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Improved Air Mail Service Begins Nov. 16

Early Arrival Of Mails Under New Service Constitutes Decided Improvement Over Other Years.

Word has been received from Messrs. W. Chester S. McLure and J. M. Myers, M.P., that the Charlottetown-Summerside-Moncton air mail service will be continued this year and will commence on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Official notification through the Postal Department has been received by Acting Post Office Inspector Saunders. It is proposed that the mail plane will leave here at 12:30, arrive in Summerside at 12:50 and in Moncton at 1:45 for the outgoing mail. She will leave Moncton immediately after the arrival of the Ocean Limited from Montreal and Train 14 from St. John, and will arrive in Charlottetown about 5 o'clock.

This arrangement constitutes a decided improvement on the air mail service of other years, and even on the ordinary summer service, inasmuch as the mails will be received and distributed in the boxes early in the evening. In previous years this mail did not arrive by plane in Charlottetown until the following morning, while under the ordinary summer service it did not reach here until late at night.

Arrangements are being made by the Postal authorities for a motor service to handle the mails on arrival of the plane at the Upton Airport.

In view of the retrenchments being made in the air mail service in other parts of Canada in accord with the Department's policy of necessary economy, the promptness with which the request from Prince Edward Island has been granted will be extremely gratifying.

Notification of the granting of the service and the date of its beginning was also received from Mr. Myers by Mr. Samuel Kennedy, President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

DEATH TOLL NOW 25

Three Additional Bodies Taken From Wigan Mine.

(Canadian Press)
WIGAN, Lancashire, Nov. 13.—Recovery of three additional bodies late tonight brought to twenty-five the death toll in yesterday's explosion which wrecked Pit No. 9 of the Edgegreen Colliery at Ashton-in-Makerfield five miles from here. After many hours of digging through debris from a roof fall sixteen feet long, searchers found the bodies of Hector Beddoes, Fred Lodge and Joseph Clough who had been missing since the blast rent the inside of the mine yesterday.

SOVIET PAPER MAKES CHARGE AGAINST BRIT.

(Canadian Press)
MOSCOW, Nov. 13.—Izvestia, organ of the central executive committee of the Soviet Republic, today published accusations that the British intelligence service plans to fake "proof" that Joseph Stalin directed the London "hunger march" and is organizing a civil war in India. The newspaper asserted the recent breaking of the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement by the British Government "opened all flood gates for Anti-Soviet propaganda" and that British leaders hoped to dissuade the United States Government from taking action to improve its relations with Soviet Russia. The paper said "a fact which we shall not deny is that Stalin is not only the leader of the Soviet proletariat, but that scores of millions of workers and peasants throughout the world see in him their leader."

Sinister Move To Cause Trouble In Australian Navy

(Canadian Press Cable)
CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 13.—The Australian Government, on the recommendation of the Naval Board, has decided to make further concessions to ratings in the Australian navy. The action is resultant from a threat of mutiny from the ratings yesterday in Melbourne. Walking off the ships in spite of requests of officers not to take any action resembling mutiny, the ratings held an indignation meeting against the salary cuts and appointed a welfare committee to study the question. The ratings returned to their ships soon after, however, which were preparing to sail for Jervis Bay. There were no further incidents. The Government has decided to increase the travelling concession on the ratings going on and returning from leave. The child endowment is to be increased from 9 1-8 pounds sterling to 13, which is the rate paid employees of the public service. The allowance for daily ration is also to be increased from 15 to 27 pence. Sir George Pearce, Minister of Defence, referred to the trouble of yesterday as a "dastardly plot to cause disaffection in the Australian navy," speaking in the Senate today. He had received a communication declaring if the ratings demands were not conceded they would refuse to continue on duty. The communication was accompanied by a picture showing the blue-jackets with rifles and bayonets over a caption which suggested mutiny was possible in the near future. Sir George regarded it as a sinister matter but only part of a plot to cause trouble in the navy.

New U. S. Min. Will Be Democrat

OTTAWA, Nov. 13.—The result of the United States elections means that a new Democratic appointee will come to Ottawa as United States Minister to succeed Col. Hanford MacNider, who resigned to participate in the elections on behalf of President Hoover.

Pierre deL. Boal, present charge d'Affaires, is likely to remain in charge here until after next March when the President-elect, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, will probably make an early appointment.

Col. MacNider is expected to come to Ottawa within the next ten days. Formal opening of the fine new U. S. Legation building will then take place and the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, is to give a farewell dinner in honor of Col. MacNider before he returns to his home in Mason City, Iowa, to devote himself to his own private affairs.

Parliament Will Reconvene Jan. 30

OTTAWA, Nov. 13.—Premier R. B. Bennett has given notice that Parliament will reconvene January 30 after the adjournment to be made in a week or 10 days. The January date is considered more or less tentative, depending upon the world economic conference to be held in London. The Prime Minister expects to represent Canada and Parliament might not reconvene until it is well under way.

Thornton Amused

NEW YORK, November 13.—"One of the most amusing stories I have heard in a long time," said Sir Henry Thornton, former president of the Canadian National Railways, commenting this morning on an Ottawa despatch intimating he might run for election to the House of Commons. "Of course there is nothing to it," said Sir Henry between laughs. "I am remaining in New York City indefinitely. I cannot understand how such a rumor started."

