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Will Ontario Government Cut Off Grants to Queen's and Western?

SEVENTY-FIVE MILE AN HOUR STORM SWEEPS OVER ONTARIO

No Immediate Break Is In Prospect—Weather Predictions Are for More Snow and Continued Cold Weather—A Number of Persons Killed—Telegraph and Telephone Wires Are Down.

Montreal, March 31.—A seventy mile an hour storm with rain, snow and sleet, was sweeping over Ontario today working eastward. All telegraph communication between Toronto and Montreal was disrupted. Details of the storm were meagre. The Bell Telephone Company reported that so far they had heard of sixty-one of their poles being down between here and the Queen city. They were trying to work via Buffalo, but with poor success. All Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Telegraph lines were down.

Two persons were killed near Liberty, Texas, yesterday when high winds accompanied by heavy rain, cut a swath through the oil fields. Four were killed near Racine, Wis., when a driver of an automobile blinded by a snow storm, ran into a train. Four met death in Chicago accidents. Two casualties were reported from Detroit. About 40 persons were injured in Chicago when two elevated trains collided.

Involved In Big Robbery

A former inmate of Portsmouth Penitentiary Is Arrested in New York.

Joseph Troup, a former inmate of the Portsmouth penitentiary, has been arrested in New York in connection with a robbery of \$830,000, which recently took place in that city. The New York Herald-Tribune contains the following account of the arrest of Troup:

"The search for jewelry 'fences' through whom Richard Reese Whittemore and his robber band disposed of their \$830,000 loot resulted last night in the arrest of Joseph Troup, an ex-convict, who told the police that he bought and sold jewelry in his rooms at 156 Second avenue. His arrest followed a statement to Inspector John D. Coughlin by William I. Unkeback, arrested Tuesday night, that Jacob Kraemer, another of the Whittemore gang, had introduced Troup to him as 'the man who bought some stuff' which they obtained in the \$170,000 jewel robbery at Forty-eighth street and Fifth avenue last January.

Detectives Joseph Daly, John Adams and Frank Walsh, seized Troup as he was entering his second apartment late in the afternoon. They had been waiting for him since Thursday morning. In the apartment, they said, they found a quantity of jewelry and 3 revolvers, one of which, they said, Troup recently reported stolen.

Record at Portsmouth. The records at the Portsmouth penitentiary show that Troup was arrested in Toronto in March, 1916, on the charge of theft and conspiracy and was given a sentence of three years. After doing eighteen months of his time he was paroled and deported to the United States and had not been heard of since September 12th, 1917, when he left the prison.

It is understood that he was a pawnbroker in Toronto previous to his arrest. At the same time that Troup was brought to the prison two other Hebrews were sentenced. One was named Whittemore. Whether or not the Whittemore who is mixed up in the same New York jewelry robbery, is the same man, is not known.

Congress Hears Ohio Protest. Washington, March 31.—Senator Willis, Ohio Republican, secured the unanimous consent of the Senate to have printed in the record 'solemn protest' from Cleveland City Council against the diversion of water from the Great Lakes by Chicago, stating that 'grave injury to every city on the Great Lakes was involved.'

No Italian Elections. Rome, March 31.—Premier Mussolini has reiterated his declaration that there will be no parliamentary elections to replace the present Chamber of Deputies. 'No elections; this Legislature must die a natural death,' he said.

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES.

The announcement that the Ferguson Government in the next fiscal year may reduce educational costs by recognizing only one provincial university, namely the University of Toronto, will bring a storm about the heads of the members of the Cabinet at Toronto. This year the grants to Queen's University, including the fourth instalment of the special hospital grant made by the Drury Government, total \$380,000. The proposal would be to cut off \$300,000 yearly from Queen's and \$250,000 from the Western University of London. Two years ago when Premier Ferguson spoke at the corner stone laying ceremony at the General Hospital here, he hinted that the day was coming when the Ontario Government would make grants only to the Provincial University at Toronto. But there will be a great protest from Eastern and Western Ontario at this suggestion. Queen's is too well established as the university of this section of the province and too highly regarded by the people of the whole province to allow such a large portion of its needed revenue to be cut off at a single stroke by a number of legislators at Toronto.

