

Chain Stores "Destroyers of Local Retailers" Says Quebec Member

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Weather: Moderate winds, cloudy to-day and Sunday; probable showers.

SAD DROWNING FATALITY AT LUBEC, MAINE, AS TWELVE CHILDREN GO TO WATERY GRAVES

Taxing the Chain Stores in Quebec Works Fever Heat

Leader Quebec Opposition Contends Should Tax Them Out of Business

Many Cities Want Power to Impose Extra Tax

New Brunswick Has Power and Will Enforce the Act, Says Attorney General McNair

The province of Quebec is seething with controversy over the chain store taxes. Several towns in the province in addition to Montreal have already been requesting power from the Legislature to put into effect a scale of taxes against all units of all the chain stores and particularly those with headquarters elsewhere.

The other day when the machine bill was before the Legislature discussion became quite heated. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Duplessis contended that the tax imposed upon chain stores should be made so high as to force them out of business. He referred to the hearings at Ottawa before the Price Spreads Commission, and claimed that generally speaking "chains" were squeezing out of the public millions of dollars which were being sent to the United States, and charged that the Taschereau government was protecting the stores by grabbing tax reductions.

Mr. Tremblay, a member of the Opposition, used expressions such as "exploiters of the people," and "the destroyers of local retailers."

Several other centres such as Magog, Granby, Sherbrooke, Verdun, Victoriaville have bills before the legislature requesting power to tax the chain stores. A bill from the city of Quebec is also in the offing. It is being contended by the chain store magnates that the New Brunswick tax on chain stores passed at the last session of the legislature is ultra vires and that it was put through at the dying hours of the session before the chain stores had an opportunity of presenting their case. It is contended that in view of the fact that the Senate at Ottawa has thrown out the government's bill which planned wider taxation powers on the

YOUNG MAN'S GOOD RECORD SAVES HIM MAXIMUM PENALTY

Ten Years in Penitentiary For Young Nova Scotian

The young Nova Scotian who had planned to go to England to join the Air Force will instead on account of his admitted guilt of armed hold-up spend the best part of his youth in the penitentiary.

Ten years in the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester with hard labor was the sentence imposed on Charles Nelly, 23, of Aylesford, N.S., in the Moncton police court yesterday morning. Nelly had pleaded guilty on his first appearance to a charge of assault with intent to rob while armed. He was also given

EXTRA! BODY FOUND

The body of G. Eldon Merrithew, missing since Sunday night, was found today in the St. John river near the Joseph Smith property.

G. Eldon Merrithew's body was found at three o'clock this afternoon near Friel's Creek.

FRANCE'S CABINET IS WILLING TO LIFT SANCTIONS ON ITALY

PARIS, June 20—The new French Socialist government announced its willingness today to lift sanctions from Italy.

An official communique disclosed the cabinet had agreed to "accept" the lifting of sanctions. It said:

"The government, faithful to the principle of collective action, will associate itself with any decision by the League of Nations."

"Informed of the present situation of the sanctions question, it felt consideration of the facts led it to accept their lifting."

The government, it was indicated, might now turn to negotiation of mutual assistance agreements. It was announced the cabinet voted to "pursue actively the putting to work" of "proper means" for collective security.

The action on sanctions was taken one day after a similar move by Great Britain.

Amie Gereau, of East Bathurst, was arrested on June 12 for setting a forest fire on June 6, and yesterday at that place was fined \$25 and costs with the option of a ten day's jail sentence. He went to jail.

LEMKE WILL RUN FOR PRESIDENCY

WASHINGTON, June 20—Representative Lemke (R. N.D.) announced yesterday he would run for president of the United States on a third party ticket.

He made the announcement in a statement, in part as follows: "I have accepted the challenge of the reactionary element of both the old parties and will run for president of the United States as a candidate of the Union party, which I am instrumental in establishing officially, in accordance with the thousands of messages and requests which I have received from over the nation."

