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MONTREAL'S FUR AUCTION PRONOUNCED GREAT SUCCESS

Over Five Million Dollars Paid for Furs. Preparations Being Made for a Greater Than Ever Auction Next Year. Some Big Prices Realized.

(Dom. Press Special.)
MONTREAL, March 29.—Fur buyers from all parts of the United States and Canada are today en route for home, after having spent over \$5,000,000 at Canada's first fur auction sales which closed here Saturday. The auction sales were pronounced a great success and preparations to make next year's auctions even better are already being discussed. Figures for the six days totalled \$5,093,120 with a few small sales not yet recorded.

FUR AUCTION SALES AT MONTREAL

Hon. A. E. Arsenault Gives His Views on Canada's Great Fur Sale. Island Pelts Made Creditable Showing. Benefits of Co-operation Exemplified.

Several of the Islanders who attended the Canadian Fur Auction Sales, Montreal, arrived home Saturday evening. Many others remained over, as the sale of the Silver Foxes was not completed Thursday as anticipated, but continued Friday.

Among Saturday's arrivals, was Hon. A. E. Arsenault. Interviewed by the Guardian, Mr. Arsenault said that the sales were a decided success whether viewed from the standpoint of organization, excellence and quality of the furs offered, the attendance of buyers and the prices realized.

Although December was well advanced in the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Ltd., was organized, it has in a comparatively short time obtained results which similar organizations took years to accomplish.

The American Fur Dealers of whom there was a large representation in Montreal, were delighted and loud in their praises, and pronounced the display of furs the best they had ever seen. This indeed is a great compliment coming from such a source.

Captain Craig of Toronto was the official auctioneer and although this was his first experience in handling the hammer at a Fur Sale, his pleasing appearance and his expeditions and business-like way of putting through the sales, won him the respect and confidence of the buyers as well as many friends.

The greatest courtesy was shown by the Directors of whom quite a number were at all times in attendance. Noticeable among them were President Senator Lorne C. Webster and Mr. A. E. Pierce, Vice-President of the Company both of whom are well and favorably known in this Province. A free taxi service was at all times at the disposal of persons who were interested in the furs to drive them from the Auction Rooms in the Windsor Hotel to the Fur Warehouse on Laguchetiere Street.

The Islanders were naturally most interested in the Silver Fox Furs. Most of them spent considerable time at the warehouses going over the pelts and fixing their own prices on same with a view of watching the sale and observing how their own prices would compare with prices realized. It will be interesting to know on a second and third grade pelts, the prices realized were on the average 25 to 50 per cent higher than prices estimated by the Islanders, but on the best class furs our boys came nearer the mark.

The gathering together of many ranchers is always productive of much good. Many discussions take place and the degree brought out. Perhaps the best lesson of the Sales is that it brought home to the ranchers the great disadvantage of individual selling of our fox pelts.

Not one of the men who were in Montreal but who have fully participated in the fur sale, arrived for the fullest co-operation among the ranchers and a proposition is now on foot which if realized, will be of the greatest financial advantage to Fox Breeders, and it is hoped that before long such an organization will be perfected in this Province, as will place the best quality of our Silver Fox Pelts in the world's market at prices far in advance of anything heretofore realized, and will make the Prince Edward Island article much sought after by the high class fur buyers and consumers. The opportunity is now at hand and already a large number of the large ranchers have enthusiastically approved of the project and it is on the way to realization.

It is not too much to say that the organization of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company has perhaps more than anything else in recent years been a large factor in reviving both at home and abroad a lively interest in fur ching and the degree brought out by advertising brought about by this organization cannot well be computed in dollars.

Coupled with the interest aroused by these sales and by the recent Fur Farming Conference held in Montreal in February under the auspices of the Commission of Conservation, is the proposed International Exhibition of Live Fur Bearers which will take place in Montreal about the beginning of next November. A Committee of Prince Edward Islanders has already been appointed to organize the Exhibition.

Strike Situation In Britain Serious

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—So serious is the British labor situation today with strike threats by coal miners and London tramway and omnibus workers, that the cabinet was summoned to meet on Sunday to discuss the situation the first Sunday peace time meeting on purely domestic affairs is thirty years.

Sixteen Tons Gold Coming to U. S.

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—The steamer Carmania sailed from Liverpool Saturday with a record shipment of gold amounting to more than 16 tons.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Loaded to the bulwarks with gold, the Red Star liner Lapland arrived here this afternoon with \$10,000,000 in gold bullion from Europe. The bullion will help sterling exchange rate in the United States and will help cover the enormous exports of this country to England. Not even the officers of the vessel knew the bullion was on board until they neared New York.

