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FAIR DAY FOR VOTING

A Very Large Vote on the Liquor Referendum Is Expected.

Toronto, April 18.—From almost every point in Ontario came a report of "fair and mild" weather to-day for the referendum voting. In the country districts in the southern parts of the province the roads are sloppy. It is rather hard sledding for the motors of the modern farmer. However, on the whole the weather throughout the province in town, city and country is one that should bring out a big vote of Old-man Ontario and his wife and sisters; and the latter is expected to be a big factor in to-day's result. The vote is definitely and entirely a question of importation of liquor into the province. If the majority vote is "Yes" the Dominion act forbidding importation will become operative on the proclamation of the governor-general and the provincial measure, known as "The Sandy Bill", prohibiting delivery within the province, of liquor manufactured in the province will also become law. The sale of intoxicating liquor within the province is already illegal so that the effect of to-day's ballot will be for "a bone-dry Ontario." Early reports from various points indicate quite a large poll of early morning voters.

The Vote in Kingston.—The importation referendum is being fought out at the polls in Kingston with all the intensity of a political contest. Both the parties are well organized and the polls are well manned. It is expected that a very large vote will be polled. At an early hour on Monday morning many women, who were working in the interests of the prohibition party, were at the polls waiting to check off the voters' names.

REJECTS THE SCHEME OF COLLECTIVISM

Italian Extreme Nationalist Makes an Appeal For True Democracy.

Rome, April 18.—Planks in the platform of the Fascist, or extreme nationalist party, have been outlined in an appeal to the nation, which has been published throughout Italy as a part of the partisan activities which are marking the bitter electoral campaign now in progress. The appeal advocates abandonment of collectivism and rejects the plan for participation by workmen in the management of industrial plants. It declares that this would mean the embitterment of the class struggle in Italy. Agrarian problems should be solved in the "spirit of true democracy, and not by absurd socialism," and the party is declared to favor decentralization of the government and free trade. Free trade, however, would not be made absolute, but would be in preparation to the necessities of the country's industries. The appeal declares for the speedy settlement of the claims of all men wounded during the war, asks that a foreign policy be developed that will be directed chiefly to peaceful commercial expansion, which will free the nation from "economic subjection to countries possessing raw material." The party supports the policy of peace with all nations, but asserts that, unless the world situation changes radically, it is indispensable that the army and navy be kept at a state of efficiency which will adequately make for the defence of the country.

Strike Of Lumbermen.

Fredericton, N.B., April 18.—A precedent which, if followed, may tie up the lumber industry of the valley of the St. John, was established last night when the union men employed by Fraser Bros. at Victoria Mills refused to accept the firm's decision to run hereafter on a ten-hour day schedule instead of nine, as at present, and declared a strike, which becomes effective today.

No Longer An Excise Outpost.

Brockville, April 18.—The union of the customs and excise departments here has resulted in the position of this town as an excise outpost of Prescott being altered. The local office, under Capt. D. A. Ellis, now serves the majority of the municipalities of Leeds county.

Convict Newborn Residents.

Brockville, Ont., April 18.—On charges preferred by H. J. Phillips, Smith's Falls, fishing inspector, several residents of Newboro have been convicted of illegal fishing through the ice at Rideau Lake last winter.

Feed Potatoes to Stock.

Brockville, April 18.—Farmers in the neighboring districts report that their potatoes are a drug, and they are feeding them to their stock.

John Valad, a young farmer near Riversdale, Ont., was found dead in his buggy.

Daniel Davis, for twenty-two years police magistrate of Cornwall, is dead.

MORE AMERICANS TO CANADIAN WEST

Immigrants Both Wealthy and Numerous—British Are Fewer.

Ottawa, April 18.—Though there was a notable reduction in the number of immigrants from the British Isles to western Canada during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1920, there was an increase in the number of immigrants from the United States and also in the value of stock and equipment and the wealth brought over with them. In 1918-19 there was a total of 19,115 settlers arrived in western Canada from the United States. These brought with them \$2,169,856 in stock and effects and \$8,751,673 in cash and wealth. In the next fiscal year the total number arriving had increased to 23,300 with \$3,335,138 in stock effects and \$10,487,086 in cash and wealth.

This information is given in the annual report of the department of immigration and colonization, tabled in the house of commons by Hon. J. A. Calder.

CHINAMAN MAY DIE OF GAS POISONING

He Was Almost Asphyxiated When Found in Laundry Monday.