"Don't miss big dance in Mt. Herbert Consolidated School Tuesday, Nov. 15. 6472-11-14-21

"The concert at Bonshaw Hall has been postponed till further notice. 6479-11

"Bingo in the Holy Name Club Hall Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. 6485-11

"Buying live and dressed poultry Tuesday afternoon. Culliffe Bros., Fredericton. 6136-11-12-21.

"Buying live and dressed poultry Tuesday morning, November 15th. W. H. Ford, Emerald. 6136-11-14-21.

Will Reign New Years



QUEEN OF PASADENA'S TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

Blonde, blue-eyed Dorothy Edwards will reign New Year's Day as Queen of Pasadena's annual tournament of Roses. A student at Pasadena Junior College, she was selected from among 11 other girls, who will act as her attendants. The picturesque parade of blossom-covered floats which once a year winds through the California city's streets is world famous.

International Debt Questions Now Hold Stage

British And French Gov'ts. Request Extension Of Hoover Moratorium — World Depression One Of Many Problems.

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The British and French Governments have requested an extension of the Hoover moratorium on intergovernmental debts pending a re-examination of the subject. Today, Sunday, Nov. 13, the request was transmitted in notes made public at the State Department. The British note said: "The hopes which were early raised by the President's initiative have unfortunately not been realized; and the economic troubles which it was designed to alleviate have not come to an end."

It pressed as its "immediate objective" the suspension of the next installment of the British war debt, due December 15. The British Government expressed the belief "the regime of inter-governmental financial obligations as now existing must be reviewed." "Today many thoughtful men throughout the world, said the note, are convinced that if the depression is to be overcome, further remedial measures must be sought."

The French note proposed the United States and French Governments join "in a further study of the debt question" and that in the meantime "an extension of the suspension of payments" may be granted. It added the Government of France believes "such a step would have the most helpful effect on the monetary crisis which threatens so many nations."

ON BOARD PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—In a lengthy telegram to Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Herbert Hoover today invited him to confer at the White House late next week on pressing international debt questions and other governmental affairs which, he said, could not be completed before the President-elect takes office. Mr. Hoover quoted to his erstwhile Democratic opponent a note from the British Government stating the regime of inter-governmental financial obligations as now existing "must be reviewed" and asking for a suspension of the war debt payments due December 15, approximately \$95,000,000. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State, has informed him from Washington, the President added, that similar requests have been received from other countries for debt payments due December 15.

No Comment

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—No comment was forthcoming from Franklin D. Roosevelt, President-elect of the United States, today concerning the telegram sent

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Crews Rescued After Collision

Freighters Collide In English Channel — U. S. Ships Make Timely Rescue.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Rescue of the crew of two steamers which collided in the English Channel was reported in wireless messages today from the rescue ships, the Black Gull and the Black Heron, both United States vessels. The MacKay Rad'o Company intercepted messages which said the freighters that had collided were the Greek S. S. Mount Helikon and the Dutch S. S. Rogenburg and that the crash occurred six miles southwest of North Hinder. The Black Heron saved the eleven men aboard the Helikon and planned to put them ashore at Dover, England. The Black Gull took the crew of the Rogenburg and put it at Fushing, England.

Maintains Train Service Has Been "Very Expensive" In Prince Edward Island

Statement Given By Mr. W.U. Appleton Before Duff Commission Concerning Handicaps In Making Atlantic Region "Pay".

MONTREAL, Nov. 12.—The Gazette today publishes a despatch from Ottawa in part as follows: How difficult it is to make a respectable showing with the eastern lines of the Canadian National Railways while burdened with a number of uneconomic branch lines and how many of those lines were unloaded on the government system by local pressure were related to the Duff Commission by W. U. Appleton head of the Atlantic Region of the Canadian National Railways and with quarters at Moncton.

"We have been loaded with branch lines," said Mr. Appleton, "that were started under private operation, became bankrupt and were turned over to us, and we had to rebuild them as best we could. Another feature about the branch lines is that as soon as they are taken over our freight revenue almost disappears because they are put on the equally with the main line in the matter of freight rates. We may get a hundred pounds or something like that, and the intermediate traffic on those branches as a rule does not amount to anything. The passenger traffic is very light."

Gaspé Branch Not A Paying Line

Lord Ashfield—"Is the Gaspé branch a paying proposition?" Mr. Appleton—"No, sir. There are 200 miles of track there and there are five miles of wooden trestles and five miles of steel structures. It was built by an English company and it came into the National system in the last two or three years."

Lord Ashfield—"Was there some object in requiring it?"

Mr. Appleton—"Not that I know of, except that it was just forced upon the company through influence in that section of the country."

Lord Ashfield—"Political influence, you mean?"

Mr. Appleton—"Well, some sort of influence, I don't know."

Lord Ashfield—"As a commercial proposition it was not attractive?"

Mr. Appleton—"It certainly was not, I think we paid about \$15,000 a mile for it, and it cost an additional \$15,000 a mile to bring it up to branch line standard. There was in 1931 an excess maintenance cost of \$60,000."