Attempt to Burn U.S. Steamers

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—Two attempts to destroy the United States steamer Philadelphia by fire yesterday, which resulted in such serious damage to the vessel as to render it necessary to postpone her sailing for New York, are believed to have been the work of plotters among the crew. The fact that the steamship New York of the same line was recently damaged by similar mysterious fires has convinced officials of the line of the existence of an incendiary plot. A reward of \$250 has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the guilty persons.

Manitoba to Hold Elections in June

(Dom. Press Special.)
WINNIPEG, March 29.—That the provincial general election will be held in June before harvest was the announcement made by Premier Norris in the closing moments of the fifth and last session of the fifteenth legislature of Manitoba yesterday afternoon, and shortly before the official prorogation took place and the session was rung down on the last legislative function of the administration which same into office under Hon. T. C. Norris in 1915 and has been in control of the constitutional life of the legislative assembly.

The royal assent was given to 136 bills which with the 44 introduced to when supply was voted, make a total of 176 measures enacted during the session.

Arrests for Theft of Pension Checks

(Dom. Press Special.)
WINNIPEG, March 29.—Two men are under arrest, another is being held as material witness and warrants have been issued for the arrest of two others in connection with the theft of a large number of army pension checks from soldiers' re-establishment offices here. The theft may run as high as \$100,000 it is stated.

Duchess of Devonshire Attends Royal Function

TORONTO, March 29.—The Duchess of Devonshire had the honor of being invited to a dinner given by the King and Queen on March 6.

The Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, Princess Mary and Prince Henry were present, also Lord and Lady Richard Cavendish, Rear Admiral Sir Lionel and Lady Halsey, the Countess of Minto, Lady in waiting and Capt. the Hon. Piers Leigh, Esquary in Waiting to the Prince of Wales.

Representatives from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec are shortly to be added to the Committee and it is proposed to make this exhibition the most ambitious ever attempted, and its success will mean for the Fox Industry, a degree of advertising that will reach every part of America and Europe.

Finally, Mr. Arsenault reports that it was the consensus of opinion that the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Ltd., is an established institution and that hereafter Canadian Furs will be marketed through a Canadian source by Canadians, and it is up to the Canadian trapper, dealer and rancher to give it the fullest degree of co-operation to their mutual advantage.

MORE GERMAN TREACHERY HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

12,000 Three-inch Guns and 600 Airplanes Intact Have Been Discovered Through- out Germany, which by the Treaty Should Have Been Given up. French Government Perturbed over Discovery.

(Dom. Press Special.)
PARIS, March 29.—Three thousand five hundred 3 inch anti-air guns have been found by the French military commission in the vicinity of Berlin alone and altogether 12,000 of these guns have thus far been discovered throughout Germany as well as 6,000 airplanes intact.

According to the terms of the treaty of armistice the German army should now have only 204 3 inch guns, and no airplanes whatsoever. These discoveries and other information in possession of the French authorities have caused considerable skepticism here as to the reason given for the request of the Berlin government that it be permitted to send troops into the neutral and occupied zones.

The fact that the request came before the Germans had executed a treaty of armistice is highly suspicious, although the time limit has expired of some three score of its provisions, is declared in French official circles as laying the Germans open to suspicion of making another move in efforts to avoid carrying out the engagements they entered into at Versailles.

Particular significance is attached by the French to the discovery of the guns in view of the fact that the Germans, in a communication to the allied commission to which they were obliged to reply, had stated that it made no difference whether this material be delivered or destroyed and that they preferred to destroy it. Thus far, however, it was stated by a high official here, no evidence had been obtained by the commission of any destruction of material by the Germans. Lists have been furnished it was said but it has been impossible to verify them up to this time, as Premier Millerand declared yesterday in the chamber of deputies.

Many Passengers Arrive in St. John

(Dom. Press Special.)
ST. JOHN, March 29.—The steamer Sicilian from Liverpool with 500 passengers, including 300 boys from Dr. Barnardo's institution who are en route to Toronto, arrived here today. The Malta with 2019 passengers also docked here.

Let Them Settle It Themselves

(Dom. Press Special.)
ROME, March 29.—The simplest solution of the Adriatic dispute is a friendly agreement between Italy and Jugoslavians, and this is the plan the government hopes to work out, Premier Nitti told the Chamber of Deputies today.