"The Hon. Thomas Charles O'Brien of Boston has signified his willingness to seek the vice-presidency on the same platform."

William Lemke, self-styled non-partisan elected to the House of Representatives from North Dakota on the Republican ticket, is best known here for his advocacy of farm mortgage moratorium and refinancing legislation.

Taxing Chain Stores

"New Brunswick has the power to tax the chain stores and will enforce that power," said Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney General, speaking to the Daily Mail today. This was said in reply to the contention that our tax on chain stores and other corporations was ultra vires, particularly in view of the fact that the Senate at Ottawa had thrown out the Federal Government's bill which planned wider taxation powers on the part of the provinces.

There is also a law on the statutes in Prince Edward Island which calls for a 3 per cent. turnover tax with a minimum tax of \$2,000 per unit if a concern operates four stores or more anywhere, whether there or any place else. Unless a company can show that \$2,000 is greater than 3 per cent. of its gross sales, then the taxation is to be 3 per cent. This, however, is apparently not causing much of a stir in chain ranks in view of the small number of units located in the island province.

As our news item from Quebec Province shows today several cities and towns in the Province of Quebec are seeking legislative powers to impose taxes on chain stores. In discussing the matter in the Quebec Legislature, one member (Wm. Tremblay, M.L.A.) stated that they were "exploiters of the people" and "destroyers of local retailers." The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Duplessis, is quoted as saying:

"As for the chain stores, the tax imposed on them should be made so high as to force them out of business." He referred to the hearings at Ottawa before the Price Spreads Commission and claimed that generally speaking chains were squeezing out of the public millions of dollars which were being sent to the United States (this probably refers to the variety and not to the grocery chains) and charged the Taschereau Government with protecting them "by granting the tax reductions."

It is generally felt that the Government in this Province is absolutely right in taxing these chain stores. They are sending hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the Province to enrich wealthy chain store stockholders elsewhere. This money goes away, never to be returned. People who send their money out of the Province by the chain store and mail order route cannot be made to realize this. Modern governments as well as modern conducted cities are beginning to wake up to this condition.

58-Pound Gray Bass Caught In St. John River

58 POUND—PAGE EIGHT garaNa Here's a fish story that is true. A 58-pound Gray Bass was caught last night in the river a mile or so above the city. George "Snooks" Darlington and "Tommy" Lynch trundled the fish up Queen street this morning and many were the expressions of amazement as bystanders got a peep at the big hulk of fish. There were all kinds of them at the fishing spot last night. This particular one was caught in a net, being one of a school of bass which got away from his brothers and sisters.

The gray bass grows to even larger proportions than the one caught last night according to Mr. Darlington who is quite a fisherman in his own right. They go by in schools and at night they babble about the surface of the water, making a queer swishing noise with their large fins. A fish of that size could easily overturn a canoe.

Where bass are plentiful in the river at the point where the two local fishermen captured the giant bass, the process of hooking them is an effective one. Hooks are spaced at short distances and spread out along the water, and it's a pretty sure thing that when a school of these bass get among the hooks that their ranks are depleted considerably.

The gray bass caught last night was the largest seen here in a long time. However, bass have been known to grow to a weight of sixty and even seventy pounds in the St. John river in this vicinity. The local fishermen last night also caught a good-sized salmon.

Two local youths, Tommy Flanagan and Dick Goodline, this morning caught a large-sized frog in the St. John river here. They captured the frog near the shore and were displaying it proudly to friends.

Inquest Monday In Drowning of Arthur Appleby

An inquest into the tragic drowning of Arthur B. Appleby, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Appleby, Upper Kingsclear, will be held on Monday evening at McNally's ferry with Dr. B. W. Robertson, coroner, to preside. Young Appleby was drowned in the St. John river at McNally's ferry yesterday afternoon when he fell in the water from a wagon which he was unloading. The boy's body was recovered in twenty minutes. Efforts at artificial respiration failed. The tragedy occurred when a team of horses stepped in a hole causing the pulp to roll off backward into the water, carrying the boy with it.

