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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Big Bank Merger brought to Head KIDNAPPING INCIDENT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Irish Kidnapping Is Discussed by Various Leaders

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, issued a manifesto to Ulstermen declaring the kidnapping outrage of yesterday to be the result of the British Government's action in demobilizing the constabulary and would strengthen Ulster's determination to hold what she has. He expressed a hope that the kidnapped men would be returned forthwith.

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—Michael Collins believes the kidnapping the result of South Ireland's apprehensions regarding the men under sentence of death at Londonderry. Mr. Collins believed the kidnapped men would be returned at once that sentence had been relieved.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The House of Lords debated the kidnappings. Lord Londonderry proposing an amendment to the address regretting the absence in the King's speech of an assurance of the integrity of the six northern counties.

Lord Birkenhead on behalf of the government appealed for moderation on both sides.

The Londonderry amendment was defeated by a vote of 46 to 39.

Lord Carson attacked the government for breach of faith and said the government was the kidnappers of Sinn Féin outrages.

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—Ulster's frontier is virtually a line of steel today following the kidnapping of Unionists in the raid yesterday. It is estimated that two hundred persons were kidnapped and of this number very few have been returned.

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—Additional kidnapping occurred today in County Fermanagh. Four class B constables were kidnapped in Rosslet district.

WORK CEASES CAPITAL SHIPS OF U. S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—All construction work on fourteen capital ships in the United States navy was suspended yesterday pending ratification of the armament treaty by Congress. One capital ship will be continued and will become a permanent part of the navy.

DID NOT SEIZE IRISH RAILWAYS AS HAD BEEN PLANNED

Railway Men Decide to Postpone Action for Two Days' Time.

CORK, Feb. 9.—The striking railway men have postponed action until Friday. They had announced their plan of taking over the railway lines and operating them themselves, last night having been the time set for the seizing of the lines.

RIOT NEAR MADRAS; POLICE FIRE ON MOB

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The British Indian police fired upon a mob of ten thousand people southwest of Madras during a riot. Three were killed and eight were wounded.

SAYS UTILITY GREAT SUCCESS

T. C. Duncan Defends Local Plant and Declares Rates Are Low Here.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

Ontario Rates Average Much Higher Than Those in Prince Rupert.

Superintendent Duncan of the city utilities department takes issue with The Daily News and says that not only is the light and power department paying and paying well, but it is working under adverse conditions and is giving light and power at a cheaper rate than most of the towns in Ontario, where the rates are in many cases higher than the present rates charged here.

Mr. Duncan says that half of the present load contracted for is practically inoperative as at present it pays only \$2600, while the other half of the load pays \$96,000. If the mill were operating it would pay much more and the income for the year would have been that much higher. The difficulty was in a small plant having so large a part of the load tied up.

Change to Be Soon.
Under the new contract with the company this will be changed commencing from the first of next month, when the idle charge will be \$6000 a year and the operating charge \$12,500.

Under the Hydro-electric Commission the towns in Ontario pay from ten to fifteen cents a kilowatt hour, although a few places have cheaper rates. Prince George pays eighteen cents and Vancouver eight cents, although the reduction has been made only a year ago from eleven cents. Mr. Duncan thinks that a private company would charge a much higher rate here than does the local utilities department of the city.