Prince County Anti- Tuberculosis Society

The meeting held on Saturday to re-organize the anti-Tuberculosis Society in Summerside was well attended. Dr. George Porter, Toronto, presiding. The following officers were elected:—
Honorary President.—Sir Charles Dalton; President.—J. E. Wyatt, Vice-Presidents.—Hon. Senator Murphy, Tignish; John A. Bruce, Summerside; F. W. Bentley, Kensington. Secretary.—Adrian F. Arsenault, Summerside; Treasurer.—Dr. J. F. McNeill, Summerside. Directors.—Rev. J. J. McDonald, Rev. Mr. Rice, Rev. Dr. Monaghan, May-Campbell, Neil McLeod; Mrs. W. A. Brennan, Dr. J. A. McPhee, Dr. E. T. Tanton, Dr. E. E. Sinclair, Summerside; Rev. Mr. White, Rev. Mr. Harding, Rev. Mr. Herman, Hon. Jas. A. McNeill, Mrs. R. T. Holman, Miss Sarah Green, Dr. Alex. McNeill, R. H. McDonald, A. R. Brennan, Miss Mary Hunt.

To Subscribers

Owing to the further increase in the cost of news print and the increased cost of production, generally, the Charlottetown Guardian finds it necessary to increase its subscription rates \$1.00 per annum. The increase will go into effect on and after May 1st, next. The subscription rate in the city will then be \$5.00 per annum, \$2.50 for six months, and 50 cents per month. By mail \$4.00 per annum, \$2.00 for six months and 45 cents per month. For the United States 50 cents extra. The Saturday edition \$2.00 per annum.

This rate is still considerably below the rates of other Canadian newspapers. The Toronto Globe is now \$5.00 per annum by mail. The Halifax Herald, \$8.00 per annum by mail. The Devoir \$6.00 per annum by mail. Subscriptions at the old rate, new and renewal, will be accepted until May 1st, after which date the increased rate only will be accepted.

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Keeley Institute Not Needed Now

CHICAGO, March 29.—The famous Keeley Institute of Dwight Hill which had cured around 10,000 patients of their appetite for liquor has been forced out of business by the eighteenth amendment and will be sold to the government for use as a hospital for convalescent soldiers. For nearly half a century the institution has enjoyed prosperity and fame as the greatest of all refuges for inebriates.

Serious Strike Now in Japan

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—The strike movement in Japan is acute, a Moscow wireless communique said today. Workers were killing land owners and the strike is general.

Wilson Does Not Want Third Term

(Dom. Press Special.)
WASHINGTON, March 29.—According to one of those in a position to know the attitude of President Wilson, the President stands with the former presidents of the United States who were opposed to a third term. It was said today that those closest to the president know that he does not intend to seek a third or use the power of his office to dictate the nomination of his successor.

Poland Accepts Russian Peace

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Warsaw today said the government had sent a wireless message to Moscow accepting the peace offer of the Russian Soviet government. It was suggested the dispatch said, that negotiations will be opened at Borsov, April 10. Military communiques from the Polish government reported the military situation as favorable. The Poles declared the Soviet offensive had been repulsed at all points.

Jap Commissioner Favor Soviet Peace

(Dom. Press Special.)
TOKIO, March 29.—Peace proposals of Soviet forces in Russia were brought here today by political commissars. Matsudaira, who returned from the fighting front in Siberia, Matsudaira strongly favors accepting the Bolshevik peace offers, it was reported in official circles.

A New Offer to British Miners

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—The government today made a new offer to the Miners' Federation offering the demands for an increase in additional slight concessions in the men's wages. After receiving the offer the miners officials decided to submit the offer to a general vote letting the men decide whether to accept it or strike.

Heavy Fighting French and Turks

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—The Turks lost 5,000 men in attacking the French at Marash, Cilicia, where the recent massacres occurred, according to news reaching London. Other heavy engagements are reported between Mustafa Kemal's nationalist irregulars and the French. The railways from Aleppo to Adana are blocked by nationalists who are reported to be stirring up feeling against the French throughout the country. Fighting with brigands is taking place on a large scale.

Ireland Has New Commander-in-Chief

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—General Sir Nevil MacCreedy, Commissioner of the London metropolitan police and the famous actor, has been chosen to succeed General Sir Frederick C. Shaw as Commander in Chief of the British forces in Ireland the express announces. Sir Nevil will go to Ireland to assume his new post immediately, it is stated.

Undivided Ireland Possible.

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—Recent events have strengthened the view that an undivided Ireland is impossible for legislative purposes.

DAMAGING TORNADOES SWEEP OVER WESTERN STATES

Many Deaths Reported, Hundreds Injured and Properly Damaged to Extent of Several Millions. Three Distinct Storms Succeeded Each Other.

(Dom. Press Special.)
CHICAGO, March 29.—Tornadoes that struck a half a dozen states today caused a death list that may pass three score, caused property damage reaching many millions of dollars and played havoc with wire and railway service in wide-spread districts. The greatest damage was done in Chicago suburbs and Elgin where the known death list was 23 and a number of other persons were missing. Atlanta, Ga. reported death list of 5 in Georgia and Alabama was at least 36.