A Chinaman, named Lee, who works in the Queen laundry at the corner of Princess and Division streets, is in a very critical condition at the General Hospital as the result of being suffocated with gas. The man went to his room over the laundry at about six o'clock Monday morning, and it is thought that he turned off the gas stove which is in the room, and by some unknown means the gas was turned on again. When he was found by other laundry workers about twelve o'clock he was in an unconscious condition, and was rushed to the hospital in James Reid's ambulance. At the hospital it was not known if he would recover.

DECLINE IN FOODSTUFFS.

Labor Department Figures for March Grow Less.

Ottawa, April 18.—A further decline in the cost of foodstuffs during the month of March is recorded in the current issue of the Labor Gazette, which states that the cost of this weekly family budget of staple foods averaged \$13.23 at the beginning of March, as compared with \$14.08 in February, \$15.98 in March, 1920; \$15.77 in March, 1919; and \$7.86 in March, 1914.

Lose Billions of Dollars

London, April 18.—The bad debts of English holders of foreign bonds amount to approximately \$9,000,000, according to a report just issued by the Council of Foreign Bondholders.

CHICAGO SEEKS MISSING MAN NAMED GEORGE COX

Kingston Police Are Asked About the Mystery Man at Verona.

The "Man of Mystery" held at Verona, and who it was at first believed, was Ambrose J. Small, may be George Cox, a well-known resident of Chicago, who has been missing for some time.

This is the latest turn in the sensational case which has put Verona on the map, since the rounding up of the mysterious wanderer by Constable Tallon on Saturday morning.

On Monday morning the Kingston police received a wire from the Chicago police, stating that a man named Cox was missing from Chicago, and asking that an investigation be made to see if the man held at Verona is the man wanted in Chicago.

Some special marks of identification were given to the police, concerning the man wanted in Chicago, and the matter is being thoroughly investigated by Constable G. R. Hornbeck, of the provincial police force, who went out to Verona on Monday morning.

Two Former Russian Princes Enjoy Work As C.N.R. Section Hands Near Hearst, Ont.

Grant, Ont., April 18.—News has just leaked out that two members of the old Russian nobility are employed as section laborers on the Canadian National Railway between Hearst and Armstrong.

The two princes lost all of their possessions early in the war, and were exiled to Siberia, from where they escaped into Vladivostok, and crossed the Pacific as stowaways on a tramp steamer carrying a cargo of rice.

Arriving in Vancouver, both secured employment as waiters on C. P. R. dining cars and worked east to Montreal, from where they shipped as laborers for the Canadian National Railway, finally landing in this territory.

QUEBEC CITY IN A FLURRY

As It Thinks Garrison Artillery Company Is Coming to Kingston.

A Quebec dispatch says: "It is reported here that the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, including their band, will shortly be transferred from their quarters in Quebec city, and permanently quartered at Kingston. The removal of the artillery would be a serious loss to the city and would be opposed by a large section of the population."

Brig-Gen. King, when interviewed by The Whig, stated that the one company which is stationed at Quebec would remain there, but Col. Ogilvie, who commands the Royal Canadian Artillery, was being moved to Kingston, where most of his command is quartered at the present time.

BRITISH RAILWAYS ARE LOSING MORE

Returns For February Show Greater Adverse Balance Than Previous Month.

London, April 18.—The statement of the receipts and expenditures of British railways for the month of February shows a greater adverse balance than for the month of January. While the inability of the railways to make a satisfactory financial showing may be accounted for by the general depression in trade, there is in some quarters a belief that the increased rates have helped to develop the business depression and incidentally accentuate the difficulties of the railways.

It is generally agreed that any further increase in rates either for passengers or freight would not help the railways, but would rather decrease their gross earnings by putting an additional handicap upon internal traffic.

In some quarters it is being urged that the railways would find it remunerative to lower rates, and at the same time make conditions more favorable for a business rival.

Perpetuate Armistice Day; Mowat's Notice of Motion

Ottawa, April 18.—In line with the suggestions made before the special Parliamentary Committee on Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, H. M. Mowat (Parkdale) has filed a resolution asking the House of Commons to affirm that it is desirable to perpetuate the triumphal conclusion of the war by selecting the Monday in the week in which the eleventh of November (Armistice Day) occurs each year as "Armistice Day," and that "general thanksgiving to Almighty God be proclaimed."