If the proposers of no grants to Queen's and Western universities think that the University of Toronto can do all the higher educational work for the province, they are very much mistaken. Large additions would have to be made to that institution, and the \$650,000 in grants to Queen's and Western would not nearly suffice to make the big university in the Queen City what it would need to be in order to meet the educational demands upon it. The presence of Queen's and the Western institutions of learning is a great asset to the province, and the fact that they are so well equipped is a big saving to the Government. The Whig takes the ground that the cheapest and best policy for the Ontario Government is to continue the present grants to the three universities.

BURIAL AT ALEXANDRIA OF MISS V. GAUTHIER

The Sister of Late Archbishop of Kingston Is Laid to Rest.

Alexandria, March 31.—With a very large attendance of friends, the funeral of the late Miss Victoire Gauthier, sister of the late Archbishop C. H. Gauthier of Ottawa, was held this morning from the home of her brother, J. N. Gauthier, fourth concession of Kenyon, to St. Finnan's Cathedral. Solemn requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father J. H. McDonald, Toledo, a nephew, assisted by Rev. Father J. J. MacDonnell, rector of the cathedral and Rev. Father C. F. Gauthier, Greenfield, a nephew, as deacon and subdeacon. Pontifical libera was chanted by his Lordship Rt. Rev. E. Couturier, O.P., Bishop of Alexandria, assisted by Rev. Fathers McDonald, MacDonnell and Gauthier. Present in the sanctuary were Rev. R. A. MacDonnell, F.P., Williamstown; Rev. A. L. Cameron, Cornwall; and Rev. D. A. McPhee, Alexandria. The burial service was conducted by Rev. Father C. F. Gauthier, interment taking place in the family plot in the parish cemetery to the rear of the church.

The late Miss Gauthier for fifty-four years the constant companion of the late Archbishop Gauthier, her brother, died early Monday morning in Ottawa following an illness extending over a year. Tuesday morning the body was transferred from the home of her niece, the Misses McDonald, College avenue, Ottawa, to the home of her brother, J. N. Gauthier, Alexandria. The chief mourners at the funeral were her brother, J. N. Gauthier, Alexandria; Rev. Father C. F. Gauthier, Rev. Father J. H. McDonald, A. C. McDonald and John Gauthier, nephews.

Rev. Sister Mary of the Precious Blood, a niece, of Kingston, accompanied by Rev. Sister Mary Charles, a lifelong friend of the deceased, were also present from out-of-town.

Beautiful floral and spiritual offerings and many messages of sympathy were received as a token of the high regard with which the deceased was held by her wide circle of friends. Among others were messages of sympathy from Archbishop Spratt, Kingston; Bishop Forbes, a cousin, of Joliet; Mgr. L. N. Campeau, V.G., of Ottawa; Mgr. Hartigan of Prescott; Rev. Father Hogan of Perth; Rev. Father A. J. Hanley, of Gananoque; Dr. McDonough, chairman of the Montreal harbor commission, and many others.

JOHN PARKS MISSING.

Not Seen Since Freed of Billings Moxley Charge.

Ottawa, March 31.—A special despatch from Madawaska, Ontario, states that John Parks, trapper of Whitney, has been missing from his home since he was exonerated by an inquest jury of complicity in the deaths of Sgt. J. Billings, game and fishery guardian, and Joe Stringer, his guide, on January 9th. A search party has been organized and is now searching the district, fearing that Parks has met with some accident.

Labor Recommendations.

Ottawa, March 31.—A delegation from the Trades and Labor Congress presented a series of recommendations to the Government today with regard to old age pensions, criminal code amendments, unemployment and unemployment insurance. Premier King and the new Minister of Labor, Hon. J. C. Elliott, promised serious consideration of all the requests.

Stock Visits Chaplin Home. Hollywood, Calif., March 31.—A second baby boy was born yesterday to Lita Gray, seventeen-year-old wife of Charles Spencer Chaplin, motion picture comedian.

DUNNING AND MEIGHEN HAVE LIVELY CLASH

Over Opposition Leader's Criticism of Land Revaluation Bill.

MR. MEIGHEN REFLECTS

Upon the Saskatchewan Legislature When Mr. Dunning Says 'Rot' to His View.

