

Road Transport Parley Dec. 14

Manion Announces Tentative Date for Dominion-Provincial Meet—Consultative Only

Ottawa.—The date for the Dominion-Provincial conference on road transport has been tentatively fixed for Thursday, December 14. It was announced by Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals, in a statement issued over the week-end. The Minister emphasized that regulation of road transport was the exclusive jurisdiction of the provincial authorities. There was no intention on the part of the Dominion to invade the jurisdiction of the provinces.

The conference would be entirely consultative and advisory in character. It was not expected the conference would last more than two or three days.

The proposed conference arises out of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Railways and Transportation. Dr. Manion declared, "These suggested that the Federal and Provincial Governments, in co-operation, should examine the question with a view to equalizing the conditions under which road and rail transport is carried on, and to secure uniformity of action throughout the Dominion."

Subsequently the suggestion came before the Dominion-Interprovincial Conference in January last, at which time it was agreed that when the date to be supplied by the provinces had been assembled and studied a conference of the appropriate officials of the Dominion and the provinces should be called to consider the whole situation.

Among the subjects of discussion will likely be the question of publication of rate schedules, insurance, standardized statistics, working conditions and safety restrictions, as well as uniform licensing.

Consideration is, it is understood, being given the question of receiving representations. In view of the fact that the conference will be consultative and advisory only, and that decision upon the questions discussed must in the final analysis rest with the provinces, where full representations may be made by all interests concerned. It is likely that written communications only will be received, with the understanding that sufficient copies of these be made available to permit of their being forwarded to the provinces for consideration in advance of the assembly. It is expected that the conference will be open to the press and public.

Archaeologist Holds Earthquakes Caused Fall of Jericho

New York, Nov. 19.—The opinion that the walls of Jericho fell and that the waters of the River Jordan were dammed for the Israelites to cross as a consequence of a timely earthquake, is held by Sir Charles Marston, archaeologist, who has been directing excavations in Palestine and Mesopotamia since 1925.

Sir Charles talked with ease to-day of the incident of 3,330 years ago when Jericho's walls collapsed.

"It has been my purpose," he explained, "since amassing sufficient means to ascertain by excavation in Bible lands how far the early history of the Old Testament is correct.

"Concerning the quake, may I point out that the fact that earthquakes caused both of these incidents—the fall of Jericho and damming of the Jordan—is suggested in Psalm 114, which reads:

"The sea saw it and fled,
The Jordan was driven back,
The mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs."

Hunter With a Bark Causes Birds to Park

Terrace, B. C.—Clarence Michael, school teacher, told some friends any time he flushed a grouse he started to bark, and the bird, thinking a dog was on the job, flew into a tree. The listeners were somewhat doubtful, but the following week-end Clarence took some of them along. He flushed a bird, barked, and the bird zoomed into a nearby tree. Later he had another chance, with the same result.

Freight Car Crashes All Customs Barriers

Regina.—Not stopping for red lights, or even Customs officials, a freight car, lashed by a wind of almost cyclonic proportions, rolled from Canada into the United States during the week-end, it was reported here. The box-car traveled a distance of three miles into United States territory from Northgate, Sask.

Life Income Left to Pet Watch Dog

Chillicothe, O.—A watch dog, "Jack," her sole companion and protector in her suburban home here, is left the income from a \$5,000 fund set up in the will of the late Mary B. Smart, entered for probate recently.

The money is left in trust to Charles Allen Smart, a nephew, of Wallingford, Conn., and is to be used to provide a home and good food for the dog as long as he lives.

If a man takes offence he always makes a poor selection.

Fourteen Perish In English Mine

Escape Cut Off — Rescuers Find Bodies Killed by Fire Damp

Chesterfield, Eng., Nov. 19.—Fourteen men were killed in an explosion in a coal mine near here Sunday which entombed them 1,000 feet underground.

Seventeen others scrambled to safety when the blast trapped their companions. Four of them were slightly injured.

After three hours of feverish digging, a hastily-assembled rescue squad found the 14 miners dead from fire damp. Rescuers said the roof of the mine had crashed behind the men as they stood at the coalface, completely cutting off escape.

Prince George motored from Chatsworth this afternoon to offer in person the sympathy of the king.

