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OF A
MERE MAN

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to be, to do, to do without, and to
depart in due season.

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Mayor Again In Heated Argument With Councillors

Correctness Of Statements Of Mayor Stewart Challenged By Couns. Kennedy, Holman And Reardon At Lively Session Yesterday Morning

HUGE PYTHON CREATES HAVOC

Reptile Turns On Its Masters And Painfully Injured Two Circus Performers.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 14. (By the Canadian Press)—A twenty five foot python sent thrills up and down the backs of an afternoon audience at Ringling Brothers-Barum and Bailey circus today by turning on its masters and painfully injuring two performers.

Snapping out of its lethargy while being borne into the arena, the big snake wrenched its armor plated head and huge body away from a pile of troupers, wrapped its heavy coils around the body of Luigi Canestrelli, acrobat, and sank its fangs into his bare right arm.

While they wrestled in the sweat-drenched with blood streaming from the acrobat, a score of fellow troupers rushed into the ring and tried to crush the python before it could crush its victim to death. In the melee the snake loosened its hold on Canestrelli and snapped the finger of Alfred Cardona, noted aerialist.

The performers were taken to the stous hospital where Canestrelli was given an anti-tetanus injection for safety's sake, although the bite of a python is not poisonous. The cause of the trouble, still hissing and lashing about, was locked securely in his cage and the show went on.

There was another hectic session of the City Council yesterday morning when the regular monthly meeting, adjourned from Tuesday night, was concluded. Controversy between the Mayor and some of the Councillors rose to boiling point and there was a free exchange of derogatory epithets.

A statement in a published letter of the Mayor's with reference to the Guardian's report of Tuesday's meeting was flatly contradicted by Couns. Holman and Reardon. It was also shown to be incorrect by Coun. Hennessey. The Mayor finally corrected his statement but challenged contradiction of other allegations in the same letter. Couns. Kennedy and Holman intimated their intention of answering these statements also, but before controversy on other matters had subsided Coun. Doull, seconded by Coun. Hennessey, moved the adjournment and the motion was declared carried.

Coun. Kennedy's emphatic repudiation of the Mayor's allegations with respect to lobbying against an amendment to the City Incorporation Act was one of the lurid spots of the meeting.

There was also some plain speaking on the part of Coun. Reardon.

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9 FREIGHTERS CAN. NATIONAL FLEET FOR SALE

(Special to the Guardian)

HALIFAX, N. S., April 14.—Nine freighters of the Canadian National fleet are offered for sale by the management of the company, according to a notice appearing today. This is the largest single sale of Government vessels since the close of the war. All vessels are in excess of 8,000 tons except the "Canadian Farmer," which is located in Montreal, which is a little over 3,000 tons. The other eight are located at Halifax. Two of the vessels, the "Canadian Explorer," formerly in the Australian trade, and the "Canadian Mariner," were built in a local shipyard. The other vessels offered for sale are "Canadian Importer," "Canadian Inventor," "Canadian Planter," "Canadian Prospector," "Canadian Spinner," "Canadian Commander." The conditions of the sale stipulate that the name must be altered before the transfer is completed.

Bathurst Power & Paper Co. Net Loss \$201,565

MONTREAL, Que., April 14.—(By the Canadian Press)—An operating loss of \$201,565 was shown by Bathurst Power and Paper Company for the 1931 fiscal year, in the annual report issued today. After a write-off of \$115,104 for expenses of idle plants, bad debts, etc., the net loss of the year was \$201,565. In 1930 the company had operating profit of \$132,953 and a balance of \$73,082 after write-offs. Working capital was maintained at \$2,103,486 as compared with \$2,493,428 in 1930. A previous profit and loss balance of \$160,704 was converted into a deficit of \$40,880 by the 1931 operations.

ST. JOHN MAN CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN BABY

Restaurant Proprietor Positive Two Men And A Woman Including The Kidnapped Lindbergh Baby Dined In His Restaurant A Month Ago.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 14.—(By the Canadian Press)—Publication of a picture of Harry Fiescher, Detroit gangster sought in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping, has started a flood of conjecture as to his possible presence here last week. The latest report came from a local agent for an English seed firm who said he was positive the published photograph was that of a man whom he saw here last Thursday night and whom he met in Moose Jaw, Sask., in 1928. Employees of a government liquor store here said yesterday that a man corresponding exactly with Fiescher's photograph had been a customer at the store last Thursday. The informant who believed he had seen Fiescher here on Thursday night, said he was one of two men who stole a hundred

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CONFESSES TO MURDER OF HAWAIIAN

Lieut. Massie Gives Motive For Killing—Tells Dramatic Story.

(Canadian Press)

HONOLULU, April 14.—Indicating Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie would admit killing Joseph Kahahawai to avenge a criminal attack on his wife and would plead insanity, Clarence Darrow, defense lawyer, put the accused United States navy officer on the stand today as his first move to clear four persons of a second degree murder charge.

