

## BARTER SYSTEM AGAIN IN VOGUE IN OLD COUNTRY

Handley Page, Famous Aviation Authority, Tells of Existing Conditions.

### ENGLAND PROSPEROUS

Trusts Common Sense of People to Override Domestic Troubles.

The old system of barter is coming into its own. Ships leave English ports every day with merchandise for some eastern European country and return filled up to the hatches with the merchandise of that state. No money ever passes—it's just barter, and I can tell you, the nation of shopkeepers, as England has been called, know how to keep shop. She is making a great deal of money just now by barter.

Thus spoke Frederick Handley Page, the famous producer of the giant bombing planes of the late war, to the World yesterday. Mr. Page is on a business trip to the States, has come on a flying visit to Toronto, to look up his old friends of war days, such as Col. Bishop, Col. Barker, Col. Maxwell and a host of other Canadian flying men. Incidentally Mr. Page will today address the Canadian Club at lunch time.

Asked how labor conditions were in England, Mr. Page said not half as bad as one is led to believe by the press reports on this side of the Atlantic. There were two parties, in England who caused all the trouble, declared Mr. Page. The old Tory party said in effect, let the workers go out on strike, and when they do not get the wages and food we have given them for years they will come to their senses and go back to work on our terms. On the other side were the extremists of the workers, who wanted a strike just to show the capitalists who really was master in the country. Between these two great enemies, said Mr. Page, there was the great middle class of England, who were not prepared to see a social break between capital and labor. This middle class just pushed both sides to the edge, and as in the case of the war, they were the ones who saved the situation.

Mr. Page, "brins can be found in all classes of society, and today the workers demand, and rightly demand, their share of the good things that are going around. As the Prince of Wales said in a recent speech, 'Every man should have a sporting chance.'

Bolshevism, according to Mr. Page, will never find a place in England. Apart from the good common sense of the middle class and the majority of workers, there is, he explained, nothing to explode in England. If a man possesses some mad idea or has a "bee in his bonnet" theory on some subject, he can in England go out on the street corners and expound his views without fear of seeing the inside of a prison. He thus lets off all his steam and has no need to go down in his coal hole and conspire with others for the furtherance of his pet idea.

The sound common sense and the deeply-rooted knowledge on all subjects commercial is helping England to re-construct herself more quickly than any other nation in the world. English work and English knowledge is not superficial, continued Mr. Page, it is well grounded that nothing can upset it. People have lots of money, declared Mr. Page, but some who have made a lot during the war, lack the education of how to spend it. A man of this class when buying his wife four sets of furs, or probably purchase a new car for the kitchen and then have reached the spending limitation. There is no need for any man to be out of control on a calculation he believed that there was hardly a Canadian family who had not some kind of radio in the R.A.F. "Canada is a conscious" theory on some subject, he can in England go out on the street corners and expound his views without fear of seeing the inside of a prison. He thus lets off all his steam and has no need to go down in his coal hole and conspire with others for the furtherance of his pet idea.

Mr. Page denied that he was in Toronto on business connected with his commercial flying machines. He said, however, that the engine was a new model, great commercial flying possibilities in the future. It would not be surprising if some kind of commercial air service was established pretty soon in Canada, or between Canada and the States.

In regard to his own companies, Mr. Page said the service between London and Paris was doing very well. The trip took three hours, the machine carried a load of 3000 lbs., and the ticket for the journey cost \$79. He expected, he said, that during the coming summer this service would be greatly patronized.

In all planes, said Mr. Page, they were reducing the size of the engine without loss of power, or reducing the size of the craft. Small flying machines were, however, coming greatly into use. Mr. Page declared that the new people will have a run-about plane just as they have now a runabout motor car.

**NEW SERVICE BETWEEN MONTREAL AND SWEDEN**  
Montreal, March 21.—Furness Withy and Company, Ltd., announce the inauguration of a new service between Montreal and Sweden. The Gunborg, a steamer working in the joint service of the Swedish American Line Ltd. and the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, as agents, will be put on a regular week to lead for Gothenburg. In the week in May and thereafter about every three weeks.

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### Smart Blouses For the Spring Suit

Every suit must have its smart blouse and the new ones are lovely enough to share the honors with the Spring suit or give an air of smartness to last season's. In the newly-arrived blouses are many with convertible collars, which when worn as a choker and finished with a black satin bow or stock give an added cachet to any costume. I will only describe a few of these for wear just now. For the casque blouses the handsome imported nets, Jerseys and crepes will require a story all their own.