The young man is survived by his parents, one sister, Elva, and four half sisters, Mrs. Walter Kitchen Kingsclear; Mrs. Donald McAdam, Fredericton; Mrs. Basil Porter Springfield, and Mrs. Kenneth Murdoch, this city. The funeral will be held on Sunday with service at the home at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. G. Killam, and interment at the Rural Cemetery, Fredericton.

European Capitalists Consult With E. C. Atkinson, Ex-M.P.P.

Ernest Stinnes of Germany, and Leo Piltzenburg, of Holland, arrived here today from Saint John and are enjoying luncheon with E. C. Atkinson, Ex-M.P.P. at D-Coy Inn. It is understood that the visit of these two gentlemen, who are capitalists, is in connection with the pulpwood industry and they have come here to make a study of the pulp situation in this part of the world. In conversation with Mr. Atkinson, however, today, that gentleman stated that the visitors who are largely interested in coal, were here for a rest. They were resting easily this afternoon in Mr.

TWELVE SCHOOL CHILDREN DROWN AS BOAT UPSETS

Wind Capsized Outboard Motorboat in School Picnic

LUBEC Me., June 20—A drowning fatality has cast a gloom over the community when twelve carefree children, celebrating the last day of school, drowned in Lake Gardner here yesterday when a sudden gust of wind capsized the outboard motorboat in which they were riding.

Three of the companions and Calvin London, retired clergyman, were saved. All came from nearby Lubec.

The drowned children, whose ages ranged from nine to 14 years were:

Daniel McCurdy, Evelyn and Aaron Mohar, Ramah Knowles, Frank Reynolds, Roland Eaton, Doris Small, Glen Morey, Christine Sleight, Merle Lewis, Jr., Jerome Kinney and Verne Dinsmore.

The three saved were: Mariam Kelley, Leah Wilcox, and Barbara Tyler. The Wilcox and Kelley girls kept themselves afloat by thrashing about furiously in the water until rescuers arrived. The Tyler girl swam 100 yards to shore.

The children were members of a picnic party organized in observance of the last day of school. They came from elementary schools of the west Lubec section.

Beverly McCarthy, 13, who observed the admonition of her mother before she left home not to go out in a boat, said that as the craft moved outside of the peninsula protecting the picnic beach it was struck broadside

ITALY FRIENDLY TO G. BRITAIN

LONDON, June 20—An Italian gesture of friendship for Great Britain today followed this country's discussion favoring the lifting of sanctions.

Dino Grandi, the Italian ambassador whose lips have been sealed in public since the Ethiopian war began, broke his silence in opening an exhibition of photographs of modern Italy. He said:

"I consider friendship with Great Britain and the great British people as sentimentally and politically an essential part of my personal feelings and of our national life."

Miss Margaret Flynn Passed Away at Her Home

A large circle of friends, especially amongst the older generation will regret to learn of the death of Miss Margaret Flynn, who passed away at her home in this city today, after having reached the advanced age of 98 years. The late Miss Flynn was born in Woodstock but years ago removed to this city. She resided for a time at Devon also. For the past fifteen years she has resided with her sister, Mrs. Frank McGoldrick, at 170 Regent street. Mrs. McGoldrick was the only surviving member of her family. During her long life in this city Miss Flynn was a devout attendant at St. Dunstan's church until recent years when the infirmities of old age compelled her to remain at home. She was a lady of kind and charitable disposition with a pleasant word for everybody and her death will be generally regretted. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with Solemn Service at St. Dunstan's church, conducted by Rt. Rev. Monsignor F. L. Carney. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

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Dominion To Recast Laws On Privy Coun. Ruling

Provincial Protection Advocated for Marketing Organizations

Action to Implement Jobless Insurance Indicated

Liberals Opposed to Regimentation of Farmers of Canada

SAYS SUPREME COURT "LIVING IN THE PAST"

Labor Secretary Buckley Sarcastic—"Mental Qualifications" versus "Needs of People."

