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The Daily Mail

WEATHER

Strong winds, cloudy and becoming colder with some light snow; Sunday, northerly winds, cloudy and colder.

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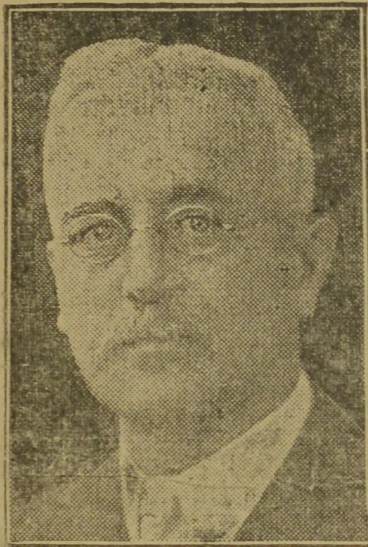
BISHOP LEBLANC FATALLY ILL TODAY

Veniot Charges New Brunswick R. C. M. P. Division Head With Third Degree Methods

Says Boy Induced To Sign Confession After Police Had Told Him Lies During a Grill.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—Canada's famous Red Coats, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, were accused in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon and last night, of using the third degree and employing stool pigeons and spotters in getting their men.

Although Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie denied all knowledge of the charges and defended the good name



HON. P. J. VENIOT

Who started something in the House of Commons, charges lies and grill methods assisted in by Division Head R. C. M. P.

of the force, he promised to investigate third degree allegations made by Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, former post-master general.

An investigator from Ottawa, the minister promised, will probe charges the Mounties used the third degree in extracting a confession from an 18-year-old boy in Gloucester, N. B. He also asked Thomas Reid (Lib. New Westminster) to supply names and dates of his charge that spotters were used to plant liquor evidence in Richmond, B. C.

It was a day of charges against the Red Coats, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, the former minister of justice, making the claim the force was being over-militarized. One or two members claimed the reputation of the Mounties fell because of the type of recruit enlisted in recent years and that the old days when a Red Coat was respected as well as feared, were gone.

The Justice Minister said he was satisfied no third degree methods were adopted by the Mounties, but promised to investigate the charges. He denied the claim of over-militarizing the force, terming it entirely a police organization.

The debate broke out on a government bill recasting the pension regulations of the force which was adjourned to permit the minister to submit estimates of the cost. At the same time it was made apparent by more than one member that additional charges, giving names and dates would be made at a later time, perhaps when the police estimates come before the House.

N. S. Chargo's

C. G. Power (Lib., Quebec) referred to charges made recently by a Nova Scotia lawyer against tactics adopted by the Mounted Police against a woman witness. These were serious charges and third degree measures. I think this House should know just to (continued on page 4)

SALES TAX

A strange way of collecting tax is that in force in the Sales Department—You Pay Taxes on Money You Have Not Got and Never Will Have. The business man has to keep a record of all the taxes which are from himself to the Government. He has to pay the government on what he sells and has to collect the tax and pay it monthly to the Department. The unfair part of the sales tax business is that he has to pay the tax whether or not he has collected the cash for the goods sold. Suppose he gives credit for good sold during the month and never gets paid for these goods. He has to pay the sales tax just the same. The amount is six per cent. on these goods sold or work done. In this case he is not only out the amount which he "trusted" the customer but he is also out the government tax in addition, on material for which he has received not one cent. In addition to this the government auditor can land into your office and tell you what you should get in and that you should have been a better collector. This chap, according to what business men in other towns claim, has too much power and has too much to say. He has been known to impose a fine for an unintentional violation of the Act.

If any further amendments are made in this Act along the same lines as its exists now the Act will be a very unpopular one and those making the amendments will be just as unpopular.

If a merchant could collect his sales taxes in the same way that the Sales Department of the Dominion Government handles it, tax collections would be a grand thing for the merchant. The Government makes the merchant pay the bills, takes the money to the office, keeps all the books and EVEN MAKES HIM PAY A TAX ON MONEY WHICH HE HAS NOT YET TAKEN IN AND PERHAPS NEVER WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT. It is all right to pay a tax on your income—but to expect a person to pay a tax on an account which may be a "dead horse" so far as ever getting the money goes is to our mind most unjust and more or less of a hold-up. Every reliable merchant or business man should be pleased to do his part in paying a tax on cash sales taken in. Any other plan is an injustice.