A white crepe de Chine that gains its principal charm from the fine quality of material used, has groups of fine pin tucks with cut out silk embroidery aprons, plain back, short sleeves with turn-back cuff, button-trimmed. While a "Knox" waist has the hemstitched narrow front extending into the collar; rows of pin tucks and tiny embroidery flowers make a smart waist. Both styles come in flesh and navy also. Particularly lovely is one of heavy Georgette with a narrow ecru lace insertion running up the sides and across to the armholes, the same finishing the turn-over collar. This has further adornment of embroidery and cut pearl buttons. Still another crepe de Chine has the new deep yoke in the back, with a front of tucks arranged to simulate small box pleats, ecru flit is used on the high collar and small cuffs.

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**Double Width Cretonnes and Printed Linens** for curtains, slip covers and furniture covering. These fabrics are very desirable, combining beauty with durability. In delightful color combinations, some in Oriental designs, such as a fine Chinese chippendale design. Fast colors. 50 inches wide. Sale prices, \$8.00, \$5.50 and \$3.75 a yard.

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**Duchess Lace Curtains.** It is difficult to secure these to-day, even if one is prepared to pay the high prices. These are of especially fine quality and in various designs, some with simple embroidered border, and others quite elaborate. Suitable for living-rooms, dining-room and drawing-room. 3 1/2 yards long. Extraordinary offering, \$27.50 to \$35.00 a pair.

**Remarkably Good Curtain Nets** at 50c and 85c—in many cases we could not buy these nets wholesale at today's price. The yarns are good and strong and there are designs suitable for all rooms. 45 inches wide.

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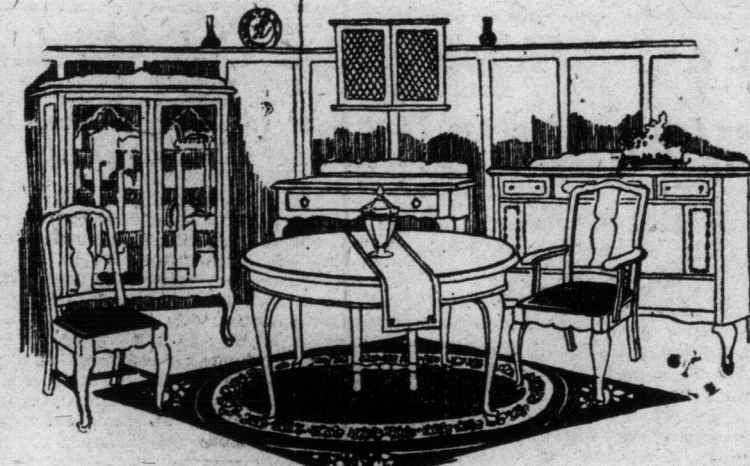
Buffet, with large full cupboard, long linen drawer and cutlery drawer, velvet lined, and two extra linen drawers.

China Cabinet, four shelves, with two-door glass front and glass sides.

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Dining-room Chairs, set of six, including large armchair upholstered in genuine brown Spanish leather.

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Buffet, 5' 6" long, with two large cupboards and long linen drawer; also silver cabinet case with two alder trays.

China Cabinet, with glass front, two doors, three shelves and full long linen drawer.

Serving Table, new style, with large two-door cupboard case. Size 18" x 44".

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Set of Six Dining Chairs, including large armchair, upholstered in fine tapestry.

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China Cabinet, closed type, with ample cupboard room both in top section and base; also two drawers.

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Extension Table, twelve-foot extension, non-dividing base, very heavy solid top and exceptionally well-braced base and heavy slides.

Dining-room Chairs, full set of six, including large armchair, solid walnut frames, upholstered in spring seats and padded backs. Covering of finest Brocade and Velour, banded, Reg. val. \$2,500.

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### UNIVERSITY NOTES

Examinations in theology begin the first of April. This surely makes us feel that the end is in sight. For the vast majority of us, the evil hour is postponed a little longer, but at that study is getting to be a much more common pastime than it was a few weeks ago. Some of the colleges are giving summer courses in theology, but there will be no summer course in arts. The engineers' surveying camp will be the only other form of summer study, and to an outsider it looks more like a picnic. They will go on the subject of "Love Among the Great French Tragedians."

The election of undergraduates for the college House took place on Friday afternoon.

The Victoria College Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Frank Blackbird, gave a concert Wednesday evening at Convocation Hall. Assisting artists were Mr. Arthur Bligh, and Miss Frances Wood. Miss Addison gave a reception for the members after the concert.