Aoving scene occurred at the pit-head as the prince drove up. Men bared their heads and women wept into their handkerchiefs, some managing to smile their thanks between sobs. The prince remained for half an hour.

Pending an investigation, it was assumed the disaster was caused by the explosion of coal gas.

U.S. Hit Harder Than Great Britain

Declares Steel-Maitland, Former British Minister of Labor

Toronto.—The United States in the depression has touched a bottom that the United Kingdom never reached, in the opinion of Right Hon. Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, former British Minister of Labor. Here for a few addresses before proceeding west, after a study of conditions in the United States at the invitation of the Rockefeller Foundation, Sir Arthur, who is recognized as an authority on labor and economics generally, unhesitatingly expressed his belief that conditions were much worse in the United States than in Britain.

He pointed to the system of unemployment insurance in Britain, which is to be widely extended, and to the drop of unemployed figures by half a million in the year. The United States, he explained, "had reached a peak of prosperity much higher than ours and the higher one climbs the harder one falls. Besides, our system of unemployment insurance with all the abuses that once accompanied it, has provided a rock bottom beneath which the people cannot sink. There are no beggars in England now."

Alcock and Brown Made Greatest Flight In Aerial History

Ottawa.—The greatest flight in aerial history was the crossing of the Atlantic by Alcock and Brown in 1919, in the opinion of Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo. "It was an amazing feat, and the least appreciated. They had practically no instruments of any kind like we have now," said the aviatrix, here on a lecture trip.

Miss Earhart admitted she carried a "flying bug" in Canada during the war, when she was stationed in Toronto with the V.A.D. She was too busy then to take lessons but started as soon as she had the time.

The northern flying route, Miss Earhart said, would be the Atlantic air line of the future.

Crop Estimate Reduced From September Figure

Ottawa.—The crop report issued last week by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimated Canada's wheat crop at 271,821,000 bushels. This is slightly below the September estimate which placed the crop at 282,771,000. The crop in 1932 totalled 428,514,000 bushels.

The report noted that the rye crop was the lowest since 1917. The total yields of the principal grain crops for all Canada were estimated provisionally in bushels as follows, with the figures for 1932 with brackets: Wheat, 271,821,000 (428,514,000); oats, 311,312,000 (391,561,000); barley, 63,737,000 (80,773,000); rye, 4,725,000 (8,938,000).

Seeds Being Sown Which May Result In Another War

Elmira.—A working understanding between the U.S. and England would be one of the greatest safeguards against war clouds now gathering in Europe, Sir Frederick Whyte, former president of the Legislative Assembly of British India, told members of the State Federation of Women's Club here last week.

Sir Frederick, who is on a lecture tour in this country, was one of the principal speakers at the meeting.

French and German relations are the key to European peace, with Italy constituting an influential factor, he declared. He said there is no immediate danger of an European war, but maintained seeds are now being sown there which may result in another turmoil of 1914.

Newly-Elected Mayor Feels Need of Holiday



Morello La Guardia, the doughty mayor who routed the Tammany forces in the recent New York election, is shown, centre, leaving with his wife for a well-earned rest in the Canal Zone.

Mollison to Try Again

Hamilton, Bermuda.—The flying Mollison is not thinking of retiring from long-distance attempts until they get that record back for Britain. Mrs. Amy Johnson Mollison, here with Capt. Jim Mollison to recuperate after undergoing an operation in New York, made that clear in an interview when she said:

"We shall probably give up long-distance flying—but we are not going to give up until we get the world record for a long-distance, non-stop flight."

World's Food Yield to Last 20,000 Years

Paris.—The world has food for 20,000 years at its present rate of population increase, it allowance is made for the development of the manufacture of chemical fertilizers, Prof. Andre Matignon reports to the Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Matignon explains that the population at present is increasing by 3,000,000 people a year and that each needs 3½ bushels of wheat a year.

Known potash deposits would last 2,000 years more, he said, and natural phosphates would last 20,000 years.

Litvoff Takes Charge of the Czarist Embassy

Washington.—Maxim Litvoff, who always has lived modestly, has assumed formal custody for his Government of the ornate, and lavish Imperial Russian Embassy with walls of tapestry, a plush-lined elevator and fittings of rare beauty. The Embassy, long closed except for the family of a caretaker, has not been used officially for more than a decade.

