

## MARINE MEN PROTEST LOUDLY AT PROPOSAL

### To Being Placed Under Railway Commission

## FLEXIBILITY OF RATES

### NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS OF INLAND WATER TRAFFIC.

L. L. Henderson, Montreal, and H. W. Richardson, Kingston, were the Chief Spokesmen for the Marine Interests.

Ottawa, May 19.—Canadian vessel owners, whose ships ply on inland waters, made a strong protest, this morning, before the special joint committee now considering the consolidation and revision of the railway act, against the new clause designed to bring traffic on inland waters under the jurisdiction of the railway commission in the matter of tolls and rates, saying the proposal was unjust and unnecessary. At the present time tariffs of vessels, owned by railways, are under the control of the board. It is intended to widen the application of the act to include all vessels plying in inland lakes.

There were present to object against the proposal, Lawrence L. Henderson, managing director of the Montreal Transportation company; A. A. Wright, manager of the St. Lawrence and Chicago Steamship company, of Toronto; H. W. Richardson, of Kingston; C. B. Harris, of the Canadian Steamships, Limited, Toronto; and Denis Murphy, of the Ottawa Transportation company.

Mr. Henderson, speaking on behalf of the Dominion Marine Association, declared that the flexibility of rates was absolutely necessary for the success of inland water traffic. He declared that at a recent meeting of the association, the consensus of opinion had been that it was a great mistake to think of placing water-bound traffic under the railway commission, or of restricting it in any way whatever. The steamboat companies were not entering the same franchise as were railways, water being free and open to all.

He declared that it was not the vessel owners who made the freight; it was the shippers. The rates were regulated by supply and demand, and it might be necessary to change the rates two or three times a day to suit shippers.

H. W. Richardson, of James Richardson and Sons, Kingston, one of the largest firms of grain shippers in Canada, pointed out the great need of constantly improving the terminal facilities at Canadian ports. The American boats had the advantage during the summer months of ore cargoes down and coal cargoes up. Canadian boats often had to go light. It was very seldom that there were low lakes and ocean rates at the same time. He stated that the canal would be open in 1915 and that this would tend to make a low rate between Buffalo and New York. The effect of this could not yet be determined. The deepening of the Welland canal would offset this, however, and might give Canada a real advantage. He recited the idea that down boats would use the Welland canal to go to Oswego with their cargoes. They would be going over 100 miles to save but forty miles, as pointed out.

He declared that improvement of the waterways had steadily lowered the rates. In the early days he had paid twenty-five cents a bushel on corn between Kingston and Kingston. When the Welland canal was deepened to fourteen feet the rate was decreased to four or five cents a bushel. With further deepening of this canal he thought there would be further saving.

Engineer of Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Man., May 19.—Wilfrid P. Brereton, graduate of the School of Practical Science, Toronto university, 1903, who has done considerable work in Toronto and Hamilton, was appointed city engineer of Winnipeg at a salary of \$6,000.

In France more than 1,200 female servants have been awarded medals of honor for having served continuously for thirty years in one establishment.

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## LEAVING FOR LONDON.

### Rumor That He Will Become High Commissioner.



HON. G. H. PERLEY  
Ottawa, May 19.—It is understood that Hon. George H. Perley, minister without portfolio in the Borden cabinet, will leave for a trip to England shortly. The rumor is again revived that Hon. Mr. Perley will be offered the position of high commissioner in London, but there is no confirmation of this.

## LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000.

### Burning Embers Were Blown to Near-by Buildings.

Alexandria Bay, N.Y., May 19.—The Thousand Island creamery, located just outside of Alexandria Bay, was burned to the ground, on Monday, by a fire that caused a total loss of \$10,000. The building carries an insurance of \$3,000. The plant was owned by Burton S. Tracey, of Alexandria Bay.

In the building was machinery valued at over \$4,000. The machinery was rendered useless. It was not insured. Besides hundreds of milk cans, ice cream freezers and other dairy machinery, 1,500 pounds of butter and 10,000 pounds of milk were destroyed. Three thousand pounds of cheese in the front part of the building near the entrance were carried out and saved.

The Hall Way house, owned by W. M. Middlemiss, of Alexandria Bay, caught fire several times, and was damaged to the extent of about \$100.

## Holiday to Be Observed.

Monday, May 25th, is a holiday, Victoria day falling on Sunday, May 24th, the holiday is observed on the Monday following. Government offices, banks, schools and newspapers will all observe it. It is hoped that the merchants will also fall into line.