Apparently there were three distinct storms, one driving north-eastward into Illinois and dying out on the shores of Lake Michigan just north of Chicago; one striking in Georgia and Alabama and another striking in Indiana and passing into Ohio and Michigan. Reports from Southern Michigan tonight said the storm had swept the country doing a vast amount of damage and it was believed there had been loss of life, but no figures were available. At Battle Creek some frame buildings were wrecked.

Reports that filtered in over crippled telephones and telegraph wires placed the number of dead at 25 and the injured at more than 500. The property damage was estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The storm swept a belt around Chicago approximately 40 miles wide; it was reported that many buildings razed and scores injured. At least ten persons were killed in Melrose Park and Bellwood where 300 homes were demolished. The village of Dunning where the state hospital for the insane is located, reported two deaths and 35 injured. Many buildings were wrecked.

Willmetts, a suburb of five thousand, in the northeast part of Cook County, reported almost every building raised or damaged. No loss of life was reported. Two companies of militia were sent there tonight to guard property and assist the homeless.

A Later Report.
NEW YORK, March 29.—Tornadoes which swept eight states on Sunday claimed toll of approximately 125 lives, destroyed millions of dollars worth of property and left hundreds of families homeless. Reports this afternoon showed there were two distinct storms, one in Georgia and Alabama and the other in the middle west, starting at St. Louis and extending northwest to Lake Michigan.

Fire followed in the wake of the storm in some cities adding to the suffering. Food, hospital supplies, physicians, nurses and clothing were rushed to the stricken areas today. The injured were cared for in houses and temporary buildings and debris was combed in a hunt for missing.

La Grange, Ga. appeared to be the hardest hit by the storms. Between forty and sixty were reported killed there and 300 were homeless. West Point, Ga. reported five dead and Agricola La, five dead.

SIX OF WINNIPEG'S STRIKERS GUILTY

Riotous Scenes in Court Room When Verdict Was Received. Sentences Postponed Ten Days.

(Dom. Press Special.)
WINNIPEG, March 29.—Alderman John Queen, William Ivens, Wm. A. Pritchard, R. J. Johns, and George Armstrong, leaders of Winnipeg's general strike of last summer, Saturday afternoon were convicted by the assize court jury of seditious conspiracy on account of their actions in connection with the strike. They also were convicted of having committed a common nuisance.

R. J. Bray was found not guilty of conspiracy but guilty of committing a nuisance. Alderman A. A. Heaps, was found not guilty on all counts. Scenes of disorder marked the receipt of the verdict of the court in the court room. Through a mistake it went from mouth to mouth that the accused were not guilty. A wild cheer arose. Mr. Justice Metcalfe, in the court, annoyed by the noise, promptly ordered the court to be cleared. A squad of constables with Deputy Sheriff John Pynning at their head started to clear the room. Then the return of the verdict swept through the crowd. The Sheriff and his men were hissed and hooted. Somebody hit Deputy Pynning a first blow. A couple of constables struck back into the crowd and it looked for a moment as if there would be a riot. After ten minutes the Deputy Sheriff and constables succeeded in clearing the hall and drove the crowd into the street. Everything became calm.

The accused all accepted the verdict quietly. Heaps shows no elation over his acquittal. Relatives of the men found guilty who were in the court room, were deeply affected by the verdict. When the first verdict of guilty was announced in the case of Wm. Ivens, a suppressed groan arose from the crowd and as the other verdicts followed, the wives of the several men, who were in various parts of the court room, broke down, one after another.

The accused were remanded for sentence for ten days without bail. They were taken to the jail after having a few moments' conversation with their relatives. A large crowd was assembled outside the court house and in the lower halls. The crowd watched a demonstration against the jurymen, who left the building by a side exit. The trial has been in progress for more than two months and during all that time the jurymen have been kept away from the public. They were departing when the verdict was received.

Ex-Kaiser Prepares to Move May 1

(Dom. Press Special.)
AMSTERDAM, March 29.—Part of former Emperor William's personal luggage already has been moved from Bentinck castle, where he is living at present, to Doorn where he is to take up his residence. A large number of trunks, most of which had not been opened since the former emperor's arrival here, have been taken to Doorn in motor trucks. Moving for Count Hohenzollern is expected to be May 1.

(Dom. Press Special.)
LONDON, March 29.—MacCreedy's appointment is a further step to Sinn Fein threats. He has a reputation throughout the Empire for his ability to preserve order. He has been commissioner of Metropolitan Police since 1918. His powers in Ireland, it was said, will be complete. Spurred by reports of plans for a Sinn Fein uprising during Easter period, the war office was reported to have sent heavy reinforcements to the troops now serving in Ireland. The names of four battalions which had been sent to the disturbed areas overseas were announced by the war office.

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