Churchill's Brother-in-law Found Dead in Paris Hotel

Paris, April 18.—William Ogilvie Hozier, former Commander in the British navy and son of Col. Sir Henry Hozier, brother of Mrs. Winston Churchill, was found shot through the head in a room of a Paris hotel Friday night.

While the case appeared to the authorities as one of suicide, no reason for such an act is known.

To Divert Their Trains Through New Ontario

Cobalt, April 18.—According to reports here, changes coming immediately in the T. & N. O. schedules will indicate that the Toronto-Winnipeg through train over the Grand Trunk will be routed in future via Capreol and the C.N.R., while the Montreal-Winnipeg train, at present running by way of Fort William, will be diverted to pass through Timiskaming.

Damages totalling \$13,000 have been awarded to five Hamilton Italian families.

The body of the former Kaiserin has been sent to Potsdam for interment.

CANADIAN SHIPS MAY PLY THE LAKES

The Government Urged to Compete Against Higher Freight Rates.

Ottawa, April 18.—On account of the rise in freight rates on the great lakes for the season just about to commence, there is a growing pressure on the government to bring some of the smaller vessels of the Canadian government merchant marine into the inland lake service for the season.

Shippers had been anticipating lower freight rates on the lakes this year in view of the lower ocean freight and the need of business to have every encouragement to ship by lake routes. They were greatly surprised, however, to find that the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, is announcing higher rates.

Hence the demand on the government. It has been practically decided to bring some of the government ships up to the great lakes. How many has not yet been decided.

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT ON INDIAN FRONTIER

Afghan Leader Reappears—He Is Leading the Hostile Tribesmen.

Simla, India, April 18.—Severe fighting is reported in the Wana and Muzhud areas, on the northwestern Indian frontier, as the result of the reappearance of the Afghan leader, Abdur Razak, who is carrying on anti-British propaganda and leading a band of hostile Waziri and Mashudi tribesmen.

The most serious engagement took place on April 15th, when a company of the 20th Punjab was heavily attacked by 300 Mashudis, the British losing 25 killed and 24 wounded.

The total British casualties, including those in the earlier skirmishes, have been 34 killed and 65 wounded. The tribesmen, the reports state, lost heavily.

Fresh operations have been begun in the affected areas.

DISTILLERS BLOCK GOVERNMENT SALE

Quebec Ministry's Plans Held Up Temporarily by Firms and Agencies.

Montreal, April 18.—The intention of the provincial government to take over complete control of the spirituous liquor business in Quebec, importing, wholesaling and retailing has been temporarily blocked by a decision of the great distilleries in Scotland and Europe not to deal direct with the liquor commission. The distilleries are insisting that they can only do business with their agents in Montreal and Quebec. These agents are the big wholesale houses in Montreal and Quebec, which the government commission had expected to be able to displace.

LABOR FORCES DISRUPTED

Labor forces of the United Kingdom are to-day apparently broken into two sections as a refusal of the National Union of Railwaymen and the National Federation of Transport Workers to continue their support of the strike called by the Miners' Federation of Great Britain on April 1st. Opinion prevails in some quarters that the action of the railroad workers and the transport men means the death warrant of the Triple Alliance.

This view is not held universally, but, without doubt the split which developed will have a serious effect upon the rank and file of labor.

"Yesterday was the heaviest defeat that has befallen labor within the memory of man," begins the laborite break-away of the railroad men and transport workers. "It is no use trying to minimize it. The workers have not stood together and they have reaped the reward."

CLOSED PULP MILL

Riordons Have \$3,000,000 Supply and No Market.

Ottawa, April 18.—Some 2,500 men will be out of work as a result of the closing down to-night of the Riordon, Limited, sulphide mills in the Timiskaming region. The announcement of the closing down was made in a semi-official way.

It was stated by an official that the company now had on hand some \$5,000,000 worth of pulp for which it could find no market.

As a result it was decided to close down till the market absorbed some of this over-production.

HOUSES ARE BURNED TO AVENGE MURDER

Reprisals For Death of Major Shot Down on Tralee Golf Course.

Cork, April 18.—A dozen houses were burned Saturday in Ballynacelligott, County Kerry, including a presbytery, in which priests resided, following the shooting to death of Major MacKinnon, commander of a company of auxiliaries on the Tralee golf course Friday afternoon. There have been no reprisals in Tralee, where the military took charge of the town. All the shops have been closed and business suspended.