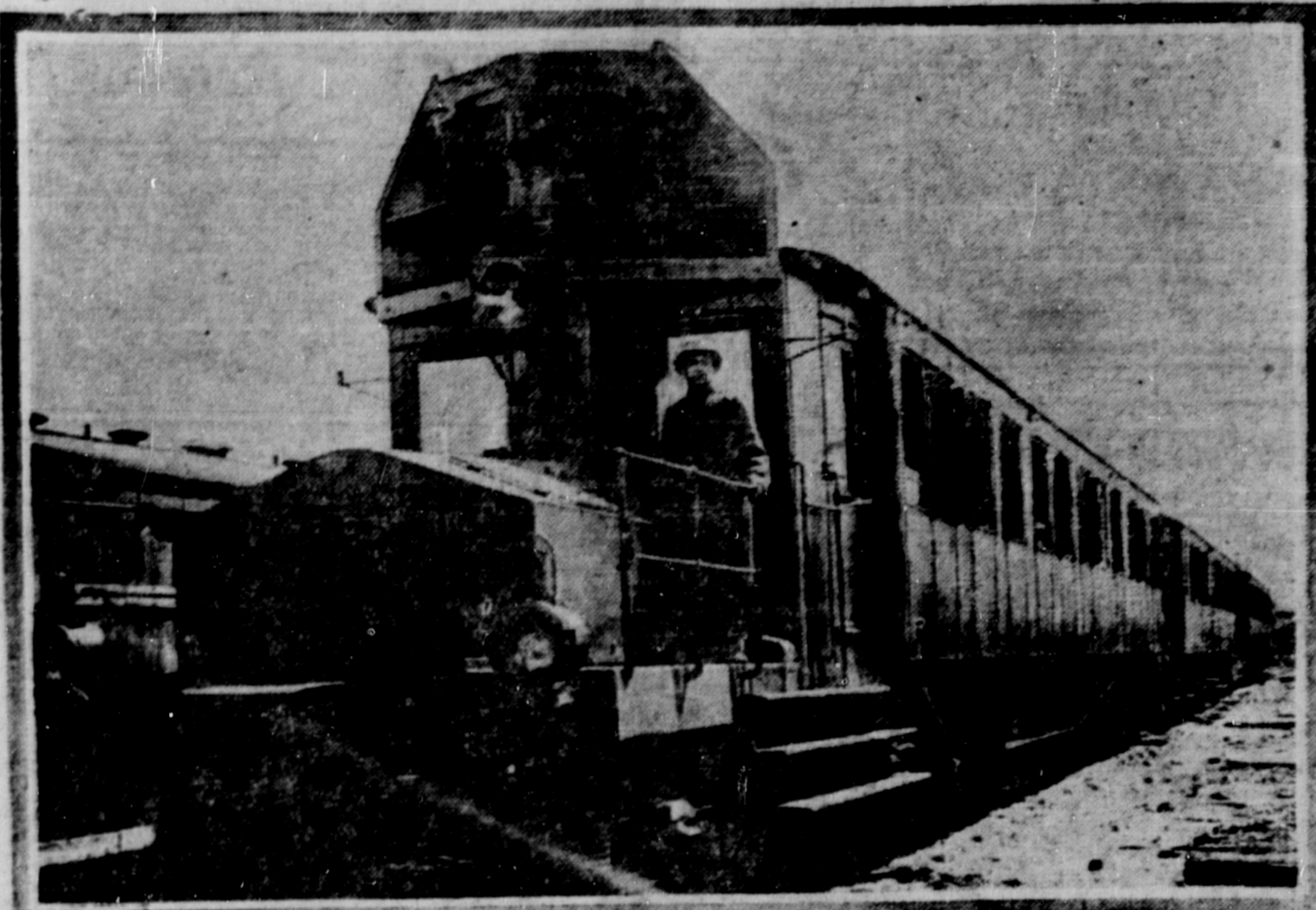
There is a proposal to reduce the light and power rates to local consumers, which will make a material advantage to the city.

Thulme River.

At the present rates Mr. Duncan says it would be possible to install a new plant at Thulme river and make it carry itself with very little call on the citizens and that only for the first few years. He thinks the loss for the first year or two would be only ten to fifteen thousand dollars.

"The profits on the local department are large considering local conditions," said Mr. Duncan. "With an investment of \$35,000 there was a profit of \$3500, or about ten per cent, after paying overhead expenses."

NEW FAST TRAIN DEvised BY RUSSIAN ELECTRICAL WIZARD.



A new fast electric train that can run from Moscow to Petrograd, a distance of 500 miles, without stopping to reload the motors, has been devised by a Russian electrical engineer, named L. I. Makhonin, who is seen on the engine. The Soviet government sponsored the construction of the train and has refused to allow information to be made public as to the train's mechanism. Motive power is supplied by great electric motors capable of 3,000 horse power each.

DIFFICULT TO FORM CABINET

Ex-Premier Orlando, of Italy, Falls in Attempt—Nobody Wants to Serve.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—According to a news despatch from Rome, former Premier Orlando of Italy has failed in an attempt to form a new cabinet to succeed the Bonomi ministry which resigned last week. Prospective ministers declined owing to the hostility of several groups in the Chamber of Deputies. King Victor Emanuel had called upon Orlando to form a ministry.

LEONARD AND ROCKY KANSAS READY FOR BOUT

Training Completed Today for Fifteen Round Contest in New York Tomorrow Night.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Benny Leonard, lightweight boxing champion of the world, and Rocky Kansas, challenger, today finished training for their fifteen round bout here tomorrow night.

FIVE KNOWN DEAD FIRE IN HOTEL AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 9.—Fire men searching the ruins of the Lexington Hotel, which was destroyed by fire today, found a human head, bringing the number known to be dead to five.

BOER GENERAL WAS BURIED YESTERDAY

Many Distinguished Persons Attended Funeral General DeWet in Bloemfontein.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—An enormous gathering yesterday attended the funeral of the famous Boer general, Christian DeWet, in Bloemfontein. The Governor-General, Prince Arthur of Connaught, was represented, and Premier Jan Smuts was one of the pallbearers.

AIR MAIL SERVICE FOR EMPIRE IS ASKED FOR

LONDON, Feb. 9.—An aviation conference here yesterday adopted a resolution calling upon the government to immediately consider the establishment of an air mail service throughout the British Empire. The conference is being held in the Guildhall.

RAIDED LAUNCH PORT ALBERNI

Masked Men Tied Captain to Bedpost and Pulled Sheet Over Him.