## BECKER IS ANXIOUS TO GIVE EVIDENCE

### Believed Evidence Against Him Has Been Strengthened in the Second Trial

New York, May 19.—It is understood at the trial of Charles Becker here to-day, that Becker himself is keen to go on the stand in his own defence, but his lawyers, realizing his predicament, will not permit him. They fear that he will prejudice his own case. It is firmly believed here that the evidence against him as procurer of the death of Herman Rosenthal has been strengthened in the second trial, and that the jury cannot fail to convict.

District Attorney Whitman, yesterday, completed his case against Charles Becker by placing on the witness stand two men whom he considered his star witnesses—Charles B. Pitt, Jr., the former policeman and friend, companion and press agent, and James Marshall, a negro youth. Pitt swore that Becker had asked him while on board a train on the way from New York to the death house at Sing Sing prison, following his conviction, to kill "Jack" Rose. Pitt also said Becker had made him carry messages to "Jack" Rose, both before Rosenthal's murder and after Rose was locked up in the Tombs charged with having taken part in the crime.

Marshall went fully into the details of his alleged operations as a "stool pigeon" for Becker.

## SHE SPURNS DIETARY RULES

### Woman 107 Years Old Says "Make the Best of It."

Baltimore, Md., May 19.—Mrs. Anne Ponder, who has just celebrated her 107th birthday anniversary, at her home here, does not believe that diet and fixed modes of living are a help to longevity. She says she has lived long and eaten as she pleased all her life. The disposition to "make the best of what comes," she avers, is what makes life worth living at seven years past the century mark.

Mrs. Ponder was born near London, England. She has no living relatives that she knows of and all her friends of younger days are dead.

## Four Men Electrocuted.

Montreal, May 19.—Four men were electrocuted at Black Lake, Megantic county. They were Russians and were repairing a power line. One man touched a wire carrying fifty thousand volts and the others were killed trying to pull the man's body off the wire.

## MRS HESSE GETS DIVORCE

### Given Decree on Evidence Furnished by Former Oswego Man.

New York, N. Y., May 19.—The first chapter in the matrimonial entanglement of the Hesse and Conde families was written in the supreme court, Saturday, when Justice Phillips granted an interlocutory decree of divorce to Mrs. Ethel Louise Hesse from Rudolph Hesse. The final chapter will be written in a few months, when the suit Leon Conde, formerly of Oswego, has brought against Mrs. Mary M. Conde, formerly a show girl, is called for trial. The trouble dates from a night in February when Conde is alleged to have surprised Hesse in Mrs. Conde's apartment, No. 514 West 114th street. There was an exciting scene, after which Conde fled a suit for divorce. Mrs. Hesse sued on information furnished by Conde.

Mrs. Conde, is ill in a sanatorium. The court has allowed her six months in which to answer her husband's complaint.

## SEMI-MONTHLY PAY DAY

### Railway Employees to Have Concession Made to Them.

Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—A semi-monthly pay day for all railway employees in Canada is likely to come into effect with the passing of the amended railway act, which is now being considered, but will not, it is said, be passed until early in the next session of parliament. Hon. Mr. Crothers is prepared to insert this amendment.

## MODERATE SECTIONS COMING TOGETHER

### London Times Still Claims That Government Will Offer Adequate Amendments

London, May 19.—There are growing signs that during the week-end moderate sections of both parties have come still closer together towards a home rule settlement.

To-day, despite bitter partisan protests, the Times asserts its statement expressing confidence that the government will offer adequate terms in amending the bill.

Exclusion is bitterly deplored by many liberals, but is admittedly necessary. Some friends of Ireland, anxious to avoid dismemberment now propose a conference of Irishmen of all sections with a view to compromise.

The opposition will eventually tend to demand that when amending the bill is moved, the referendum in Ulster shall be taken for the province as a whole. This nationalist will oppose, as Belfast could then outvote the Roman Catholic counties.

## RAILWAY WORKERS RESTLESS

### Their Demands Will be Presented Next November

London, May 19.—J. H. Thomas, M.P. for Derby, and organizing secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, has now announced the terms to demand from the companies in November next, on the expiration of the conciliation agreement.

These terms include an all-round advance of five shillings weekly and a working week of forty-eight hours, and also the full recognition of the union.

The general tendency to-day is to regard these terms as very drastic, but not impossible, in view of the fact that labor on the British railways is notoriously underpaid, while the railway shareholders have become accustomed to draw big dividends.

