

## Hon. P. J. Veniot Claims Protection Of The Commons

### Suggestion of Contempt Proceedings For His R. C. M. P. "Third De- gree" Charges Brings Promise of Parliamen- tary Immunity.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 2—Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, former post-master-general, stood in the House of Commons yesterday and warned he would fight if anyone attempted to arrest him. He called for protection of the House against action for contempt of court arising from statements made by a Montreal lawyer in an alleged \$5,000,000 liquor conspiracy hearing in that city.

The veteran Gloucester Liberal startled the House at the end of a leisurely discussion of farmers' debts, when he arose to protest utterances of the Montreal lawyer who was said to have asked for a writ against him. It concerned Dr. Veniot's speech in the House a week ago when he charged the Royal Canadian Mounted Police used third-degree methods. This was the contempt alleged.

Prompt assurance that Dr. Veniot would enjoy the full privilege of parliamentary immunity was forthcoming from Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, who was leading the House and Maurice Dupre, acting minister of justice, said he had never heard of the matter.

#### Highest Court

Parliament was the highest court in the country, said Dr. Veniot, and although he was prepared to "take my medicine" any time and stand by his statements, he would not tolerate any lawyer representing the Crown bringing his name "before the courts in a matter of contempt" for what he had stated on his honor as a member of Parliament.

Dr. Veniot made it clear he was not charging the government with authorizing issue of a writ against him and Mr. Rhodes said he would be very much surprised if any such instruction had been issued.

"I am not blaming the department of justice at all," Dr. Veniot said. "I wanted to know whether they had heard of anything of it. Suppose between now and Monday an attempt is made to arrest me? Your Honor, I want to say to you and to this House I would not stand for arrest. I would use force."

"I am prepared to stand by what I said here," he explained. "But I do depreciate the idea that anyone representing the Crown should introduce the name of a member before the courts for contempt when he has absolutely no right to do it. We are sitting here in the highest court of this land and the gentleman who brought my name before that court may be summoned before the bar of this House. We are the higher court and we have the right to do it."

"When I spoke in the House I spoke in the interests of the public. I spoke in order to draw the attention of the justice department of this Dominion to the way in which things were being carried on. I spoke on behalf of obtaining justice for those who were being ill-treated. I felt, by the Mounted Police and I will continue to do so as long as I have breath left in my body."

Dr. Veniot based his utterance on a newspaper telegram handed to him which said: "Crankshaw, assistant prosecutor in Bronfman case, charges Veniot in contempt of court for charging R. C. M. P. with third degree methods while case proceeding."

MONTREAL, March 2—"I know nothing of it, and I doubt very much the possibility of a writ being issued," Judge Jules Desmarais commented here yesterday on a report from Ottawa former post-master-general Dr. P. J. Veniot had claimed to have received information he was about to be served

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## CANCER

During the week the leading newspapers throughout Canada have willingly responded to the appeal of the Governor-General and The Countess of Bessborough and have "boosted" the Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund for Canada. This fund is in honor of the 25th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne. It is one way in which His Majesty's subjects in Canada, in common with all those scattered through the far-flung Empire will have an opportunity to co-operate and commemorate the Jubilee.

As Hon. Mackenzie King has said:

"In war and peace alike, King George has worked with his people, as well as for them. His Majesty has made their fortune his, and his theirs, through his broad sympathies and his never-failing sense of duty. No ruler has ever been so largely and so closely in personal touch with his people and their varied interests. There has never been a more democratic sovereign or a better king."

It is eminently fitting that some expression of heartfelt thanksgiving should mark our commemoration of this anniversary. It is particularly desirable that the expression should be, as His Excellency has said, in the nature of "a lasting and beneficial record."

If as a result of the cancer fund, research work will be undertaken which will cure cancer and give a complete recovery from this terrible disease it will be well worth working for.

Medical science has done much to bring many diseases under its control. Of the scourges still to be conquered, cancer stands as the most formidable. It is due to the thought of His Excellency that the tangible sign of our loyalty and affection is to be devoted to scientific research and to the alleviation of suffering in our own Dominion.

