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POOL COLLAPSE HAS STIRRED LONDON

Cabinet Ministers Are Named In Market Finance Crash

Inquiry To Be Demanded—Whispering Campaign Against Parliament Members Is Apparent.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 18—The names of Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament were added Saturday to those of big financiers in the "whispering campaign" resulting from the recent collapse of the great gamble in London's commodity markets.

Financial London nervously awaited the showdown on Tuesday, when Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, will be called upon in the House of Commons to answer a written request for an investigation of the "higher ups" in the notorious white pepper and shellac pools.

A similar attempt to "corner" the shellac market threatened a series of failures about two weeks ago, but tension eased when it was made known that strong financial interests have taken over the bulk of the pool's holdings.

Subsequently however, heavy shipments of shellac from the Far East extended the already overburdened pool's losses and a new crisis threatened. A subsidiary of the British American Tobacco Company, whose chairman is Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, also head of the great Midland Bank, was revealed as involved in the pool. This added to the clamor for an investigation.

Prior to both the shellac and pepper pool collapses, gambling in another humble commodity—peanuts—had wrecked Strauss & Co., Limited, one of London's "Big Five" grain firms, which was heavily committed in the product and unable to deliver because of a sudden stoppage of shipments.

Bank failures in India and China have been laid to the commodity gambles in London. Meanwhile, the great Bradford wool industry became enmeshed in financial difficulties, resulting, it was reported from speculation last spring in wool top futures.

The Evening Standard quoted Charles Underwood, director of the 100-year-old Francis Willey Company, largest wool firm in the world, as saying that the company faces difficulties unless it is able to raise a certain sum by February 21 or arrange terms with creditors.

It is asserted that politicians participated in the speculations under cover and that "startling revelations" will be made at the inquiry. Politicians retort that an investigation will show that no one of any consequences on their side will be involved. They blame the stupidity of financiers and certain bankers who gamble in commodity markets.

Assertions are made in Paris that the collapse of the pepper pool is another Stavisky case. This, however, is discounted in authoritative quarters where it is realized that the Laborites have been awaiting an opportunity to exploit the scandal for political advantage.

It is also asserted that the pepper pool gamblers were accumulating stocks with plans to sell them later to chemical manufacturers for war purposes, but there has been nothing to substantiate this rumor.

Meanwhile financiers and politicians are genuinely nervous over the effect of the pool's collapse. Already gold-edged securities have been affected.

Large Sums Involved

The Economist after reviewing the history of the Pepper Pool operations and collapse, says that settlements between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000.

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Need Police Protection

Complaints have been coming into The Daily Mail that the portion of the city in the vicinity of the C. P. R. Station and of the Hartt Boot & Shoe factory is getting to be a dangerous place, especially for women and young girls. Recently, reports have it, that one woman was held up in the vicinity of the shoe factory and was subject to what was practically an indecent assault. She also had indecent proposals made to her. Another lady resident of that locality, the wife of a railway official, was attacked a short time ago while on her way home from a friend's house.

During the past months several robberies and hold-ups have been reported from various sources. Some of these people claim that the police have been notified but no action has been taken. The police chief said today that he knew nothing whatever about these doings. There seems to be a larger number of people who are aware of them. An employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway came to The Daily Mail a few days ago and said that some one should keep an eye on conditions which existed at night out around the Union Station yard. Those who have complained of trouble in that part of the city say that it extends from the C. P. R. station out around Victoria street, back of the shoe factory, and further west. These men who have approached these residents all appear to be strangers to the women and girls who are held up.

If we have not sufficient of a police force to patrol this part of the city it might be well to consider extending the force. The people in the back parts of the city are just as much entitled to police protection as are those in the front part of the city. They apparently are more in need of this protection.

DALHOUSIE MOBSTERS BEING ROUNDED UP

DALHOUSIE, N. B., Feb. 18—Seven more arrests, bringing the last number to 12 had been made over the week end as a result of an alleged mob assault on J. T. Owens, Montreal evangelist, beaten by a gang of more than twenty, police charge, during the evening of Feb. 8. Mr. Owens is still in hospital at Campbellton.

The latest group to be arrested include Eddy Russell, Leo Hudon, Antoine Lavoie, Aurel Mazerolle, Thopile Furlotte, J. P. Bouchard and Delphis Lebreton. Bail in each case was set at \$200. All twelve will appear here on Wednesday afternoon for preliminary hearing.

Arrests were made by Chief Police Alexis LeBlanc and R.C.M.P. Constable J. B. Springer.

"Fiery Cross" Burned on River Saturday Night

The "Ku Klux Klan" reared its head in this vicinity on Saturday evening and symbolized its continued existence by burning "the fiery cross" on the ice in front of the Parliament buildings.

A number of persons noticed the burning cross which evidently had been lighted at a late hour. It was installed on the ice out in the river. The practice of burning the cross occurs in this part of the country periodically but the occasion Saturday night was the first for a long time. In the southern part of the continent demonstrations by the Ku Klux Klan were quite frequent some years ago and sometimes violence was done. Any demonstration in this part of the country is more or less tepid and is confined mostly to the burning of the cross. Some children imagined that it was the big birthday cake, which is to be lighted next week.