TIMBER "FALL" CLAUSE SAID TO BE DELETED

Official Quarters Say Statement Premature

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 16—A statement appears in the Morning Post to the effect that it is understood that the Board of Trade has deleted the "fall" clause from the contract signed by Timber Distributors Ltd. and the Soviet Government providing for the import of a large quantity of lumber during the current year. In official circles the announcement is characterized as premature. Inquiries made of Canadian and English officials here indicate that they are "advised" that it is unwarranted.

It is not likely, however, that the decision will be long delayed. The Canadian case is meanwhile being forcibly stated.

Premier Tilley when asked about this matter today said that he had had no official word. He expected that it would be announced in federal circles first. If it is true, it is very fine, the premier said.

Cork Station News

Rachel Connors and Bridget Bruce, who have been employed at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gorman, Cork Station for the past two weeks in the capacity of nurse and maid, have completed their duties there and are enjoying a short vacation at Harvey the guests of friends.

CUSTOMS, EXCISE \$500,000 HIGHER

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—The national revenue department today issued figures showing an increase of more than \$500,000 in customs and excise revenue received in January compared with receipts in the same month last year. It also showed an increase of more than \$23,000,000 in receipts for the 10 months ended Jan. 31 compared with those of the corresponding period in 1933-34.

The report showed net customs receipts of \$5,508,303 for January, an increase of \$576,104 over January, 1934, receipts, but excise tax receipts of \$8,503,620, a decrease of \$520,314 from 1934 figures.

Excise duties, however, more than made up this loss and were \$62,017 more than for January last year. It places total customs and excise collections at \$17,051,214, a net increase of \$676,087 over figures for January, 1934.

BODY OF EDITOR FOUND IN MORGUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—Hugh Leamy, of Wilton, Conn., managing editor of The American Magazine, died suddenly last Saturday in a New York hospital, it was disclosed today when his body was identified at the morgue by an associate. He was 35 years old.

Leamy was taken ill on the street and taken to the hospital where he died. The unidentified body later was taken to the morgue.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER HOUSE DURING THE WEEK

Various Matters of Public Interest Taken Up By Our Lawmakers At Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, left yesterday for New York, where he will deliver an address tonight before the Canadian Society of New York. United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull will also deliver an address and guests will include representatives of several countries of the British Empire.

An order-in-council has been passed authorizing the Dominion to loan British Columbia for re-loan to certain municipalities the sum of \$250,000 to enable these municipalities to meet their share of direct relief expenditures.

Amendments to the Farm Loan Act to extend its operations and re-organize the system under which the Farm Board operates received second reading in the House of Commons yesterday.

Herman Des Lauriers, Liberal member for St. Mary-Montreal yesterday gave notice on the order paper he would propose a resolution that the government study immediately elaboration of a scheme similar to the Farm Loan Act the interests of small property owners in cities.

Hon. Charles Stewart, former minister of the Interior, yesterday gave notice he would propose a resolution asking a House committee be appointed to consider plans for making national scholarships, available to outstanding students of universities, agricultural colleges and technical schools.

The Tariff Board will investigate tariffs on leathers, it was revealed Thursday. The Shoe Manufacturers' Association has made an application for lowering duty on kid or goat leather and Minister of Finance E. N. Rhodes has referred it to the board.

The shoe manufacturers ask that the present rates of 12 1-2 per cent. British preference, 27 1-2 per cent. intermediate and general be reduced so that kid and goat leather would come in free under the British preference and carry a duty of 15 per cent in the intermediate and general schedules.

Canada shared in steps which brought about entry of the Soviet Union into the League of Nations, Prime Minister Bennett told the House yesterday. "The Canadian delegation believed," he said, "that the movement for the entrance of the Soviet Union into the League, which was initiated by France and supported by Great Britain was in the interests of the League and of world peace; and it shared in the steps necessary to bring that about.

"The Canadian delegation did not have any official meeting with the Russian delegation and did not discuss any agreements," the prime minister continued.

The government is awaiting reports from several medical associations before considering implementing the heroin convention of the League of Nations, the House was advised Thursday by Minister of Health Donald Sutherland.

Provincial ministers of health will be invited to confer with Hon. D. M. Sutherland, minister of pensions and national health, at a convenient date, probably soon after Easter when the provincial legislatures have prorogued.

Canada imported 637,108 pounds of butter from New Zealand and none from Australia during 1934, Senator Arthur Meighen answered in the House of Senators to a question.