Contributions to a national fund for the furtherance of the campaign against cancer is an expression of thanksgiving which will carry with it gratitude and gladness. There will be gratitude that, at a time of profound anxiety, it was found that, under Divine Guidance and in answer to the prayers of his people, scientific knowledge and professional skill were such as to restore the King's health and to prolong His Majesty's reign. Through possible discoveries, as a result of further scientific research, there is more to hope for from the beneficial ministrations of physicians, surgeons and nurses, not less in the humblest home than in the palace of the King.

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## BOY MONARCH MAY RULE SIAM

### King Prajadhipok Has Declared Abdication In Favor of 11-Year-Old Nephew.

Cranleigh, England, March 2—The world may know another boy-monarch if King Prajadhipok of Siam carries out his threat to abdicate in favor of his 11-year-old nephew, Prince Ananda. King Prajadhipok tonight framed his formal abdication of Siam's throne, while a phonograph in his study played dance music.

At Knowle House, his great country mansion, M. R. Smaksman, the King's private secretary, assured The Associated Press that his "father," as the King is known in his native land, is absolutely through. The phonograph never stopped playing while the little monarch's secretary made the announcement.

### Mrs. Margaret Coyle Died Here Yesterday

After having been stricken with paralysis about one week ago, Mrs. Margaret Coyle passed away at her home, Scully Street yesterday afternoon. She was the widow of the late John Coyle.

She was a woman who was a general favorite with everyone and her death will be learned with regret. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. James Coyle, of Fairville, N. B., and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon with solemn service at St. Dunstan's Church at 2:30 o'clock and Rev. Dr. Milligan will officiate. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

## TARIFF BOARD GOING TO REGINA

### Gasoline Investigation Will Open Probe in Re- gard to Protest of High Price in the West.

OTTAWA, March 2—A Tariff Board probe into the tariff on gasoline will open in Regina on March 25, it was announced late today by Chairman George H. Sedgewick. This will be the first occasion the Board as now constituted has held a hearing outside Ottawa.

The investigation will be on a reference from Finance Minister E. N. Rhodes of an application by the executive of the Co-Operative Trading Association of Saskatchewan for a revision of the rates of customs duties on crude petroleum and its derivatives. The contention has been that behind the tariff gasoline prices in the prairies have been too high.

#### LARGE MARKET TODAY

The regular Saturday market at Phoenix Square this morning was one of the largest during the winter season, and because of the fine weather there were more than the usual number of farmers present. The market place was crowded with sleds full of wood, both hard and soft, and the prices ranged from \$3 to \$8 per load. Indians from the St. Mary's Reserve were present with hand-made baskets beautiful in design and execution, selling them for 25 cents apiece. The prevailing prices were as follows: Butter 25 cents per pound; eggs, 25 per dozen; chicken, 28 cents per pound; pork, Dunstan's Church at 2:30 o'clock and 10 cents per pound; lamb, 13 to 16 Rev. Dr. Milligan will officiate. Inter- cents per pound; beef, 4 to 5 cents er pound.

## A DECLINE IN DEATH RATE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Death Rate Per 100,000 Population For All Notifiable Diseases Shows a Decided Drop to 80.5, as Compared with 93.4 For 1933—Department of Health Report Was Tabled in Legislature.

The seventeenth annual report of the Department of Public Health, which was tabled in the legislature yesterday afternoon disclosed the cheerful data that the death rate per 100,000 population for all notifiable diseases in the province during 1934 shows a decided drop of 80.5 as compared with 93.4 for 1933. The decline in the death rate from notifiable diseases, amounts to almost 44 per cent in the past seven years.

Further sections of the report show the progress in prevention and control of contagious diseases that has been achieved in the last period of years.