Senior Meds defeated Junior Vics in the final basketball game for the Bifton Cup. Meds have annexed nearly everything in sight in the way of cups this year, this being their fourth trophy for the year.

F. O. E. held a St. Patrick's dance on Wednesday evening in the U. T. S. library. An interesting time was reported. The Modern Language Club was addressed on Tuesday by Signor Lipari. The college hall were tastefully decorated, and dancing closed the evening. At the coming final meeting Bernard Shaw will be discussed by Prof. Alexander.

Victoria College gave a reception to its graduating class on Friday evening. The college hall were tastefully decorated, and the Vics orchestra was in attendance. The sophomore class is to be refreshed, of which they were in charge. The near-graduates were made to feel that the entire college wished them well during the coming year.

The Women's Dramatic Club of U. C. gave a play this week-end at Hart House Theatre. The proceeds went to the building fund for a college girls' residence.

**A TALL CROOK.**  
The tallest man ever tried at the Old Bailey, London, is Douglas Victor Mirams, an insurance agent, who, with his father, is accused of conspiring to defraud a wealthy woman of \$5,000. He is 6 feet 10 inches tall.

## FLOODS SUBSIDE IN RIVER THAMES

Water Falls From Three to Four Feet When Ice Jam Partially Breaks.

Chatham, Ont., March 21.—(Special)—Noah, in the biblical days of old, may have been elated when he saw the dove return with the olive branch, but he had nothing on the people of Chatham, who were elated when they looked out their bedroom windows this morning, and noticed that the flood had subsided about two feet during the night. "It is like finding a new world," said the head of one family, which had been marooned for three days, over the telephone to the correspondent, and he echoed the sentiments of scores of residents, who have been in the same predicament.

**Ice Jam Breaks.**  
The ice jam in the River Thames, the cause of the flood, partially broke this morning. From that time the water has steadily diminished during the day. It is expected that blasting operations, which have been in effect during the past few days, will meet with some success tomorrow. Reports received here this afternoon from various points are to the effect that the water has fallen from three to four feet, and that land can be seen in some sections. The water is two feet below the G.T.R. tracks, and trains are running. The river has receded about six feet in the city since yesterday.

**Allege Attempted Murder; Western Farmer Arrested**

Prince Albert, Sask., March 21.—Joseph Switlicki, 29 years old, living on a farm north of Hartford, is under arrest on a charge of attempted murder. According to the reports received by the provincial police Switlicki went to the farm of Andrew Mysyk, aged 60 years, on March 17, and accused the latter of having given him poison to drink. A dispute followed, and, according to Mysyk's wife and son, Switlicki went outside the house and secured an axe with which he struck Mysyk on the head, inflicting a terrible gash.

## CAIRO TO CAPETOWN FLIGHT IS COMPLETED

London, March 21.—The air ministry today announced that the Cairo to Capetown aerial flight was completed at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon by the arrival of Col. Van Rynveld and Major Brand, in a Voortrekker machine supplied by the union of South Africa, government to replace the wrecked "Silver Queen."

## RUMANIANS REFUSING ENTRY TO REFUGEES

Bucharest, March 21.—The Rumanians are maintaining a strict guard along the Bessarabian frontier and are refusing passage across the border to any more refugees, among many of whom there are Bolsheviks. All persons attempting to cross the Dniester river are being fired upon.

## Commission Will Settle Estonian-Latvian Frontier

Reval, March 21.—A special commission has been formed to settle the Estonian-Latvian frontier question, on the initiative of Great Britain. The chairman of the commission will be a British colonel. The others will include the premiers of Estonia and Latvia, several Estonian and Latvian generals, and some entente representatives.

## Prisoners, Guns and Loot Captured by the Bolsheviks

London, March 21.—A Bolshevik communication received here today says: "In the direction of Novorossk we have reached the River Kuban and captured six thousand prisoners and 20 guns. In the region of Yekaterinodar we have taken 15,000 prisoners and a large number of guns and much booty."

## URGES AID FOR LAVAL

Quebec, March 21.—(By Canadian Press).—In a pastoral letter issued by His Eminence Cardinal Beaudry, and signed by the archbishops and bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec, an appeal is made for funds for the development of Laval University, Quebec.

## GERMANY WANTS FRONTIER RECTIFIED

Claims Part of First Schleswig Zone as Hinterland of Flensburg.