Hauptmann Appeals For Money to Escape

BISHOP LEBLANC NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Many Friends Here Will Regret To Learn That Hope For His Recovery Has Practically Been Abandoned.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

ST. JOHN, Feb. 16—Little hope for the recovery of Rt. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Saint John, is held out today. The Bishop, who is suffering from another severe heart attack, received the last rites of the Catholic Church some days ago. Yesterday morning he became unconscious and his death is expected at any moment. Many will regret to learn that he will probably not survive the day.

N. B. APPEAL COURT ADJOURNS UNTIL TUESDAY

The New Brunswick Appeal Court yesterday adjourned for the week-end after commencing argument in the Petit Rocher trespass action of Samuel Frenette vs. Vernon Taylor. C. T. Richard, M. P. P. of Bathurst argued for the plaintiff.

W. J. West, Fredericton, having completed his argument for the defendant, who moved to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant. The appeal is from a verdict of Mr. Justice Richards without a jury at Bathurst on April 16, 1934 by which the plaintiff was awarded 225 and costs.

Horace A. Porter, K. C., Saint John, in court for the first time since his appointment as a King's counsel, was invited to take his seat at the inner bar by Chief Justice Baxter. Court was adjourned until Tuesday.

Many Attend Funeral of Late Mrs. W. T. Chestnut

The respect and esteem in which the late Mrs. W. T. Chestnut was held was shown this afternoon by a large number of citizens who turned out to pay a last tribute of respect to her memory. An impressive funeral service was conducted at the home of K. R. Chestnut, York street, at 3.30 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Guioi, pastor of Brunswick Street Baptist Church was the officiating clergyman and a mixed quartet from the Brunswick Street Baptist Church rendered favorite hymns of the deceased. The members of the quartet were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Belding, Mrs. F. Cedric Cooper and Frank Cooper.

At the conclusion of the service the funeral procession proceeded to the Old Burial Ground where interment was made in the family plot. Rev. Mr. Guioi conducted the committal service at the grave. The mourners were, W. T. Chestnut, L. W. Barker, Jack Tweedie, Will Tweedie, K. R. Chestnut and A. H. Tweedie. The pallbearers were, C. A. Burchill, Ald. Moses Mitchell, Major T. C. Barker, R. B. Vandine, W. A. Vanwart and Ray Barker. A large number of beautiful floral tributes rested on the casket and in the room.

In a Statement Issued on Friday He Still Maintains He Is Innocent of the Crime—Col. Chas. Lindbergh To Get Balance of Money Back.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Feb. 16—In a statement issued through his counsel last night Bruno Hauptmann "swore before God" that he did not kidnap and murder the Lindbergh baby.

"I feel that a grave miscarriage of justice occurred in connection with my conviction upon the charge of kidnapping and murdering the baby of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh," the statement said.

"Before God I swear I had nothing whatever to do with the kidnapping and the murder of this child and that I know nothing whatever in connection with the crime. I also swear that I know nothing in connection with the ransom money other than as I told it on the witness stand at Flemington.

"I sincerely believe that the great admiration the American people have for the bereaved father, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, swayed the judgment against me, and I believe it likewise swayed the judgment of the jury which heard my cause.

"I being the father of a baby boy now almost the age of the Colonel's child at the time of its death, feel very sorry for the Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh for their loss, and sympathize with them, and it seems inconceivable to me that any person could believe that a man devoted to his wife and child as I am, could possibly commit such a violent crime.

"I am absolutely innocent and if it be my lot to be obliged to pay the penalty as prescribed by the court, I shall go to my death protesting to the world my absolute innocence of this crime. My life has nothing in it that would justify a thought that I could commit this crime of violence. I believe the evidence disclosed that anything that indicated a record of crime in my life occurred immediately after my release from the hell of war, and that even then there was nothing in the records indicating any violence on my part.

Little Petty Things

"That record indicated only such things as hundreds of soldiers of all nationalities did upon release from war—little petty things, the stealing of bread or a piece of clothing or some similar petty crime. Since I have been in America—1924, the public will remember my record has been absolutely spotless. At no time have I been in any trouble of any kind. Is it possible then that people can believe that I could commit this most violent of crimes?

"I still have confidence in my attorneys and believe that they can take some steps which will result in the correction of this grave miscarriage of justice. I know that my attorneys were faced with a very difficult task in preparing and submitting my defence to the court. I take this occasion to express my thanks to them.

"I believe that with the assistance of people who must believe in my innocence—help that can be submitted by them by way of a defense fund which my attorneys must have if they are to successfully carry out my appeal.

Flemington Deserted

The hundreds have departed and left a strange litter behind, and Flemington, which for six weeks has been (Continued on page four)