Spring in Winter's Lap Puzzles Northern Fliers

Edmonton, Nov. 19.—Rain and spring-like weather in the Peace River area made northern aviators wonder as to when the winter flying season will come to stay. Pontoons are being used instead of skis on planes.

Eight-year-old Takes New York by Storm



Eight-year-old Ruth Slenczynski, who amazed European and American critics with her interpretations of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert, is shown with her proud daddy of San Francisco.

Changes Methods of Selling Advertising Layout of Highest Importance Declares Speaker at Montreal

Montreal.—There has been a tremendous change in the methods of selling through the medium of advertising and today, instead of only being tolerated as something of a nuisance, advertisements are looked for in magazines as well as newspapers and read with interest, S. Engel declared in a lecture here.

In opening his lecture, Mr. Engel said that it might be well to consider first of all the importance of layout in modern advertising.

"We can all of us remember how the pages of advertising were quickly passed by to get to the reading matter," Mr. Engel said. "Yet today these pages of advertising are read with quite as much interest as the editorial and other contents of a publication. Through them we are kept up with all the latest inventions, styles and improvements in the scores of luxuries and necessities that make up our daily lives."

"You can realize the immense importance of careful arrangement if you will consider the tremendous influence that advertising has over modern selling. Think of the printed salesmen, entering unobtrusively, even invited, into the privacy of every home, under the cloak of a favorite newspaper or magazine."

France Will Auction Importers' Licenses

Paris.—The Ministry of Agriculture is preparing a decree by which importers will have to bid at auction for licenses to import agricultural products, the United Press learned last week.

The auction system, believed to be unparalleled among revenue measures of any nation, would be the equivalent of increasing import duties, since it would force importers to bid competitively for the authorization to bring certain products into the country.

If the system becomes effective, it is understood, it will affect the importation of apples and pears, which are brought chiefly from the United States, and a number of food products from South America.

Horde of Flying Ants Attack English Town

Descending on Yeovil, England, millions of winged ants covered the streets, people and vehicles. With the sun shining on their wings they resembled a huge bright cloud. Clothing of pedestrians was covered with insects, and for hours the insects crawled about the streets until crushed by traffic. In London ants held a procession nearly 300 feet wide from West Ealing to Northfield Station, a mile away.

Duke Encores Children's Band

Trealew, Wales.—A 10-year-old Welsh girl violinist, leading an orchestra of 40 children all under 14, gave a "royal command" performance recently.

The Duke of Gloucester, who heard the children play under the leadership of little Dot Thomas, a miner's daughter, was so delighted that he immediately asked for an encore, which was promptly given.

The Duke was opening a new Carnegie Welfare Maternity Centre at Trealew, Glamorgan.

Later he visited Pontypridd hospital and chatted with a nine-year-old boy, Teddy Sewell, whose birthday coincides with that of the Prince of Wales.

Live to Eat is Slogan Calculated to Remove Farm Surplus in U.S.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Live to eat rather than eat to live and watch the farm surplus disappear, was the advice of Frances Perkins, U.S. Secretary of Labor, before 600 members and guests of the Union League Club.

"I want to see people eat past the subsistence line," she said, in her address. "There's an art to eating. This country should eat for art's sake as well as merely to keep alive."

"Summer Heat" Wave Taking Death Toll

San Francisco.—More "summer heat" was forecast by the weather bureau for California to reach high temperatures that have already disturbed November records.

Two deaths were indirectly attributed to dry winds and a blazing sun which drove the mercury up to record marks in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Voice of the Press

CANADA
Grade Crossings
Many years will go by before all our main highways and all our country roads have been freed from grade crossings. Nevertheless we have reason to hope that these death-traps will disappear some day. And if this day ever dawns it will undoubtedly be the commencement of the millennium for the motorists. — La Tribune, Sherbrooke.

Want Amid Plenty
It is a terrible confession of the failure of the world's distribution system when corn is burned, coffee dumped into the ocean, cotton ploughed under and hogs massacred to create an artificial shortage of the very things which are required by many people who are destitute.—Niagara Falls Review.