The really significant part of Mr. Thomas' speech lies in the conclusion, where he referred frankly to the conference now proceeding between the railwaymen, miners and transport workers, with the object of securing unity of action when necessary. Mr. Thomas urged that it was wrong to assume that these conferences were intended as a challenge to the employers, or that a strike was near at hand, but all those acquainted with the inner history of recent labor negotiations, here understand that when the time comes for the next strike of any important section there will be a united front presented by labor against capital.

It is doubtful whether the forces will be ready in time to fight the railwaymen's present programme in the autumn, but employers, remembering that the railwaymen will be the first to realize the necessity of time concessions to prevent the big offensive alliance threatened.

These demands or something like them, will have to be conceded in the end and the railways must recoup themselves by economies and more businesslike working.

There is no doubt that this is possible to a scientific imaginative brain. The Pall Mall Gazette calls the terms "drastic," but happily the tone in which Mr. Thomas presents them is one of reason and not of menace.

If the railwaymen keep free from the pressure of those who want a strike a deadlock should not be inevitable.

## H'R BOY COMES BACK RICH

### Had Run Away With a Circus Years Ago.

Tomah, Wis., May 19.—A family party was being held at the home of Frank Taylor here. All relatives from the country round were gathered. All of the family known to be surviving were present. Talk turned on Albert Taylor who, as a boy of fifteen, had run away with a circus in 1884, and had been reported dead.

The door opened. A portly stranger entered. "Hello, mother," he cried, and grasped an aged woman in his arms.

## PITH OF NEWS

### Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

## THE LATEST TIDINGS

### PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

Bush fires in the neighborhood of the Portage, Lake of Bays, are troublesome.

Four Russians were electrocuted while at work on a power line at Black Lake, Megantic county, Que.

The Barrett Dairy company, Guelph, has failed, and the Union bank is in possession of the premises.

Mrs. Mary McCallum, St. Catharines, died suddenly, in her chair, two hours after the burial of her step-son, Edward Henley.

New South Wales, which has been one of the most frequent overseas borrowers, is about to issue another loan. The amount is \$15,000,000 in 4 per cent. stock at 99.

Auto ratepayers carried by-law providing for an incinerator, nitrogen filled lamps, and park improvements, but defeated one for fire equipment.

At a convention of the conservatives of East Kent P. J. Henry, mayor of Ridgetown, was chosen as conservative candidate for the legislature.

The inland revenue returns for April show a decrease compared with April a year ago. The figures are: April, 1914, \$1,795,934; April, 1913, \$1,588,607.

Gertrude Slipper, aged seventeen, whose father is in Detroit, committed suicide at St. Thomas, like her mother, by drinking poison, because out of work and unable to get clothes like other girls.

Gross earnings of C.P.R. for the second week of May show a decrease of \$294,000, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago, bringing the loss for the period to May 14th of \$847,000.

Auto bandits arrested at Philadelphia have been implicated in a syndicate of motor car thieves who have operated over the whole North American continent, from New York to San Francisco and through Canada.

Stoppini & Hoteliers, members of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York and the Chicago Board of Trade, with branch offices in Syracuse, Watertown, Oswego, Schenectady, Troy and other cities, have suspended.

## ROBBERS GOT \$10,000.

### Were Three Hours at Work and Got Away.

New York, May 19.—Posing as detectives, four men gained entrance to a Broadway motion picture theatre, yesterday, made the watchman a prisoner, handcuffed three workmen who were in the theatre, then blew open the safe in the box office, obtaining \$10,000. The robbers were in the theatre building three hours and compelled the watchman to wind the watchman's clocks at various points in the theatre at the proper time, so that no suspicion as to their presence would be noted on the outside.

## PASTOR TO RUN FOR LEGISLATURE

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## G.T.R. Traffic Earnings.

Montreal, May 19.—Traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk for the week ending May 14th, were \$945,082, a decrease of \$159,215 compared with the same period last year.

## OTTAWA OBSERVATORY IS TO BE REMOVED

### To Naar Victoria, B. C. Where Ideal Atmospheric Conditions Prevail

Ottawa, May 19.—Ottawa is to lose the importance which has attached to this city as the Canadian base for astronomical observations.

The government has placed orders for the boxes and mountings of what will be the most powerful telescope in the world. It has been decided to locate it on the top of Mount Saanish, seven miles from the city of Victoria, British Columbia where ideal atmospheric conditions for astronomical work are said to have been discovered. The site has been purchased and the contract for the building in which the instrument is to be housed, will be let shortly.

Great sale, print blouses, 50c. Dutou's.