Ottawa, March 31.—A resolution preceding a bill to amend the Soldiers' Settlement Act by providing for the revaluation of soldier settlement lands and district arbitration committees to determine the amount of revaluation, was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Hon. Charles Stewart, acting minister of immigration.

During the discussion Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways, said there appeared to be a tendency to introduce protection in any argument no matter how irrelevant it was. Mr. Meighen had painted a picture of the serious manipulations which the present amendment to the Soldiers' Settlement Act would be subject to under the hands of the Minister of Immigration.

"It would be a lot more serious if it was under yours," interrupted Mr. Meighen. Mr. Dunning believed that Mr. Meighen's motives had been of the very best in originating the scheme, and the Government had a right to expect courteous consideration to the endeavors to clear up the mess which had been left on its doorstep by a Conservative administration. The settlement board now was the same board which Mr. Meighen had appointed, and it was unfair to charge that organization with political manipulations.

Machinery Similar. Did not Mr. Meighen see the similarity between the machinery contemplated under the proposed legislation and that which Mr. Meighen had himself set up under the act while in power? If, stated Mr. Dunning, it were proper then to have local boards of appraisal with regard to the purchase of property, why was the now also proper to have local boards of appraisal with respect to the question of depreciation? Mr. Dunning stated he was not enamored with the suggestion that appeal should be referred to County Court judges.

There was no idea in the mind of the Government to obtain under the proposed legislation any 'party advantage.' He felt that the Minister of Interior would be quite willing to give consideration to all constructive suggestions advanced.

Meighen in Clash. Mr. Meighen declared that the original act did not lend itself to 'political manipulation.' If, however, this legislation became effective, the ministers through the board would have a power 'which no Government should ask.'

"Rot," said Mr. Dunning. Mr. Meighen retorted that the language of Mr. Dunning was 'reminiscent of the Legislature from which he comes.' Mr. Dunning jumped to his feet and stated that the leader of the Opposition had not the right to reflect upon another assembly.

Deputy Speaker Duff ruled that the discussion should be directed to the subject of the resolution.

Mr. Meighen was continuing his remarks when he stopped to interject: "Does the minister think he is doing himself credit by a foolish laugh?" "Don't get angry," was Mr. Dunning's retort. "Act like a gentleman," replied Mr. Meighen.

Deputy Speaker Duff asked that the discussion proceed without indulging in personalities.

Engineers Advise Delay. Washington, March 31.—Major-General Taylor, chief of United States army engineers, advised Congress to take no action regarding a Great Lakes-Atlantic canal pending further investigation.

Drove Nancy Hanks. Puente, Calif., March 31.—Budd Doble, 35, pioneer trapper, who in 1892 drove Nancy Hanks, the trotter, a mile in the then unheard of time of 2.05 1-4, is dead.

Princess Victoria, ill of pneumonia, shows signs of heart strain.

THE CLERGY'S EASTER OFFERINGS TAXABLE

London, March 31.—It has become the practice in many Church of England parishes in recent years to give the congregational offerings of Easter day to the clergy. Unfortunately for the clergy, though, it has been held by the courts that such gifts are liable to income tax, though the courts have held that a gift given to an incumbent to enable him to take a holiday is not assessable.

Changes Are Contemplated In Steamships' Board

Montreal, March 31.—At this session of the year it is generally customary for the Street to look into the affairs of the Canada Steamships Company very closely. This year should be a banner one for the company, and it is understood that President Coverdale may have some announcement of special interest to make to the shareholders at the forthcoming annual meeting.

A well-known local financier, it is reported, has been invited to become a member of the board, and other changes in this connection are anticipated. It is a well-established fact that the Great Lakes Transportation freighters on the upper lakes under James Playfair's management have shown an excellent earning power. Should Mr. Playfair and Mr. Richardson accept the invitation to become directors of the Canada Steamships Company the counsel of these men on operating and grain matters should be of great assistance.

OLD QUEBEC HIT BY EPIDEMIC OF GRIPPE

Half of the Population Said to Be Affected—Two Schools Close.