"The number of cases of diphtheria reported," states Dr. William Warwick, Chief Medical Officer, in his report to the Minister, "is the lowest on record, a total of but 98 cases with 9 deaths. The incidence of this disease fourteen years ago was five times greater than last year, while the death rate at that time was about ten times greater. At that time, too, there was not a single county without cases, while last year there were five counties with no cases, and with one exception the other counties had six or less. Westmorland County, with most of the cases in Moncton City, had a total of 59.

Typhoid—In all 102 cases were recorded with 12 deaths. This was an improvement over 1933, when there were 146 cases with 19 deaths, but both cases and deaths were practically the same in numbers as reported in 1931 and 1932. In only one instance was there any considerable number of cases traced to one source. This was a small milkborne outbreak where there had been unrecognized mild cases in the family of a milk producer. In the majority of cases investigations indicated carriers as being the most general source of infection.

The various health officers have made careful surveys of all public water supplies, and regular bacteriological examinations of samples have been instituted in order that we may have a more complete record of the sanitary conditions associated therewith. We will thus be in a better position to advise Municipal authorities respecting the safety of their supplies and where necessary, to convince them of their responsibility to see that only safe water is supplied to their communities.

Closer supervision of milk supplies has also been undertaken with the idea of lessening danger from that source, for it is fully realized that the menace from typhoid is particularly great in respect to these two necessities of life.

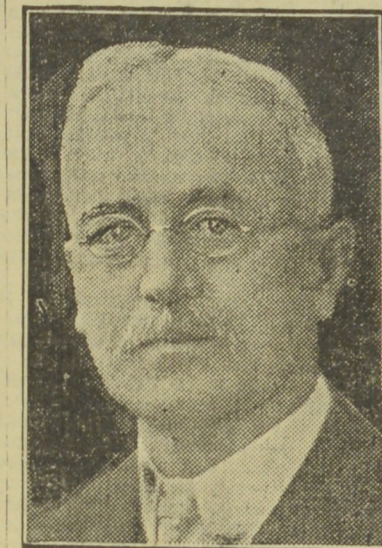
Tuberculosis—While the tuberculosis death rate in 1933 was slightly higher than in the previous year—83.8 per 100,000 population (79.0 in 1933)—the tentative rate for 1934 is the lowest ever recorded, 65, and also shows the greatest decrease recorded in any yearly period.

There are probably many factors entering into this decrease in the tuberculosis death rate, and not the least is the increased hospitalization of cases during the past several years. It is, however, very evident that some counties are not providing as they should for hospital care, especially for "open" cases. Efforts are being made with the hope that some plan may be devised whereby the cost of hospital care will be more equitably distributed over larger population units, and so that admissions may be arranged

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## Friendly Gesture Extended To Paris

### DEFIES ARREST



HON. P. J. VENIOT,  
Who Raised Storm in House of Commons and claiming Protection of the Court.

## EVEN JACKASSES SMUGGLERS IN IRISH WARFARE

DUBLIN, Free State, March 1 — Even jackasses have turned smugglers in the hectic guerilla smuggling "war" on the frontier between the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland.

Free State customs patrols discovered that convoys of donkeys now are being used for smuggling bags of meal, tobacco and other suitable goods over the border into Northern Ireland. The smugglers apparently bought up all available donkeys in the frontier districts of county Fermanagh and county Donegal and drove them under cover of dark over unfrequented country tracks into the Free State. By doing this they stood less risk of capture than if they had carted the contraband over more important roads.

This discovery was made at a time when the Free State government was planning an intensive drive against smugglers along the whole border. Recently the customs authorities purchased 16 fast chaser automobiles to combat the high-powered automobiles which many smugglers are known to be using. Previous to this the Free State patrols were equipped with nothing faster than bicycles.