Copenhagen, March 21.—The German government has presented a note to the plebiscite commission demanding a frontier line which would leave a large section of the first Schleswig zone to Germany, according to the National Tidende. Germany claims certain territory as belonging to Flensburg's Hinterland. Germany likewise asks for the town of Tondern, where in the recent elections the majority of votes cast favored admission to Germany, offering to make Denmark considerable economic concessions. Since the recent plebiscite in the second Schleswig zone Danish Chauvinists have kept up a noisy agitation in favor of Flensburg becoming Danish in spite of the overwhelming German vote there. This agitation probably is meant to bring pressure on the international commission's decision, but the commission has now asked that all Schleswig agitators return to Schleswig immediately.

## SAYS QUEBEC LIBERALS MUST STATE POSITION

Montreal, March 20.—At the inaugural meeting of the political campaign in St. James' division in favor of Fernand Rinfret, which was held here last night, Ernest Lapointe, Liberal leader of the province, gave it his view that the moment had arrived for Quebec to state whether or not it approved of the stand taken by Liberal members of parliament since the 1917 elections.

Mr. Archambault, M.P. for Chambly-Verchères, said: "If you are not against Borden and his government, you must be for it. Any vote given against the candidate of the party which opposed Borden since 1917 is a vote for Borden."

## GERMAN WARSHIPS COMING TO U. S.

Battleship, Cruiser and Three Destroyers Will Be Sunk After Exhibition.

Washington, March 19.—Five German surrendered warships allocated to the United States under the armistice terms, a battleship, a cruiser and three destroyers, will be brought to the United States next month, it was announced today by the navy department.

The cruiser Frankfurt and three destroyers now at Rosyth, Scotland, will be towed over by three minisweepers and a transport which will sail for Scotland early in April to bring them back. The battleship is the Oestrifland, 22,400 tons, built in 1911, and a second line ship during the war. She has not arrived at Rosyth under the agreement by which she was to leave Kiel March 15, but was expected to be on hand in time to accompany the other ships, crossing the Atlantic under her own power.

The navy plans to exhibit the ships at Atlantic coast ports, it was said, in addition to a careful technical study of them by naval experts. Later they will be sunk at sea. Under the supreme council agreement they must be destroyed within a year after their arrival here.

## REGRETTED BY TAFT

Greensboro, N.C., March 20.—Former President William Howard Taft, who arrived here last night from Winston-Salem, when told of the senate having failed to ratify the peace treaty, stated: "I have nothing to say, except that I am very sorry. That seems to me to be all there is to say. However, altho the senate has refused to ratify it, the treaty may be brought back. It was once, you know. It might be again. I hope so."

## HARBORS AND RIVERS OF B. C.

Last year the federal government spent on the harbors and rivers of British Columbia the sum of \$603,314 of which \$152,342 were spent on dredging. On the improvements of Vancouver harbor were spent \$148,879, and on Victoria harbor, \$153,790.

## U. S. SENATE ACTION SOURCE OF DANGER

Resolution Expressing Sympathy With Ireland Oversteps Bounds.

Liverpool, March 20.—The Daily Post, commenting editorially on the action of the United States senate in adopting a new treaty reservation expressing sympathy for the aspirations of the Irish people, and declaring the hope that Ireland would have a government of its own choosing in the near future, says:

"The American senate has surely overstepped the bounds of good sense, to say nothing of good taste, in adopting a reservation to the peace treaty on Ireland. It has as much as said it will welcome the emergence of Ireland into full independence. That is hardly neighborly. Moreover, it is an example of the kind of international meddling which the senate professes to condemn in the covenant of the league of nations."

"All sensible Britons know, of course, that such resolutions are not to be taken quite seriously. They are, in fact, mere concessions to the Irish extremists in the United States; the senate has long shown a quick responsiveness to Irish 'pull.' None the less, they have an undoubted element of danger. Unhappily, there are hysterical patriots among us who may be easily worked up by certain interested writers and speakers to resentment of American interference with purely British affairs. This is a fact that the senators would do well to remember, especially at the moment when it is of vital importance to the world that Anglo-American relations should be most cordial."

"At the same time, the senate's unfortunate reservation ought to warn our own government of the serious consequences further 'shilly-shallying' with the Irish question is likely to entail. Truly, the Irish question is international."

## A DESPERADO.

Burly Military Policeman (referring to diminutive prisoner): "Yes, sir—he repeatedly tried to commit suicide."  
Officer: "How?"  
B.M.P.: "Well, he tried to fight me all the way back to camp."