

PAINTERS WILL STRIKE.
TORONTO, May 14.—About 100 painters employed in shops where the union scale of 75 cents an hour is not completely observed, will go

on strike tomorrow morning. A number of shops are paying the scale to a few men, and 65 cents to others. The strike will affect about 20 per cent of the union painters in Toronto.

Thousands of game birds were needlessly destroyed every season at Las Vegas, Nev., by oil discharged on waters frequented by the birds, but the Union Pacific railway has remedied this condition.

WILL DISCUSS NAVAL POLICY

Government's Proposal May Be Proceeded With On Tuesday.

Expresses Desire of House's Opinion On Oleomargarine Question.

OTTAWA, May 14.—(By Canadian Press.)—Interest in Parliamentary circles centers around the government's naval policy as announced in the House of Commons by Hon. P. Graham, minister of defence, Friday last. Debate on the government's proposal in regard to the navy was deferred on the suggestion of the leader of the opposition, but it is understood that it may be proceeded with on Tuesday.

Tomorrow is private members' day—the last of the session—and a large number of resolutions stand on the order paper. Probably the majority of these will be discussed, but the government has expressed a desire to hear what the house has to say in regard to the one providing for the discontinuance of the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine after September 1.

A debate as to whether or not it would be wise to introduce a resolution will take place if the resolution standing in the name of J. T. Shaw, member for Calgary West, is reached. A number of the Progressive members are believed to be anxious to test the opinion of the house on this point. The prime minister has stated, however, that the government does not favor the introduction of such a measure in view of the fact that the session is already lengthening out, and it is planned to call a fall session of Parliament, and also because the final census returns will probably not be available in time.

After the introduction of the budget by Hon. W. S. Fielding will take the center of the parliamentary stage. The budget will not be brought down until Tuesday, the 23rd, however.

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World News CUT SHORT

THE HAGUE, May 14.—The States General has passed a new law modifying the labor act, increasing the time of labor one and a half hours daily, or to 48 hours weekly.

DUBLIN, May 14.—Solicitors acting in behalf of the late Richard Croker's two sons served notice upon Mrs. Croker's solicitors today that they had been instructed to enter a caveat in an Irish court against the will of Mr. Croker when it was lodged for probate.

That it was stated, would make a trial necessary to prove the will and the competency of the testator.

AMOI, China, May 14.—A financial crisis in Canton, the seat of the Southern government, is reported in dispatches received here. The banks are closed, business is paralyzed and the government bank notes have depreciated 50 per cent in value.

The crisis is attributed to the agitation caused by the operations of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Southern government in preparation for its projected campaign against the North, and the consequent political complications.

PARIS, May 14.—The minister of commerce has received protests from various chambers of commerce throughout France against the new tariff schedule proposed by the finance committee of the United States Senate.

The industries of Limoges, where porcelain and gloves are manufactured, are particularly alarmed. They have informed the minister that the new tariffs are prohibitive, and would stop at once all exports of their products to the United States, necessitating the laying off of a considerable number of workers.

MADRID, May 14.—An attempt is now being made to prove that Christopher Columbus was born in Spain.

The subject came up for discussion in the Spanish Congress yesterday afternoon, when Deputy Emiliano Iglesias stated that documents and investigations in Pontevedra, Galicia, indicated that the birthplace of the discoverer of America was situated there. He asked that the Academy of History be directed to send representatives to Pontevedra for an investigation of the authenticity of the documents and other evidence.

Minister of Justice Ordonez Garcia promised to refer the request to the cabinet.

VERA CRUZ, May 14.—Measures for the suppression of the sporadic uprisings in the State of Vera Cruz are to be discussed at a conference between President Obregon and General Guadalupe Sanchez, chief of operations in this state. The conference will be held in Mexico City, but the date has not been given out.

General Sanchez will outline to the president his plans for military operations against the rebels, who are headed by General Ricardo Morales and Jose Riva de Neira.

Yesterday a small party of rebels exchanged shots with the advance posts of the federal garrison at Jalapa. While little military importance is attached to this incident, it attracted considerable attention because the situation has been quiet for some time past. Troops have been sent to Jalapa as a precautionary measure and to restore order.

MADRID, May 14.—The Moroccan rebel chieftain, Rasuli, has abandoned his position at Tazarut, and retreated toward Buhazen, says an official communique issued today. The column of Spanish troops, under command of General Sanjurjo, says the communique, occupied important positions in the Beni-sef region, connecting with positions occupied last Sunday, leaving within the Spanish zone a number of tribesmen who surrendered.

High Commissioner Berenguer, who is at Zoco Jami, received emissaries of the Beni-aros and Beni-sef tribes, who offered to surrender unconditionally, indicating the complete collapse of the enemy.

From Melilla as a base, the communique added, Spanish aviators bombarded the region of Zoco Talata, dispersing and pursuing the enemy.

LONDON, May 14.—Stanley Baldwin, president of the board of trade, delivered a long review in the House of Commons yesterday on British trade prospects. Incidentally Mr. Baldwin referred to the apprehensions of British traders over the American government's tariff policy, but at the same time he thought the signs of a trade revival were encouraging for England.

Gratification was expressed by the speaker that the attempts to deprive London of its position as the financial centre of the world had failed.

"We are using every possible argument," said Mr. Baldwin, "to arrive at some arrangement with Spain whose tariff is a very hard one for England; and although England, as a free trade country, has very little to bargain with yet there are means of exercising pressure, even for a country in our comparatively defenceless position."

PLAN AUTOMATIC PHONES IN CITIES

MONTREAL, May 14.—The Bell Telephone Company has decided to adopt the automatic system. At the last meeting of the directors the recommendation of the company's engineers regarding the future development of the system in the larger cities was considered and approved. This involves a radical change in the furnishing of telephone service.

The change in policy will first be felt in Toronto, then in Montreal, and later may be extended to Ottawa, Hamilton and other cities where more than one exchange is necessary to handle the business.

The company has decided to employ machine-switching equipment for the extensions necessary to provide for growth and for replacement of worn-out equipment in the larger cities. Thus the loss and waste incidental to sudden change will be avoided and the physical property of the company in these large cities will be kept abreast by easy evolution of the development of the art.

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