In Ballydwyer, a creamery, which previously had been burned and wrecked, was again burned. A young civilian, running on the approach of military lorries, was shot dead.

DEATH KNELL OF ALLIANCE

British Miners Angry at Triple Alliance—Labor Forces Disrupted.

London, April 18.—Reports from various parts of the country state that consternation, not unmixed with anger, prevails among the miners at the action of the other members of the Triple Alliance. The view widely expressed in London is that the split in the Triple Alliance will accelerate a settlement of the miners' strike. In any event, the invitation to the miners to attend a joint conference of the coal owners and government representatives on the question of wages remains open.

Meantime, however, although there are no indications of sympathetic strikes, the governments are being continued to deal with any emergency. Officials are engaged in perfecting plans for road transport and food distribution, while the recruiting of members for the defence force and volunteer motor drivers was continued.

The situation was summarized by a food ministry notice posted for the transport corps in Regent's Park, reading: "Carry on. Pay no attention to press statements regarding the situation. Act only on orders from headquarters."

CURTAIL RAILWAY SERVICE

The railways announced that because of the coal shortage the main services of the railways would be curtailed a further ten per cent., beginning Monday.

Frank Hodges, the miners' secretary, whose offer in the house of commons of a new basis for negotiations precipitated the break in the Triple Alliance, has cleared up the reports that he had resigned.

He stated that he had tendered his resignation in view of the decision of the miners' executive committee not to act on his suggestions, and their refusal to meet the mine owners and representatives of the government to hear further propositions. The committee refused to accept his resignation, and asked him to withdraw it when he did for the good "of our own people."

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE MAKES AN EXPLANATION

As to Why the Great Sympathy Strike Was Called Off.

London, April 18.—At the close of a two hour conference of the Triple Alliance executives at Unity House, Robert Williams, secretary of the transport workers federation, issued a statement in which he declared the railwaymen and the transport workers had been compelled to cancel their proposed strike in sympathy with the miners because "no reasonable hope remained of securing the spontaneous and united action of the three bodies which was so essential to give the miners' federation the assistance they sought."

A partial sympathetic strike would have been ineffectual, the statement points out. Up to Thursday evening, it continues, there was every hope "of a tremendous display of working class solidarity," but circumstances destroyed the firm ground on which the strike call was based.

The Triple Alliance conference, added Mr. Williams, profoundly regretted the changed situation.

Fred Bell, aged seven, of Orhla, was drowned off a raft in Lake Couchiching.

A thousand Irish emigrants left Queenstown for the United States.

Sleet Storm Does Great Deal of Damage To the Telephone And Telegraph Wires

The sleet storm which started on Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock and lasted until Sunday evening did a great deal of damage in the Kingston district. Many telephone and telegraph wires were broken as a result of the storm. On Monday morning the Bell Telephone company reported that a great deal of damage had been done to poles and wires. In some places the poles were broken off close to the ground.

Some people who live on Wolfe Island reported that a number of the telephone poles were broken off by the heavy weight of ice.

The Canadian National Telegraph company reported that the storm had not affected their lines around here.

The Canadian Pacific Telegraph company stated that the Kingston-Toronto line was damaged between Kingston and Napanee, and any messages received in the city had to be brought round by way of Montreal. It was expected that the damage would be repaired by night.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

Another rebellion, is about to start in Mexico. Three men were hanged on Friday in Chicago. Seeding started northwest of Regina. Rene Viviani will sail for France next week. Montreal Anglican Synod totally opposes divorce. Drop in flour price may bring reduction in cost of bread. More than 25,000 returned soldiers are settled on farms. Regina teachers given salary increases amounting to \$7,500. Archbishop Mannix says Vatican is behind Irish independence. Wage cuts likely in Fort William and Port Arthur building trades. Race meetings in England are postponed owing to labor trouble. Sinn Feiners executed a poor peasant woman in Monaghan, charging her with being a spy. The funeral services for the former German empress were held at Doorn castle, Holland, Sunday. Premier Meighen in a speech at Toronto declared there would be no radical tariff reduction in Canada. Three and a half inches of snow fell in Toronto Sunday in the blizzard. No great damage was done. Sir Henry Drayton introduced a resolution in parliament providing for issuing a five cent nickel coin in Canada. A Georgia woman has applied for divorce from her husband who is under sentence to be hanged in 60 days. At Tillsonburg, a man with his neck broken, lives on milk. He cannot swallow or talk but his limbs are not paralyzed. Approximately 100,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America have not done a day's work since January 1st. Hundreds of men with criminal records have been found operating taxicabs in New York City as licensed chauffeurs. Fire destroyed the Ambassador Hotel at Santa Barbara, Cal., one of the largest tourist hotels on the Pacific coast. Cherries will not be so plentiful this summer in the St. Catharines district, as the cold snap has affected the blossoms. A bill imposing a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$100 on landlords who refuse to admit tenants with children, has passed the New York Assembly.