TORONTO, June 20—Jurists of the Supreme Court of Canada, who declared the Unemployment Insurance Act invalid yesterday will live to see the day, according to Secretary J. W. Buckley, of the District Trades and Labor Council, when the measure is written into law.

Claiming the decisions of the highest court in Canada handed down yesterday were based on precedent, Secretary Buckley observed that the dead, meaning the Fathers of Confederation, cannot legislate for the living.

The Labor Council Secretary supposed that Mr. Justice Rinfret would be among the members of the Bench opposing the "progressive legislation" and "the welfare of the people."

"The situation is analogous to the situation in the United States, where the Supreme Court has upset legislation passed by representatives of the people as in the interests of the people," he said.

"I am forced to the conclusion sometimes," he added, "that decisions of United States courts are reflected in the minds of our Judges just as Canada adopts financial and

EIGHT SUPPORTERS BRITISH GOV'T OPPOSE LONDON'S SANCTION DECISION

LONDON, June 20—Eight government supporters in the House of Commons yesterday entered an amendment to a Labor motion of censure urging the government to make clear at Geneva Great Britain "will not be a party to any condonation of Italian aggression against Ethiopia and is opposed to permitting Italy to raise credits in this country as a price of obtaining Italian co-operation in Europe."

The Daily Mirror, commenting on the sanctions statement of Foreign Secretary Eden, said "Sir Samuel Hoare had the decency to resign. Yet Mr. Eden does not resign. He gets up and talks pious platitudes."

Critics of the government's policy meanwhile were on the warpath. Viscount Cecil, presiding at the opening session of the General Council of the League of Nations' Union at Scarborough, said: "I can only attribute this astonishing proceeding to sheer panic."

He introduced a resolution to be acted upon tomorrow urging members of the union to "use all constitutional means" to obtain a reversal of the sanctions decision.

Tuesday next being the King's Birthday and a public holiday, this paper will not be published.

OTTAWA, June 20—The Federal Cabinet has not yet had time to consider what is to be the next move following the staggering blow the Supreme Court of Canada dealt former Prime Minister Bennett's celebrated "New Deal" legislation in decisions delivered this afternoon.

It is considered certain, however, that there will be appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London in respect to certain of the important enactments passed by the Bennett Administration last year, when the Conservative Leader sought to snatch victory in the elections by imitating the example of President Roosevelt in the United States.

Liberals Opposed "Regimenting"

The Liberal Party, never was keen about the Natural Products Marketing Act, which was the forerunner of the batch of radical measures sponsored last year by Mr. Bennett. Day after day the Liberals fought this measure in Parliament, and the present Prime Minister repeatedly made it clear that he was opposed to "regimenting the farmers of Canada," telling them what and how much they should grow and when they should market their products.

Failing action by the present Federal Government to recast the marketing legislation so that it will fall within the ambit of Federal jurisdiction, it is believed the Provinces of Ontario, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, will seek to protect organizations which took advantage of the Marketing Act as passed in 1934.

In Ontario, for example, tobacco and bean growers and jam producers availed themselves of the act in order to maintain prices at a profitable and

"HOPPERS" HELD IN CHECK BY POISON IN WEST

WINNIPEG, Man., June 20—Greatly improved moisture conditions in the western crop areas are noted by today's weekly crop report issued by the agricultural department of the Canadian Pacific railway here. "Prospects mostly are very encouraging," says the report. Some precipitations, however, is needed in the southeastern part of Saskatchewan.

Moderately warm days, cool nights, with light to heavy showers in southern areas and heavy rains across the central and northern parts of the three provinces, have made a good showing in late seeded fields, while early wheat crops are coming into the shot blade stage at scattered points. Northern districts would benefit by more sunshine and warmth to hasten growth at this time. Poison is holding hoppers in check and only slight losses are reported in north-west Saskatchewan and in central and South Alberta.