#### THISTLES CURLED HERE

In a match here yesterday afternoon and evening the Thistles Curling club of Saint John defeated the local curlers by a total score of 72 to 62. The results of the afternoon and evening play were as follows: Afternoon Play—Fredericton: B. W. Fleiger, B. N. Kinghorn, A. McF. Limerick, W. Limerick, Skip, 16; Thistles—P. S. Fownes, J. F. Ashe, John Trigg, W. A. Shaw, skip, 16. J. H. McMurray, S. A. Limerick, R. B. Vandine, T. A. Belmore, Skip, 14; Thistles—J. T. Turnbull, W. B. Barnes, R. M. Fowler, H. M. Fowler, H. W. Kinsman, skip 17. Evening Play—Fredericton: W. G. Todd, F. W. Barker, G. T. Harper, C. R. Barry, skip, 11; Thistles: A. C. Rockwell, J. F. Ashe, W. B. Barnes, John Trigg, skip, 14. Fredericton: J. K. Fleming, R. V. Limerick, A. S. MacFarlane, S. D. Simmons, skip; 12; Thistles: A. C. Sinclair, O. F. Deacon, J. S. Malcolm, Dr. D. C. Malcolm skip; 10. Fredericton: J. R. Kerr, R. J. Murray, H. B. Colwell, F. P. Hatt, skip; 9; Thistles: J. B. Mahony, L. S. MacGowan, Dr. F. W. Stevenson, Frank Watson, skip 15.

#### NO CHANGE TODAY

There was no change in the condition of William P. "Bill" Grannan this afternoon, though he was sinking lower and lower.

## Enthusiastic Festivity Marks Return of Saar Basin--No Mishap Dur- ing Transfer--Express- es Hope of Lasting Am- ity Between Berlin and Paris.

SAARBUECKEN, Germany, March 2—Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, in a triumphant celebration of the reunion of the Saar with the Fatherland after 15 years of exile, voiced a hope for peace and understanding in Europe.

Facing a wildly exultant throng in front of the city hall, Hitler extended the hand of friendship to Germany's ancient enemy, France.

"I believe that relations between Germany and France will definitely improve as a result of the plebiscite", he said.

"We believe that our great neighboring nation seeks peace as we do", Hitler said. "It must be possible for two great nations to shake hands. It was a mistake to believe it possible to make a nation change its inward nature".

"This day should also be a lesson for all who disregard the historic truth that through error or might, no people can be divested of its innermost self. "You cannot tear out one section of a nation and attempt to steal its very soul. Blood is stronger than all paper documents.

"By your vote you greatly eased my task, which — may God be my witness — has no other aim save making Germany free and happy.

"Today is a day of joy and I am supremely happy to spend it in your midst. But tomorrow we want again to go to work, to the great work for the new German Reich. We are only at the beginning of our work, and you may be proud and happy not to come into a finished house but to be privileged to help build it.

"There is something wonderful about realizing the community spirit. What the centuries before could not accomplish now seems destined to succeed.

"The world will never understand us unless we first of all understand each other. So we have done away with parties, castes and classes".

SAARBRUECKEN, Germany, March 2—The German Saar came back to Germany yesterday.

Four hours after its formal return Adolf Hitler, living symbol of a revitalized Germany, arrived in Saarbrücken to lead his fellow countrymen Germans again after 15 years of exile in a joyous celebration.

Tears and cheers—the unmixed, unrestrained joy and thanksgiving at the return of this German bit of Europe to Germany, greeted the transfer of the Territory from 15 years of League of Nations rule. It reached a tumultuous climax with the entry of the Reichsfuehrer—the derided man who soon after the war announced in a Munich beer cellar that he was going to lead Germany back to full equal fellowship in the concert of nations.

Baron Pompeo Aloisi, chairman of the League of Nations Saar committee, formally handed over the 737 square miles of rich territory and sovereignty over its 815,500 people to Wilhelm Frick, Minister of Interior in the German Cabinet, at 9:37 A.M. (3:37 A.M., Eastern Standard Time).

Frick immediately confirmed Joseph Buerskel, Nazi Saar commissioner for the Territory during the last phase of League of Nations rule, as governor.

#### AN ASSIGNMENT

Announcement of the assignment of Morris Michelson, of this city, was made this week. Mr. Michelson, who is a local tradesman, had liabilities, amounting to \$2,155 and assets only \$300.