Crop Destruction

John H. Simpson, president of the National Farmers' Union of the United States, says: "It is against the laws of God and nature to plow up cotton, destroy things that could be used for food, and limit production." The London Advertiser endorses this view as being perfectly right. In a world in which countless millions are underfed, under-clothed and otherwise in want the curtailment of production should be an economic as well as a moral outrage.—Moore, Jaw Evening Times.

Burning Coffee

Coffee worth \$200,000.000 has been wilfully destroyed by Brazil since July, 1931. No less than 3,050,124,000 pounds have been burned or dumped into the ocean. In recent months the Brazilian Government has intensified its destruction of the coffee. There are some who would do that with Canada's wheat despite the fact that many people do not get all they want to eat. What a shame to witness such willful waste of food in the twentieth century with all its vaunted civilization.—Border Cities Star.

Demands of Criminals

Prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, demand a radio and the daily newspapers for each cell, and doubtless many kind-hearted persons will see nothing unreasonable in the request. They should remember, however, that there are many law-abiding persons who are presently without radios and who would like to be sure of some of the ordinary comforts which the confined criminals enjoy at the public expense. The people on the outside should have first consideration.—Montreal Gazette.

Empire Timber

Reports from the lumbering districts in many parts of the Province hold out exceptionally encouraging prospects for employment in the woods this season. Beyond any doubt this new activity is resulting directly from the new Empire trade arrangements, the value of which could not well be overstated.—Halifax Herald.

Two Out of 150

The Graf Zeppelin is in Chicago. It is interesting to recall that with one exception, this dirigible is the sole survivor of scores of airships in the world after seventy-five years of research and experimentation in aircraft of this type. The other is the United States' Macon. Up to the present, one hundred and fifty of these airships have been built by various nations. Every one but the two already named have come to grief: Usually they have been wrecked with heavy loss of life. And they have mainly been lost in weather which to a ship at sea would not be difficult, but which to a huge gas-filled airship has proved catastrophic.—Ottawa Citizen.

Work in Algoma

The change in the employment situation is nothing less than startling, and it came out of a clear sky. New work in the bush, on roads and in the steel-plant means that several thousand unemployed people have gone back to work, or are going shortly.

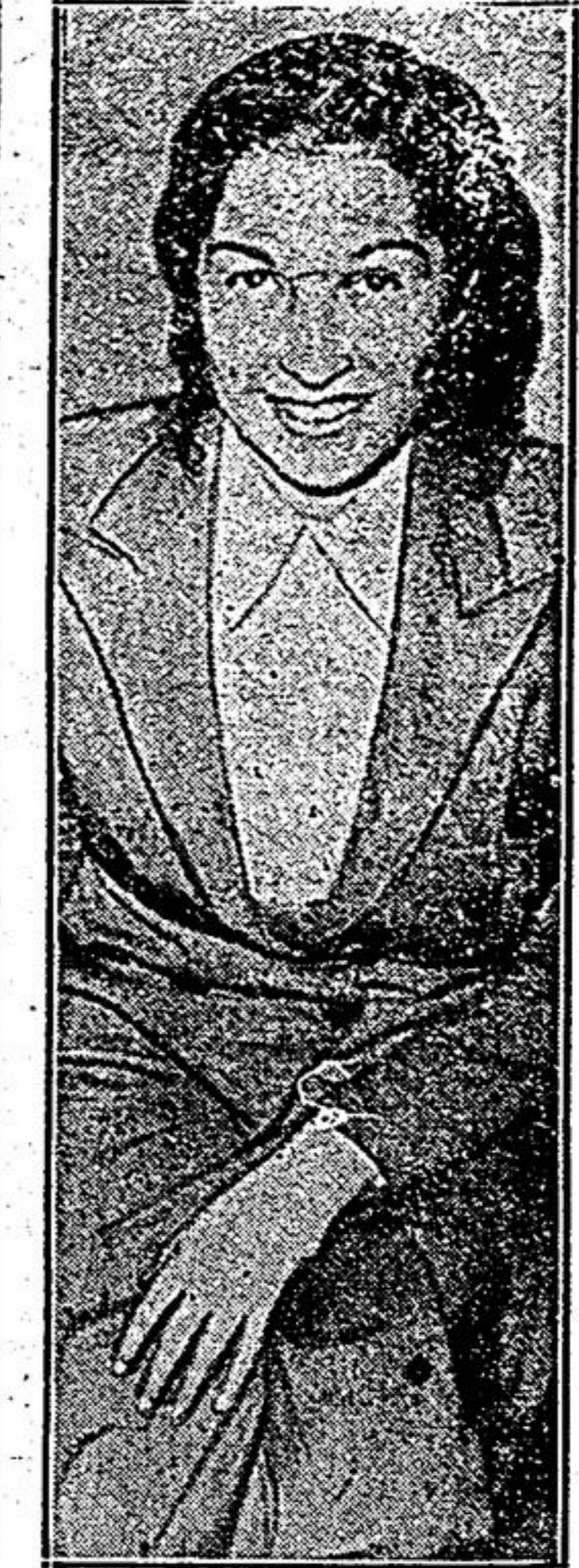
The improvement in conditions is coming about naturally. There has been no wood cut in the bush for two winters. The increase in the use of newsprint added to the gradual using up of the wood on hand means activity in our lumber camps. The road work is now called for by the small amount previously done this year, and the steel plant activity takes on the look of something permanent.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Black Squirrels Increasing