Lord Ashfield—"Are there any more of these dead plums to be picked in your district, or have you now control of all the railways in your territory?"

Mr. Appleton—"I think they are about exhausted. There are two left, one of them the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company, which runs down to a coal mine at Springhill Junction. There is very good traffic on it. This is one of the best coal mines in Nova Scotia. The other is the Maritime Coal and Railway Company serving the mines in the Maccan district."

Lord Ashfield—"Do you look forward to the time when your area will be able to support itself?"

Mr. Appleton—"I am praying for the time."

Commissioner L. F. Loree—"If you had a free hand in remodeling it would you put it on a self-sustaining basis?"

Mr. Appleton—"I believe I could if the volume of traffic came back to normal. It could be done by reduction of train services, increasing efficiency in our shops and general improvements in the physical structure of the property. Rates might be raised too. From a financial standpoint, I would not maintain the Gaspé line. We have spent as much as \$1,000,000 in one winter fighting snow in that area. With a free hand, too, it might be economical to get rid of the line between Halifax and Yarmouth." Mr. Appleton thought that from the standpoint of earnings the proposed Guysboro branch would be worse than the Gaspé branch.

Dealing with the service to Prince Edward Island, Mr. Appleton gave figures to show how the depression had affected traffic to and from the Island. "We were getting 6,000 carloads of potatoes a season from the Island," he said. "So far in the present crop year (he was addressing the Commission in January last) only 400 cars have been moved." He referred to the protests that came when the night train between Halifax and Saint John was taken off.

"For four or five years," Mr. Appleton continued, "we have been giving Prince Edward Island a double service, and that was a very expensive service, away out of proportion to the earnings. The movement of passenger traffic to and from the Island in the winter amounts to about 50 per day. Strenuous efforts were being made by the management to effect greater economies in the Maritime provinces. "We have closed 26 stations," said Mr. Appleton, "There was some criticism, but not very much. We have been able to accomplish during the depression things that—well, I would not like to say what might have happened to us if we had tried them under normal conditions. We have effected a good many economies."

P. E. I. Service

Branch Lines

There are some branch lines that we are studying now with a view to the possibility of taking off the train service and substituting highway service and there are some branch lines we may abandon, such as the Elgin and Havelock, the Hampton and St. Martin's, and the Kent Northern. "There is not much traffic on the Elgin and Havelock," said Mr. Appleton, "on the Salisbury and Albert a small branch line near Moncton, there is quite an important mill, the revenue from which is about \$140,000 a year. The Dalhousie branch was until recently an unproductive branch but we have been getting as high as 40 cars of paper in a day. Last month we got over 400 cars; this month (January) we assume we will get 500 cars, and the gross revenue will run about \$100,000 a month. If we had a few industries like that it would make all the difference in the world."

2,500 LOST IN TIDAL WAVE

(Associated Press)
CAMAGUEY, Cuba, Nov. 13.—The death toll in the city of Santa Cruz del Sur, virtually wiped off a sand spit on the southeast Cuban coast by a tidal wave last week, was placed at 2,500 persons today by Secretary of Interior Zubi Searbeta.

MONTREAL, Que., Nov. 13.—(C.P.)—The death of Alexander Robertson, prominent business man of St. John's, Nfld., occurred here on Saturday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D. M. Michael. Mr. Robertson was 76 years of age.

Is Mourned



BELOVED POETESS RESTS
Nina Moore Jamieson, poet-philosopher and favorite chronicler of Ont.-farm life, who died at her home in St. George recently, a lover of humanity and a storyteller of nature, Mrs. Jamieson is widely mourned by thousands who knew her personally and by the entire literary life of Canada who recognized in her work an outstanding contribution to Canadian literature.

Ships Coal By Plane To Pay Election Bet

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 15.—(A.P.)—Bound for Washington, a ton of anthracite coal sailed aloft in two aeroplanes today in settlement of an election bet on President Hoover. The coal was from G. Bascom Slemple, former secretary to President Calvin Coolidge, to John F. Costello, Democratic chairman of the District of Columbia.

The bet, made when Slemple and Costello met in Washington, required the loser to transport the coal from the mine at Scranton, Pa., to the National Capital in five hours. A truck brought the coal as far as Camden, and then it was loaded in half ton lots on each plane. The air-delivery alone cost \$147, airport officials said.

The Weather, Etc

IT'S LOCAL
PRIDE THAT CAUSES
SOME PAPERS TO
PRINT THE BASEBALL
STANDINGS UPSIDE
DOWN!

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, MONTREAL, Nov. 13.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	34B	55B
Edmonton	41B	59B
Regina	45	52
Winnipeg	25	32
Montreal	10B	8
Ottawa	20	34
Quebec	29	37
St. John	26	28
Halifax	38	44
Charlottetown	34	44

FORECASTS
Maritime Provinces—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds fair and cool.
High tide this morning at 11:48 and tonight at 10:59.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:33 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:57.
Last quarter moon Monday, Nov. 21, 3:58 a. m.

CAN PERRY SCHEDULE
Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9:15 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.