Massie told of the assault of his wife, apparently laying the background for the story of the lynching. He came to the stand after the prosecution had closed its case with the testimony of Mrs. Ester Anita, mother of the slain athlete. Pale and with downcast eyes, Massie told his story while his eyes

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Liberal Member Called To Task

OTTAWA, Ont., April 14.—(By the Canadian Press)—Protest was made in the House of Commons today by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, against remarks made by C. B. Howard, (Lib., Sherbrooke), in respect to the Conversion Loan during the budget debate yesterday. The Minister stated that Mr. Howard, after stating that he had advised the people of Sherbrooke district to convert their old bonds into the Conversion Loan had said according to Hansard:

"I told these men, 'if the Government wants you to convert these bonds I think you should do so.' They converted their bonds. What happened? Insiders of the Government did not convert their bonds; the people of Sherbrooke and the eastern townships did."

In making his statement, Mr.

Wanted Gangster Turns Out To Be Rodeo Performer

A. Lafontaine Arrested In Yarmouth, Stated He Came Recently From Charlottetown—Produced Identification Papers Signed By Chief Of Police Birtwhistle.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 14. (By the Canadian Press)—A multiplicity of Harry Fieschers appeared to be abroad in Nova Scotia today. The one who sought employment on a coastwise steamer here last week-end was overtaken by police in Yarmouth and turned out to be A. Lafontaine, rodeo performer who has recently been in Prince Edward Island, and not the Detroit gangster sought for questionings in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping. Lafontaine produced identification papers signed by the Charlottetown Chief of Police and several other prominent residents of the Island capital.

He was a native of Saskatchewan, he said, and had been trying to work a passage from Halifax to Boston to take part in Texas Ranger shows in the United States. Lafontaine came to Yarmouth by train. A check-up today revealed no one answering Fiescher's description on board.

Lafontaine's height, weight and clothing were not in conformity with descriptions of Fiescher. Meanwhile, R. C. M. P. Constables were investigating other rumors. Centre East Public and Waterville were the latest localities reporting the gangster's appearance.

Disposal Of The C.N.R. Is Advised

Quebec Member Suggests That If The Road Were Sold The Dominion Treasury Would Be Spared The Weekly Deficit Of \$1,250,000

OTTAWA, Ont., April 14.—(By the Canadian Press)—Disposal of the Canadian National Railway in the interests of the national exchequer was advised in the House of Commons today. The road, said F. H. Pickel, Cons., Brome-Missisquoi, was bankrupt and "should go into the hands of a receiver and be disposed of." The only visible purchaser was the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"I do not understand," said the Quebec Conservative, "why the people of Canada persist in trying to make themselves believe this is a solvent enterprise. It is no compliment to the people to try and bolster up that railway."

Negotiations should be opened by the Government for the sale of the road, Mr. Pickel urged and, although he held no brief for the Canadian Pacific, he knew "of no other company or combination of people to whom we could give the National Railway." If the road were sold the Dominion Treasury would be spared "that deficit of \$1,250,000 that every week we are throwing into the mismanaged railway." Canada already had one bankrupt railway "and if we continue we are going to bankrupt the Canadian Pacific as well."

Delving back into Canadian political history, Mr. Pickel advised the Liberal party to erect the "biggest monument on Parliament Hill" to the late A. G. Blair, who split with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1903 and resigned the portfolio of railways in protest against the building of the Transcontinental Railway through Northern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

"Mr. Blair," proceeded Mr. Pickel, "told the Liberal party what it was doing and how it was going to ruin this country." Future events had proved him correct.

Campbell's Mills Burned This A.M.

New Glasgow Again Visited By Destructive Fire—Residence Nearby In Danger.

Just before going to press this morning the Guardian learned that Campbell's Mills, New Glasgow, was a mass of flames, and the residence of Mrs. Bagnall nearby was in danger. The fire of an unknown origin was discovered at 2.15 a.m.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 14.—(By the Canadian Press)—Royal assent to the interim supply bill was given in the Senate this afternoon by Hon. F. A. Anglin, deputy to the Governor General. The bill makes provision for payment of salaries in the inside civil service which are due tomorrow.

World Famous Detective Dead

SARASOTA, Fla., April 14. (By the Canadian Press)—William J. Burns, world famed detective, died at his home here tonight.

Mr. Burns, who was probably the most famous individual in the detective business during his active years, died suddenly. He was 70 years old, a native of Baltimore, M. D.

He founded the detective agency bearing his name and was director of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice from 1921 to 1924.

NO NEED TO FEEL ALARMED SAYS MELLON

U. S. Ambassador To Great Britain Hails New Era In World Conditions—Speaks At London Gathering.

LONDON, April 14.—Hailing a new era, Andrew W. Mellon, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, tonight told the Pilgrims Society there was nothing in world conditions so unprecedented as to justify a lack of faith "in our capacity to deal with them."