As one walks through the woods at this time attention is drawn to the increasing number of black squirrels that are scurrying around the bush. A few years ago very few of these beautiful little animals could be seen, as their numbers were kept down by ruthless hunters. Boys and young men should refrain from testing their skill in marksmanship at these lovely animals with their jet black fur and huge bushy tails. It gives a lover of wild life a thrill to see their gradually increase in numbers and add to the beauty of the woods.—Arthur Enterprise-News.

Sixty thousand persons perished in less than six minutes during the Lisbon, Portugal, earthquake of 1755; after a violent shock, the sea drew back and then rolled in over the city.

Air Hercine



When a passenger aeroplane crashed near Portland, Ore., Libby Wurgatt, with the co-pilot, dragged passengers from the flaming wreckage. Four others perished.

Women Declared Better Judges For Children

The Destiny of a Child May Depend on Seemingly Unimportant Details

New York.—A growing place for women in the legal field—both on the bench and at the bar—was envisaged today by two women attorneys who have achieved prominence in their profession.

Judge Edith M. Atkinson, who presided for eight years over the Miami, Fla., juvenile court, and Miss Hope K. Thompson of Washington, D.C., who has represented the Federal Government in legal affairs in Mexico, expressed their views between sessions of the regional convention of Phi Delta legal fraternity.

"Women judges are preferable to men in juvenile courts for the dependent and neglected," said Judge Atkinson "but in delinquency courts, both men and women play equally valuable parts.

"A woman is naturally inclined to give more consideration to small details of the welfare of a child, perhaps, than a man and sometimes the very destiny of a child may depend on consideration of those seemingly unimportant details."

Miss Thompson suggested one principle for women attorneys:

"The main thing for them to do is to be genuine."

The task of feminine lawyers, she said, is to obtain an opportunity to utilize practically the legal knowledge obtained in school.

British Exports Up Ten Per Cent.

Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, as is the custom of Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, made his "policy" speech in the historic Guild Hall, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's banquet. A resume of his speech follows.

The Prime Minister opened his address with thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen for this opportunity of being once more with them and then referred to the fact that exactly a year ago his colleague, Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, had been before them and had outlined the hopes of the newly formed National Government.

Cheers interrupted his speech at that point and the Prime Minister then spoke a few laudatory words about Hon. Mr. Baldwin and the early days of the National Government.

"I could tell you," he said, "how we felt when at last we saw on the horizon, heavy with doubt, the pink cloud indicating the coming of dawn."

"I might tell you," he said, of the firm foundation upon which the Government was builded.

"But I shall not dwell upon those beyond—telling you that our first thought has always been the restoration of trade and the re-employment of those who were living on the dole, spending the national capital as if it were national income."

He spoke of the value of Empire raw materials, the importation of which were up by one-fourth "Our exports for the last three months are up by ten per cent." (Cheers). We hold the honored position of being the third nation in the world in volume of exports. We've done it by hard work, not manipulation of currency."