Quebec, March 31.—The worst epidemic of grippe since the scourge of Spanish flu in 1918 is general here, it being estimated that as many as 50 per cent. of the population of the Ancient Capital are suffering from the malady in one form or another.

All classes have been afflicted, wholesale houses, banks, the post offices, St. Malo shops of the Canadian National System and nearly all of the schools in the city. Two of the schools have been closed, the Lower Seminary and the Sillery Convent, while largely-depleted classes are attending school in other institutions.

To cite an example as to how some sections of the city are hit, there were 57 men out of between 96 and 98 missing in one department of the St. Malo shops yesterday, while in the schools it is estimated that 50 per cent. of the pupils are laid up, either with the grippe or with a mild form of measles.

In large departmental stores and wholesale houses extra help has been hired in some cases to replace the depleted staffs that are carrying on, while in the Post Office and legislative buildings vacancies are numerous.

ANOTHER AVALANCHE OF STOCK SELLING

The Collapse Came When Shares Were on the Verge of Rally.

New York, March 31.—An avalanche of railroad shares, representing the securities of every prominent system in the country, struck the stock market yesterday at mid-day when it was wavering on the verge of a rally. The result was a general decline under confused and extraordinary conditions of weakness, in which a total of 295 separate stocks, listed on the Exchange, established new low records for the year. There was only moderate support, and that mostly for industrial issues. Prominent railroad shares lost from two to as much as eleven and a half points in their most severe decline of the year.

Trading on the Stock Exchange exceeded 2,000,000 shares for the eighth time in its history, and for the third time this year.

Another Man Leaps Into Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 31.—While the police were taking the body of a man from the Niagara river, another leaped in and was swept over the falls.

A SNOWSTORM IN THE SOUTH DOES DAMAGE

The Heaviest Snow in Texas in Eighteen Years.

BLIZZARD AT CHICAGO

March Going Out Like the Proverbial Lion—All Southwest in White Blanket.

Dallas, Texas, March 31.—The claws of the tiger-like March yesterday sank deep into this state, which a few days ago was warming under a lamb-like spring. Convulsions of the dying month wreaked vengeance in a storm which cut through Houston, Beaumont, Liberty and surrounding towns, causing at least two deaths, brought Amarillo its greatest snowfall in eighteen years and played freakish pranks throughout the state.

The western plains were covered under deep snow and slush, while Galveston, along the Gulf, baked in a balmy sunshine, fearful lest its turn would come next.

The storm about Houston and Beaumont caused damage which may amount to several hundred thousand dollars, and it is feared many have resulted in several deaths.

Two employees of an oil company at Liberty, Texas, were killed, and a third injured dangerously early yesterday morning when a wind storm swept a path about half a mile wide through the South Liberty oil field. The storm, striking without warning, demolished virtually every derrick and building in its path.

Reports from Houston said the same storm also tore through a residential section of that city, causing damage estimated at about \$250,000. Street car transportation was hampered by tall trees and broken power wires, and the residential section was without lights for many hours.

CHICAGO HAS BLIZZARD

Chicago, March 31.—There are no prospects of Mephist making a sheepish exit from Chicago. A heavy snow, the second since Saturday, began falling early yesterday. A brisk wind accompanied the storm. It has been chilly the past few days.

CABINET MINISTERS' RE-ELECTION BILL

Of Hon. W. F. Nickle Receives Support of Opposition in Legislature.

Toronto, March 31.—In short order yesterday afternoon the Legislature gave third readings to 19 bills, one of which was a bill of the city of Toronto regarding the city operating a ferry service to the Island.