This was the first public address as Ambassador of the man who made millions in business and then administered the United States Treasury under three Presidents. He spoke before a distinguished audience of 400 or more, including the Prince of Wales, Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, and Lord Derby, who presided. The King sent a message to the Pilgrims at the same time welcoming Mr. Mellon.

The Prince of Wales, speaking at the end of the banquet, saw proof of the friendship of the United States in sending as Ambassador "one of the greatest financiers of their country at this time of world

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ENGLAND MORE THAN HOLDING HER OWN

President Of Board Of Trade Lays Particular Stress On Sane Policy Of National Government.

LONDON, April 14.—(Canadian Press Cable)—"As a result of strong steps taken not a moment too soon by the Government last November we can look back on our policy with satisfaction," Walter Runciman, president of the board of Trade, told the House of Commons today in reference to the balance of trade. Mr. Runciman was introducing the estimates of the board of trade.

The abnormal import orders issued in November kept down imports to Britain by \$3,000,000 directly, and indirectly by another \$15,000,000 or \$17,000,000, Mr. Runciman said.

"The result while preserving our

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ERECTION OF NEW HOSPITAL THIS SUMMER

Following a number of conferences of the board of trustees of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, the building committee and the medical board to which Mr. Govan and Ferguson, the hospital architects, and Mr. J. P. Keith of the Canadian Domestic Engineering Co., the consulting engineers, were invited, it was unanimously agreed yesterday at a meeting of the Trustees that the erection of the proposed new hospital should proceed this summer and that every possible consideration be given to confining the immediate construction

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Explosion Wrecks Office Building; Heavy Toll Taken

Undetermined Number Killed And Two Score Injured When \$6,000,000 Structure Is Shattered

(Canadian Press)

COLUMBUS, O., April 14.—An undetermined number of men met death and almost two score were injured here late today when an explosion of mysterious origin shattered Ohio's new \$6,000,000 office building in the downtown section of Columbus. Six workmen were known to have been killed, and it was feared many others were buried in the tons of wreckage, including heavy slabs of marble, which toppled into the basement.

Fire, which followed the blast was extinguished after a two hour fight by firemen, and they were digging into the debris in the belief that they would find bodies there.

Some State officials estimated the damage at \$1,000,000, but contractors expressed the belief the entire structure which was in the final stage of construction would be a total loss.

The State launched an investigation of the fatal blast even before the fire was put out.

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Will Share Farmers Losses

(Special to the Guardian)

TORONTO, Ont., April 14.—T. A. Russell, President of the Massey Harris Co. Ltd., famous farm implement manufacturers, announced last night that the Company would share the Canadian farmer's losses due to depreciated commodity prices.

He announced a 10 per cent discount off present sales prices, both cash and time; and at the same time officially proclaimed that the Company would make a 10 per cent discount off all existing implement debts and off the interest thereon.

The discount applies to past due notes and interest; on current maturing notes and interest, and upon future maturing notes and interest, and is said to involve a remission of roughly \$1,000,000 in the farmers' debt to the Massey Harris Company.

The policy is felt to mean much to the farmer in dollars and cents and is held to be unparalleled in the history of Canadian business. It entails a wiping out of 10 per cent of principal and interest on many implements sold actually before the present depression set in.

The company explains that it hopes by this step to assist agriculture out of its temporary setback, at the same time to aid its own collections and also to bring about some measure of renewed demand to provide employment in the companies workshops.

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500 Families Will Be Without Lodgings In Que.

(Canadian Press)

QUEBEC, Que., April 14.—According to figures gathered by representatives of charitable organizations who have been looking after the needy of this city during the past winter, five hundred families will be without lodgings on May 1. These families, the heads of which, have had little or no work for the past six months, have been unable to pay their rent for the better part of the past year and having been unable to give the house owners the necessary guarantee, will after the next fortnight find themselves on the street. It is said that the city will be asked to come to the rescue of the unfortunate families by finding accommodation for them in the new Coliseum Building at the exhibition grounds and in the St. Peter's Market Hall.

Record & Forecast of the Weather

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, April 14.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Devon 16-48
Vancouver 46-62
Edmonton 39-62
Winnipeg 31-54
Toronto 23-50
Ottawa 21-40
Montreal 28-36
Quebec 28-40
Saint John 34-44
Halifax 32-46
Charlottetown 36-46

FORECASTS

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valley: Moderate west to northwest winds; fair with slightly higher temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence Valley: Moderate west to northwest winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

Maritime East and West: Moderate to fresh westerly winds; mostly fair with slightly lower temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 4.05 and tomorrow morning at 7.14.

Sun sets this evening at 6.45 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.14.

Fall moon Wednesday, April 20, 5.27 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaves Borden daily 9.15 a. m. and 11.40 a. m. Leaves Tormentine daily 10.30 a. m. and 2.55 p. m.

