United Farmers Cooperative Limited, defendant, appellant and Chas. W. McCully, plaintiff, respondent, and in the same defendant, appellant and Roy W. Carter, J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., applied for extension of time. The actions were tried at Dorchester. Extension of time was granted.

Minto Liquor Appeal.

In the King vs Scott W. McLeod ex parte Alexander Vandermerlan, extension of time was granted on the motion of C. L. Dougherty. This case was tried at Minto under the Prohibition Act.

Barker House Appeal.

In the case of S. L. C. Coleman et al vs T. V. Monahan, on the motion of C. L. Dougherty for the defendant leave to enter was given with time to file factum.

This case was for damages at the time of vacating the Barker House, Fredericton, by the defendant. Before Mr. Justice Byrne and a jury a verdict was given in favor of the plaintiff, and appeal from that is now made.

Twice For One offence.

Ex parte Floyd J. Shilker, E. Allison MacKay moved for a rule absolute to remove and a rule nisi to quash a conviction under the Intoxicating Liquor Act made at Port Elgin before Magistrate C. B. Copp. Several grounds were stated the chief being that the accused was convicted as a second offence of the act for which he already

MAY COMPEL MOROCCAN CHIEF TO LEAVE RIFF

France and Spain Will Insist on His Getting Out.

WILL TRY TO END THE WAR

Dealings With Abd-el-Krim Have Been Unpleasant.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Paris, April 13—France and Spain will compel Ad-El-Krim, leader of the Riffian Revolt to promise to leave the Riff before the beginning of the peace conferences to end the war in Morocco it was officially announced today. The insistence that Krim leave the Riff comes from the Spanish, who have had long and unpleasant dealings with the Moroccan chieftain.

MARTIN AN EASY WINNER IN MONTREAL

Montreal, April 12—Hon. Mederic Martin, a member of the Quebec Legislative Council and five times Mayor of Montreal, was elected for his sixth term today when he defeated J. V. Desaulniers and J. A. Baillargeon in the mayoralty race by upwards of 20,000 votes.

With the exception of the past two years from 1924 to 1926 when Mayor Charles Duquette held the office, Hon. Mr. Martin has been the chief magistrate of the eastern metropolis since 1914.

The civic campaign this year was conducted along strenuous lines, all meetings being of a more or less lively nature. The new mayor found his greatest support among the working classes of the East End, where from every platform he proclaimed himself the friend of the working man.

The other candidates were equally insistent in this respect, but they were charged with having a strong penchant towards the "privileged" classes and this was pointed out to their disadvantage and again. Mayor Martin's nearest opponent was Mr. Desaulniers, who received considerable support in the West End, but lacked the popularity of Mr. Martin in the East End.

The personal popularity of Mr. Martin was one of the chief factors in his success, "Mederic" having been a prominent public figure in the city for many years.

The poll stands: Hon. Mederic Martin 50,294; J. V. Desaulniers, 27,612; J. B. Baillargeon 16,343. Plurality for Martin 22,682.

BANDITS HAD SHORT SHRIFT

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Balta, Russia, April 13—Fifteen bandits died before a firing squad here today, they had been convicted of murdering three red army soldiers.

SUES FOR \$26,000

New York, April 12—There's money in cranking a hurdy-gurdy. One such musician from Coney Island is suing for \$26,000 which he says he put in a box at a bank. It included \$500 bills as well as five-cent pieces.

had been convicted as a first offence. Court considers.

Added to Crown Paper. On the motion of Mr. Innes, C. F. Inches, K. C., consenting, the case of The King vs Hon. Arthur T. LeBlanc ex parte Charles H. McLeod was entered at the foot of the Crown Paper.

WILL TRY TO WARD OFF COAL STRIKE

Government Subsidy Will Expire on April 30.

PARLIAMENT MET TODAY

Miners Committee to Meet the Trades Union Council.

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

London, April 13—Parliament convened today facing a fortnights struggle over the coal question before the government subsidy expires on April 30—in the meantime, the miners educative committee will be busy meeting the Trades Union Council and the mine operators. The miners are also sending delegates to the international miners meetings in Brussels on Thursday to ask assurance that in the event of a British strike foreign coal wouldn't be permitted to be sent to England.

PORTRAIT OF GOV. CARLETON WAS PRESENTED

Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac Gives House of Assembly Picture of First Governor.

A most interesting feature of the session of the House of Assembly this afternoon was the presentation to the House and through it to the Province of a portrait of Thomas Carleton, first Governor of New Brunswick who was representative of the Crown in this Province during a very important period in its history.

The portrait was donated by Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac by whom the presentation was made. It was received by Premier Baxter on behalf of the House. No portraits of Governor Carleton existed in the Province but a search in England revealed one a copy of which was made.

Dr. Webster has interested himself keenly in matters of historical interest, particularly those connected with New Brunswick.

The sitting of the Supreme Court was postponed until 3.30 to permit Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, Mr. Justice White and Mr. Justice Grimmer to attend the ceremony of presentation.

THE MISSING PLANE FOUND NEAR AMMAN

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

Rome, April 13—The plane of the Missing Capt. Estevec who fell behind his companions on the Cario to Bagdad stage of the Spanish flight from Bagdad to Tokio, was found today 120 miles from the biblical city of Amman, but Estevec and his mechanic were not in it. A note left by Estevec said he and his companion had left the plane to walk to Amman. They landed more than twenty-four hours ago.

Mr. Justice White is in the city attending the Supreme Court.