## BANK CLERK IS MISSING

### Alleged to Be Defaulter—Woman in the Case

Montreal, May 19.—Vassell L. Delmas, collection clerk in the head office of the Merchants' Bank, is stated to have disappeared last Friday, along with a dashing young woman, leaving a deserted wife weeping in her Westmount home. He had been seventeen years with the Merchants.

So far, the only recent entry defaulting is of one thousand dollars, but delinquency, it is thought, may have been going on for three years.

Early morning rumors were that the delinquencies had totalled one thousand dollars.

The woman mentioned in the case is said to have become acquainted with him while she was frequently transacting business in the bank.

## NEIGHBORS CARRY OUT WOMAN

### Who Becomes Hysterical When Flames Break Out at Home

Ogdensburg, N.Y., May 19.—The home of John St. John, 14th street, was wrecked by fire Monday morning. The flames started from an overheated stove in the kitchen.

All the household articles were destroyed, but the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames before the house was consumed. There was no insurance.

Mrs. Stone was in bed when the blaze was discovered, her husband having gone to his work. She became hysterical and was unable to leave the house. Neighbors rushed in and carried her from the building.

## THE MEXICANS VIEW MEDIATION AS FARCE

### Recognition of Huerta is Only Way Peace Could Really Be Established

Washington, May 19.—"Mediation is looked upon in Mexico as very anything but a farce. No one expects anything beneficial to come of it, though no one can see how it will possibly disturb things to any great extent," said Charles J. Kerr, civil governor of Vera Cruz for a few days following the American invasion. Mr. Kerr arrived yesterday to see the president.

"All talk of Huerta resigning is folderl," continued Mr. Kerr. "The chief dictator will never resign. I know him too well to put credence in any such reports. He is more wily than he is given credit for and I do not doubt that he may use such a rumor as a means to deceive this government into false hopes."

"In Mexico the Huerta representatives are believed to carry virtually no power. The expedition has been dubbed a 'fooling trip.' By this is meant that Huerta is feeling around to discover the real intention of this government towards Mexico."

"Personally, I can't see that anything tangible can possibly result from this cry of 'peace, peace,' when there can be no peace. War at times is vitally essential to a nation; some times it is imperative."

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## TROOPS WILL REMAIN TILL SETTLEMENT SURE

### Huerta Must Be Eliminated Wilson Declares

## DELEGATES OF HUERTA

### WILLING TO RECOMMEND HIS RETIREMENT

### On Condition That a Definite Understanding is Reached on the Kind of Government That is to Follow.

Washington, May 19.—President Wilson told the American commissioners who left to-day for the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, Ont., that the United States government regards the settlement of the Mexican problem in a definite form as a prerequisite to the withdrawal of the American forces from Vera Cruz.

The president gave the American commissioners—Justice Lamar of the supreme court of the United States, Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor general, and diplomatic secretary, H. Percival Dodge—no specific instructions. He told them to place themselves in a receptive mood and await proposals from the South American mediators.

But at the same time he outlined to his representatives that peace in Mexico seemed to him to be conditioned on the elimination of the Huerta administration, and the establishment in its place of a strong provisional government, which would conduct an election giving fair treatment to all factions and parties and guaranteeing, moreover, a solution of the agrarian problem and other internal difficulties, which have bred revolution in the southern republic during the last three years.

The president wishes the Mexican question settled on a comprehensive basis that will take into account the economic principles for which Zapata in the south, as well as Carranza in the north, have been fighting, and will at the same time conserve the rightful interests of the people in the territory now controlled by the Huerta government.

## REPORTED DICTATOR WILL QUIT.

During the day a dispatch came to one of the foreign diplomats here from a diplomatic source in Mexico City stating that General Huerta was ready to resign and would permit his representatives at the mediation to eliminate him if it should become actually necessary.

Intimations that have come from three Huerta delegates since their visit to this country showed that they had realized Huerta's elimination was regarded as essential to a settlement, and knew from the outset that unless they came prepared to deal with this phase of the problem their efforts would be fruitless.

The Huerta delegates, too, it is learned from persons who have talked with them, understand thoroughly that the scope of the mediation has broadened beyond the differences which arose out of the arrest at Tampico of American bluejackets, and now comprises the entire Mexican problem.

The Huerta delegates are said to be ready to recommend Huerta's retirement, but only on the condition that a definite understanding is reached on the kind of government that is to follow.

## NO TROOPS FOR NIAGARA.

Ottawa, May 19.—There will be no troops sent to Niagara to protect the lives of the mediators of the United States-Mexican arbitration. The report that there was danger which would necessitate military protection is not taken seriously here. Dominion police will be in attendance during the mediation proceedings at the Falls, but there will be no troops.