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tains, 95c.

BIG TORONTO FIRE AVERTED BY CHIEFS

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 17—Prompt action by district fire chiefs early yesterday probably prevented a serious conflagration in the west end of Toronto at Wiltshire and Royce avenues when a three-alarm fire, 100 yards from several large tanks of oil, destroyed two-three storey brick buildings, causing damage estimated at \$5,000.

Tons of goods collected by Poppy Fund Workers for relief purposes burned.

FIREWORKS KING DIES IN DONDON

LONDON, England, Feb. 17—Henry James Pain, formerly one of the "fireworks kings" of these United States, died yesterday.

He inaugurated the great Manhattan Beach displays and the chief displays at the first Chicago World's Fair. He superintended the war-time manufacture of star shells for the United States on invitation of the Government.

His eldest son, the late James Pain, founded the London fireworks firm of that name.

MARRIAGE RUMOR OF PRINCE DENIED

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 17—Authoritative denials were issued yesterday that the Prince of Wales might marry Infanta Maria Christina of Spain, daughter of former King Alfonso.

One denial came from the Prince's entourage at Kitzbuehel, Austria, where he is skiing; the other from former Queen Victoria of Spain, who is here.

The rumor that the Prince and the Infanta might marry was the result of a visit of the Infanta to Kitzbuehel.

Don't forget St. Andrew's Church
Subscription Tea at Ashburnham
Place, Wednesday, Feb. 28th.

AUSTRIAN NAZIS GET PRACTICE AT FUNERALS

Strangers Join Processions to Secure Drill

VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 17—Police believed they had solved the mystery of the sudden popularity for funeral rites in lower Austria.

For several weeks authorities have been puzzled by the great processions, occasionally marked by an enthusiasm not ordinarily associated with mourning, which have followed the hearses of obscure citizens to the cemetery. It frequently was noted that many of the marchers were not even friends of the deceased.

After raids near Saint Pölten, police explained that these mass demonstrations of public grief were a clever Nazi plan to circumvent decrees against illegal gatherings. Members of secret Nazi groups, they said, were summoned by their leaders to shed a few mock tears while they got in a bit of covert drill on their way to the burial grounds.

Police said they also had found one Nazi group which provided insurance to its paying members to reimburse them for pay lost while they are under arrest.

Funeral of Late Alice M. Gibbs Sunday Afternoon

The funeral of the late Alice M. Gibbs, wife of John Gibbs, whose remains arrived from New York on Thursday, was held on Sunday afternoon, with service at three o'clock, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chester A. Brewer, of North Devon. Rev. George Telford conducted an impressive service at the home and committal at the grave. The service at the home featured special request hymns, "Some Time We'll Understand," "Face to Face," in which Mrs. Gibbs was the soloist; and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The music was furnished by a mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Roy Eldridge, Mrs. Harold Walker, Sgt. G. H. James and E. Douglas Terry, and was under the direction of Prof. J. Harrison Wade. Mrs. Gibbs died at New York on Saturday, Feb. 9.

At the funeral yesterday there were many beautiful floral tributes attesting to the popularity in which the late Mrs. Gibbs was held. The mourners were John Gibbs, G. Douglas Gibbs, Harry F. Gibbs, Donald Carter, William Gibbs, Harold Gibbs, Hugh Gibbs, Walter Gibbs, John Gibbs, and Ralph Gibbs; Fred Timms, Douglas Timms, Chester A. Brewer, Barnet Brewer, Murray Brewer, Howard Timms, David Banks, John Forbes J. K. Morrison. The pallbearers were Ralph Gibbs, Hugh Gibbs, Wm. Gibbs, Harold Gibbs, Walter Gibbs and John Gibbs, Terry and Shaw were the undertakers in charge of the funeral. (Saint John papers please copy.)

MOP STARTED FIRE

A burning mop was the cause of a slight fire at the Nova Grill on Carleton street this morning. The damage was very slight. The fire broke out at two o'clock this morning. At nine o'clock this morning the firemen answered a false alarm.

LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

Mrs. Agnes R. Fraser, who has spent two weeks with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Clark, and Mr. Clark, has left for New York, where she will visit for some time with relatives.

Don't forget the General Meeting
Soccer fans and all interested,
Mayor's Office, To-night.

Support dramatics by attending
High School Play, Thursday and
Friday.

Bishop LeBlanc Died At St. John Sunday

LATE FLASHES

SANDOWN PARK, England, Feb. 18—Dorothy Paget's fine jumper Golden Miller, winner of the Grand National last year and favorite for this year's renewal, today won the Grand International Handicap Steeplechase here by ten lengths over a good field.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—President Roosevelt will transmit to Congress Monday a special message calling for NRA extension, the White House said today.

BERLIN, Feb. 18—Hans Kurt Flemming, 46, relief captain of the dirigible Graf Zeppelin, died today after an abdominal operation.