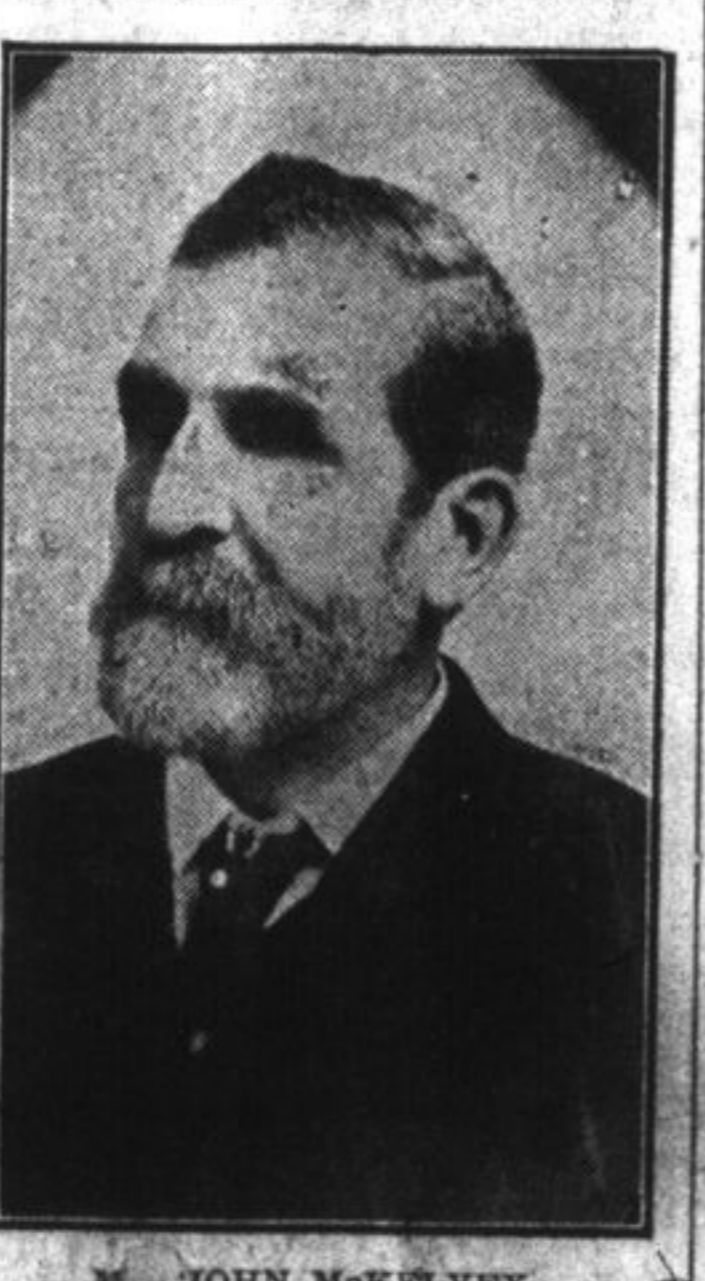
The Premier moved that on Wednesday and Thursday motions the House would sit at 11 o'clock to expedite the business of the Legislature. It was the usual thing to do, he informed Mr. Pronk.

Attorney-General Nickle explained an amendment to Habeas Corpus Act, and to allow appellate judges to further review evidence taken before the trial judge than they can at the present time.

The Attorney-General further explained his bill to govern selection of Cabinet ministers within three months after their election to the House. The bill wouldn't require a minister to go back to his constituents for approval before taking his portfolio.

He advanced several reasons for the amendment. Poor men might find it difficult to stand the additional expense of another election after they became a cabinet minister. Mr. Nickle also cited the situation at Ottawa, where, he said, the Premier finds himself embarrassed because he is unable to select advisers. In ridings where the contest in the general election had been close the outcome of a bye-election might have an influence on a leader in selecting his cabinet minister.

Eighty-nine Years Old



JOHN MCKELVEY. Mr. John McKelvey, Bagot Street, ex-mayor and the oldest living one of the group, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday today at his home. He has recovered from his recent illness and is about the house feeling exceedingly well. Mr. McKelvey was congratulated by many on this anniversary occasion.

WIRES ARE SEVERED BY THE SNOW STORM

Communication Between Ottawa and Toronto Broken At 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Ottawa, March 31.—Wire communications between Ottawa and Toronto, both telephone and telegraph, were completely severed around ten o'clock today. The companies report that heavy storms, evidently a continuation of that which has been sweeping the middle western states, had passed over Toronto bringing heavy damage to the network of wire services out of that city. Officials of one of the companies reported that while they had wires still intact between here and Toronto, there was no power therewith which to operate them.

MARGOT AGAIN.



Here's a new picture of Margot Asquith, now Countess of Oxford, who has entered British movies 'merely to see how she'll register.' Popular discontent grows in Italy. Tensants stoned the police.