## DIED AT CAPE VINCENT, N. Y.

### Cabinet Maker at Watertown, Passes Away.

Cape Vincent, N.Y., May 12.—After an illness of a month, occasioned by a slight shock of apoplexy, Ernest Heinrich died at his home in Real street, Saturday evening. He was born in Germany, and was eighty-one years of age. He was an expert cabinet maker, and followed that trade in the city of Watertown for a great many years. About sixteen years ago he retired from active business and came to this village, where he had since resided. Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, John and Ernest, a furniture maker, and Ernest Heinrich, a well-known jeweler, of Watertown, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Main, of Carthage. The funeral will be held from the home Tuesday and the services conducted by the Rev. Walter E. Cook, rector of St. John's Episcopal church.

## TO HAVE A SHEEP RANCH.

Edmonton, Alta., May 19.—James F. Buckley, a wealthy live stock grower, lately of New Zealand, announced in Edmonton to-day that he has completed arrangements for a large tract of land fifty miles north of here, where he will establish a sheep ranch, beginning with 10,000 animals this season. New Zealand capital is interested in the project.

J. C. Eaton, Toronto, believes there is no shortage of money in Canada. The man in the daily-moving motor does not smell its odor.

## TO SLASH A WOMAN.

### Man Was Overpowered Ere He Did Deed.

Brantford, May 19.—Mary Strickland, employed by a resident of Langley Park, was attacked by a man, thought to be Henry Driscoll, of Hamilton, this morning, and pursued into a yard.

He was about to plunge a huge knife into her body when a hired man grappled with him and held him till further help came. He is charged with attempted murder.

## DEATH AT CLAYTON

Clayton, N.Y., May 19.—The death of Mrs. Catherine Alice Brabant, wife of Augustus Brabant, occurred Saturday evening, after a lingering illness, at about a quarter to seven o'clock. Mrs. Brabant was a daughter of Moses and Lucy Genoux LaLonde, and was born at Ogdensburg, in 1807. The deceased is survived by her husband, a daughter, Lucy, and four brothers.

## LICENSE FEE FROM CHURCHES.

Saskatoon, Sask., May 19.—The city council has decided to exact a license fee from all churches which use buildings for public lectures, concerts or theatrical entertainments. This action has been prompted by a visit from several operatic stars of international fame who sang in churches.

## INSTITUTIONS ARE GIVEN \$500,000.

New York, May 10.—Bequests totaling near \$500,000 are made to Roman Catholic institutions by the will of Mrs. Catherine Paris, of Boston, Mass., filed for probate. Rev. Paul E. Fish, a nephew of Mrs. Paris, living in Kingston, receives a bequest of \$125,000.

## HELP IS BEING SENT TO BEAT OUT FLAMES

### Fires Sweeping Through Bush Districts North Of Cobalt And Sault Ste. Marie

Toronto, May 19.—There were 5,000 messages at the parliament buildings this morning from Sault Ste. Marie, Cobalt and other northern districts asking for assistance as once to fight the flames which are sweeping through the bush and timbered districts north of these points. It seems that the spring in the north country has been especially dry and bush fires are kicking up settlers buildings all through the districts. The department has directed reinforcements of fire rangers and temporary assistance from these points to beat out the flames. In the meantime the condition of settlers and some mining camps is very serious. The condition is said to be worse to-day.

In Turkey three wives are allowed every man and the first wife rules over the others.

## THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

### IS ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING CITY STORES

- Buckell's News Dept. .... 205 King St.
- Clarke, J. W. & Co. .... 253 Princess
- College Book Store .... 200 Princess
- Coulter's Grocery .... 206 Princess
- Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred
- Frontenac Hotel .... Ontario St.
- Gibson's Drug Store .... Market Square
- McAuley's Book Store .... 60 Princess
- McGill's Cigar Store, Prin. & King
- McLeod's Grocery .... 81 Union St. W.
- Medley's Drug Store 200 University Ave.
- Paul's Cigar Store .... 70 Princess
- Prosser's Drug Store .... 315 Princess
- Vatlean's Grocery .... 386 Montreal
- Love's Grocery .... Parliament

## DIED.

BRIGGS—At the Hotel Dieu, on May 18th, 1914, Mary Helen Briggs, daughter of the late Hon. Benjamin Briggs, of Niagara.

WALSH—On Tuesday, May 19th, 1914, John Walsh, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh, aged 19 years. Funeral (private) from the family residence, No. 10 George St., on Friday morning, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul. Friends are invited to attend the mass.