CALGARY, Feb. 18—Two persons were killed and two injured, one seriously, early today, when an automobile crashed into a telephone pole on the Macleod trail. All lived in Calgary.

ISTRES, France, Feb. 18—Paul Codoc and Maurice Rossi, holders of the world's long distance flight record were soaring over Morocco this afternoon, headed for a non-stop South Atlantic crossing to Buenos Aires, trying to hang up a new record.

NAPLES, Italy, Feb. 18—The first battalion of Italian troops to sail for East Africa embarked today. It comprised 1,000 Fascist militiamen.

Four-Minute Trial For Murder Unique

LONDON, England, Feb. 17—While the result of the lengthy Hauptmann trial monopolized London's attention yesterday, the city had a unique murder trial of its own.

Four minutes after he entered the dock at Old Bailey and pleaded guilty to the murder of a woman, James Vent, 37, an unemployed miner, was sentenced to death. It was one of the shortest trials in England's history.

Girl Is Injured At Fredericton Jct.

FREDERICTON, JCT., Feb. 18—Flora Shearer was rendered unconscious Saturday evening when struck by a toboggan while sliding with a party of young people. She was thrown off on her knees, facing uphill, when the toboggan slowed and the next toboggan struck her in the stomach. She was brought home and medical aid summoned. No bones were broken.

PAPER ON MOHAWK INDIANS

At the regular meeting of the York-Sunbury Historical Society, which takes place on Wednesday evening in the museum of the Society at the Post Office, Miss Eva Dedham will deliver a paper on "The Last Mohawk Raid." It will be the first occasion in the history of Eastern Canada that an Indian maiden delivers an address to an historical society. Miss Dedham is a descendant of the Mohawk race. The meeting will commence at eight o'clock.

LOST SIGHT OF EYE

Clayton Liston, son of J. K. Liston, of Millville, who received a serious injury on Friday while at work loading pulp into a box car in the vicinity of Millville was reported resting fairly comfortable at the Victoria Public Hospital today. Liston had his eye pierced by a pulp hook. Liston is expected to lose the sight of his eye, which was seriously injured by the impact of the hook. He was employed with Liston and Estey of Millville.

Had Been Bishop of St. John Diocese For 22 Years—Announcement Causes Widespread Regret In This City—Was 65 Years of Age.

Rt. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, Bishop of the Diocese of St. John, died at one o'clock on Sunday morning, after an illness extending over several months. While Bishop LeBlanc's death was not unexpected, the announcement, which was made yesterday morning by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney, V.G., at St. Dunstan's church, came as a shock and was heard with feelings of very greatest regret. During the twenty-two years that Bishop LeBlanc has been head of the Catholic Church in this diocese, he had been a frequent visitor in Fredericton and had a large number of personal friends in this city. Many of our citizens of all denominations will regret the passing of the good bishop.

In making the announcement at St. Dunstan's church on Sunday morning Msgr. Carney said that he mourned the death of Bishop LeBlanc as one strong personal friend mourns the passing away of another. He said that the last thing that the Bishop would wish would be a tribute of praise. He was a man who had gone about his duties in an unassuming kindly way. The late Bishop had been a good administrator both of the spiritual and the temporal affairs of the diocese. The people of St. Dunstan's, said Msgr. Carney, knew and loved their bishop. Many of the younger generation of the congregation had been confirmed by him during the twenty-two years that he had been bishop.

Msgr. Carney stated that he had during the regime of Bishop LeBlanc been Vicar General and in later months administrator of the diocese. With the death of Bishop LeBlanc, Father Carney said his duties as spiritual administrator ceased, as he was Vicar General to the Bishop who was gone.

It will probably be two months or so before a successor to Bishop LeBlanc is appointed. In the meantime arrangements will be made to carry on the affairs of the diocese. The successor will be selected from amongst three names to be submitted to Rome, with recommendations attached to each name. This is the procedure in such cases. Of course it is too early yet to say who the next bishop will be. It is said, however, in well-informed circles, that it is probable the next bishop will come from another province.

The late Bishop LeBlanc was the fifth Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese. The first bishop, Rt. Reverend William Dollard, was bishop of Fredericton. He died in Fredericton in 1851 and is buried under the altar of St. Dunstan's Church. He was succeeded by Rt. Rev. Bishop Connolly, who was later Archbishop of Halifax. In the early sixties the diocese was divided, Rt. Rev. John Sweeney was appointed head of the St. John diocese and Rt. Rev. Bishop Rogers was sent to Chatham. After over forty years' regime Bishop Sweeney died at St. John, and Bishop Casey, who was pastor of St. Dunstan's Church and Coadjutor Bishop, went to St. John to succeed him. In 1912 Bishop Casey was promoted to the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and Rt. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, then a parish priest in Nova Scotia, was appointed Bishop of St. John. He was consecrated in December 1912, and has thus been bishop for over twenty-two years.

Bishop LeBlanc was the first Acad-
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