VERONA MAN NOT SMALL

D. P. Branigan Settled the Question When He Saw Arrested Man.

There appears to be no doubt that the mysterious man who was arrested by Constable E. A. Tallon, Verona, at Gull Creek, on Friday, is not Ambrose J. Small, the Toronto millionaire, who has been missing from his home since December 1919. This man, who gave his name as George Cox, bears a striking resemblance to the missing millionaire, and answers to the photographs which were sent out by the Toronto police. To a man who had never seen Ambrose Small but had seen the police circular, there is no doubt that he would have said that the stranger at Verona is the missing man. D. P. Branigan, manager of the Kingston Grand Opera House, who for a number of years was associated with Mr. Small, was called to Verona on Saturday to identify the man who is being held. As soon as he walked into the room where the stranger was sitting Mr. Branigan remarked: "That gentleman is not Ambrose J. Small."

Mr. Branigan, when speaking to The Whig, stated that from the side view the man would answer to the photographs of Mr. Small which were sent out by the Toronto police, and to one who had never seen Mr. Small, it would be easy to mistake the so-called Mr. Cox for Mr. Small. Mr. Branigan on Friday, when he heard that there was a man wandering in the district near Verona who answered to the description of Ambrose Small, decided that he would go out and make a careful search. He went to Godfrey by train, where he met Art Kenahan, Chester Godfrey and Ned Knight, the storekeeper, and secured a Ford car and started on the chase.

They visited the house of Milford McCulla on Echo Lake road and found that the mysterious man had been there for two days. They then went to the store in Wagarville where they found that the man had also been there. At the home of George Clement, the mysterious man had supper there. At these three places the people, when shown the picture of the missing Mr. Small, all stated that he must be the man. At the home of Robert Bertram at Mount Pleasant Grove, the search-party found that their man had been there and had dinner, but the people of the house were not absolutely certain that the man tallied with the photograph of Mr. Small. The wanderer had also been at the home of J. A. Cox and had stood around and talked with the family for a while. Mrs. George Crawford was positive that the visitor was the missing Toronto theatrical man. When the party arrived at Thanaul Cox's residence, they found that the constable and his party had arrested the mysterious man some hours before and had taken him to Verona. They started for home then, and Saturday morning Mr. Branigan made his way to Verona where he was able to satisfy himself that the man under arrest was not Ambrose J. Small.

Excitement At Verona.

There was great excitement in the Verona district on Friday night and Saturday as everyone was anxious to get a look at the man under arrest. The whole countryside were satisfied that the long-missing millionaire was safely in custody. The constable is still holding the man until some official from Toronto arrives to make a final identification.

Constable E. A. Tallon is deservingly (Continued On Page 3)

GIVE SHAKESPEARE IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH

James K. Hackett and Fernin Genier to Play in Paris.

Paris, April 18.—Plans for the expansion of the Franco-American Shakespearean production into two performances at the government subsidized theatre, the Odeon, have been approved by the government. James K. Hackett, the American actor, with an English company, will present "Macbeth" in English June 6th. Fernin Genier, Paris actor, manager and president of the Shakespearean society, will, in this performance, play MacDuff, speaking in the French language.

On June 9th, Mr. Hackett will play one act of "Macbeth." Mr. Genier will present one act of the "Merchant of Venice" and both will combine in the third act of "Othello." In this act Mr. Hackett will play Othello, in English, and M. Genier will appear as Iago, in French.

British Admiralty May Buy Nova Scotia Coal

Halifax, N. S., April 18.—There is a possibility of the British Admiralty purchasing Nova Scotia coal, according to a cable received to-day by Hon. E. H. Armstrong.

The Admiralty asks that the coal companies quote lowest prices and place of delivery.



Mrs. ARTHUR MEIGHEN With of Canada's premier, who accompanied him on many of his political journeys.