BAMFIELD, Feb. 9.—Two masked men entered the Bamfield launch "J. & E." at Port Alberni and held up the captain and seized \$2,300 in cash. They tied the skipper to the bedpost with a sheet pulled securely over his head and escaped.

PILOTS PURCHASE FINE POWER CRAFT

Andante Secured by Capt. Barney Johnson for Vancouver Pilots, Ltd.

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—The power cruiser Andante, has been purchased by the Vancouver Pilots, Ltd., and is now at this port, having been commissioned for operation between here and William Head in the new pilotage service. The craft was berthed at the old Chemical Company's wharf following her arrival from Vancouver. The Andante was formerly a unit of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, owned by Captain Alex. Marshall, and was recently purchased by Captain B. L. Johnson, secretary of the newly organized pilotage association. She is a staunchly built 32-foot trunk-cabin cruiser and is equipped with a 26-horsepower 3-cylinder Twentieth Century engine, and has a good turn of speed. The Andante was acquired for the use of the Vancouver Pilots, Ltd., in meeting vessels in the straits.

COURT OF REVISION HEARD LOCAL CLAIMS YESTERDAY'S SESSION

All Business Expected to Be Cleared Up Today and G.T.P. Started With.

The civic court of revision was in session all day considering local appeals and those of the Thorsch estate now held by the Dominion Government. All this business, it is expected, will be cleared up today and then the blanket appeal of the Canadian National Railways, represented by T. G. Watson of Winnipeg, who arrived in the city yesterday, will be taken up. Some heavy work is promised in this matter and the court will likely be in session until the end of the week, at least, dealing with it.

Although there were several appeals heard yesterday the most of them were laid over for decision. Theo. Collart appeared for the owner of Violet Park, Section 7, and was successful in securing a reduction in valuation from \$11,000 to \$9,000. Appeals from all parts of the city were heard, among those entering them being M. M. Stephens, J. C. McLennan, Akerberg, Thompson and E. H. Mortimer.

The custodians of the Thorsch estate property, represented at the court by B. O. Oughton, of Fisher & Oughton, are making a blanket appeal on all the properties but no decisions have yet been rendered.

STANDARD LIFE BLOCK IN MONTREAL BURNED

Damage Was \$500,000, Insurance Carried for \$600,000.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Fire caused damage of \$500,000 to the Standard Life Building on St. James street in the heart of the city last night. There is insurance for \$600,000.

STRUCK BY AUTO.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9.—Howard Parker, aged 45, is dead here as a result of injuries received when he was struck early this morning by an auto driven by Harry Tate, a colored driver, who is under arrest.

Loans Made to Officers Merchants Bank are big Loss; Security was Poor

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—The shareholders of the Merchants Bank last night voted to sell out to the Bank of Montreal, so the deal, which has been awaiting the confirmation of the shareholders, can now be definitely put through. Sufficient proxies were secured to obtain control and pass such action.

Among the big losses suffered by the Merchants Bank was \$2,000,000 in loans to officers of the bank. These loans were for automobiles and houses for the officers and also for the purchase of stocks and bonds.

The loans were shown in the report of H. B. Mackenzie, examiner of the assets of the bank, who reports that in some cases the securities were deficient and in a few cases seriously deficient.

BANK OF MONTREAL WILL TAKE OVER RIVAL ORGANIZATION

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—The shareholders of the Merchants Bank voted to approve the absorption of the Merchants Bank of Montreal by the Bank of Montreal. There were 87,535 shares in favor of amalgamation and only 135 against.

OLD NECKLACE HAS BEEN SOLD

Maria Theresa's Celebrated Heirloom Finds Purchaser in Paris Goes to England.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The famous pearl necklace which belonged to Maria Theresa, the famous Queen of Hungary in the eighteenth century, has been bought by Jefferson Davis Company of England. The necklace was on exhibition here and the purchase price was £200,000. It was more valuable as an antique than as a gem.

The heirloom was pawned in Switzerland by former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary just before he left that country by airplane on his last attempt to regain the Austrian throne.

AN ALLIANCE OF VETERANS

Returned Soldier Organizations Seem Likely to Form Union Result Conference.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 9.—With the adoption of nine out of ten clauses of the McNeill resolution, the joint conference of veterans representatives last night appeared to be ready to declare in favor of an alliance of all Canadian returned soldier bodies and the discussion today will hinge chiefly on the manner of election of the Dominion council and its functions. Machinery will then be set in motion which should bring about the proposed veterans' alliance within six or nine months.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF

German Workers on Municipal Plants and Railways Have Returned to Work.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The strike of Berlin municipal workers was called off yesterday and the public utilities plants are again functioning. The railway services have also been resumed.

NATIONAL DEBT IS ON THE INCREASE

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Canada's net debt on January 31 was \$2,372,583,984 an increase of nearly six millions over the previous month and \$69,862,971 over January, 1921.

The customs receipts were \$65,000,000 less than for the previous year.