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PAVING PROOF LINE ROAD. LONDON TO SARNIA, TO START EARLY IN MAY

Ontario Government To Take Charge of Operations On Concrete Highway-Property Values in Vicinity of Arva and Birr Take Jump.

MUCH TOO ELASTIC

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organizations throughout Canada wait-

ed on the cabinet vesterday afternoon

asking that the legislation be repealed. Sir George Foster stated that the matter would be given careful consid-

The petition handed to the members

prompt and energetic action in

prominence to the report, and stating that the various bodies represented were hopeful that beneficial results

would follow the Government's action

Murders and Robberies Are

Severely Condemned.

MONTREAL CONSTITUENCY

OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN

Montreal, March 23 .- Alphetus Ma-

ing of a tariff commission independent of political parties. In connection with the latter question, he said he was in favor of a moderate protective tariff.

the Government first thanked the nembers for its appointment of a royal ommission to inquire into the industrial relations in Canada, and for the

Toronto, March 23 .- Before the callmg of witnesses at the resumed sitting RAILWAYMEN SAY of the board of commerce inquiring into alleged detrimental combines among wholesale grocers, W. F. O'Connor, K. C., asked as to the relevancy to the proceedings of Mr. Pyke's letter advocating Mr. O'Connor's appointment and part in this m papers. Mr. Roebuck attempted to show a relevancy to the proceedings of the inquiry, but Mr. O'Connor made a ruling that it should be excluded from the H. G. Flint of the Shredded Wheat Company, Niagara Falls, was the first witness called by Mr. Roebuck. The

Shredded Wheat Company has a sellng agent in Toronto, Mr. Sleimp, but before the selling agent can take any ew customers they must be passed cizing the amendment to the immigrapon by the head office. The Shredded tion act, and describing it as unduly theat Company had been unable to drastic and unjustifiable, and as capupply Fearman Brothers. Hamilton, able of being stretched in interpretawith stock because production had not been sufficiently heavy to supply all those who desired their goods. Mr. Flint declared he did not know Fearman Brothers, but knew of them. A con-roversy arose between Mr. Roebuck and Mr. McKay as to the term "whole-Bros. at the time that the Shredded Wheat Company were unable to supply them. Mr. Flint stated foat his firm had been oversold for the past few years and was of the opinion that it would be unfair to divide a limited supply Join Wholesalers' Association Fearman Bros. had made application

for purchasing goods on two occasions, but had been supplied some three months ago with a car of stock. Fearman Bros. are now members of the Ontario Wholesale Grocers' Association but the fact that they had recentl joined the Wholesale Grocers' Asso clation had nothing to do with their being supplied, he said. Robert McKay, K. C., counsel for the Robert McKay, K. C., counsel for the Wholesale Grocers' Association, asked Mr. Flint the reason his firm adopted STRONG GUARD WHILE the policy of selling through the whole the wholesalers was the most economical method of distributing the goods they were to supply the retailer direct it would mean twice the cost of the present method of distribution. It would necessitate an increased price in handling the goods, and the increase would eventually be borne by the consumer. Under the present system of distribution through the wholesslers.

would eventually be normally summer. Under the present system of distribution through the wholesalers, the consumer gets the benefit of the saving, said the witness.

Mr. McKay then asked witness what happen if they distributed happen if they distributed to the courthouse yesterday. One justice, in addressing the grand jury, said to the courthouse yesterday. One justice, in addressing the grand jury, said they murders, two robterest in the distribution. "And I ouldn't blame them, either," said Mr. Filat.
In examination witness stated that failure to distribute their goods according to present methods would necessitate the establishment of a selling the murder of Thomas according to present methods would necessitate the establishment of a selling the murder of Thomas according to present methods would necessitate the establishment of a selling the murder of Thomas according to the last assizes.

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was not in eneed at page three. BISMARCK'S CASKET ROBBED. Montreal, March 23.—Alphetus Mathlew, Labor candidate for the division of St. James, this city, in the by-election of St. James, this city, in the by-election of St. James, this city, in the by-election of April 7, opened his campaign last night. Outlining the Labor platform he stated that its main planks were the eight-hour day for the workmen, old age pensions, and the creating of a tariff commission independent.

THEATRES. Grand-Dorothy Dalton in "His Wife's Friend," and vaudeville. Majestic--"Tweive-Ten." Allen-"Mr. Wu." Loew's-William Hart in "John

Petticoats," and vaudeville Lodge, No. 20, meets in Masonic Temple at 8 p.m.

SCANNING FRANCHISE **MEASURE FOR 'JOKERS'**

CAREFULLY

Opposition Plans Line of Criticism On Proposed Bill.

BALLANTYNE TO SPEAK

Minister Will Outline Naval Program Before the Commons.

Paving of the Proof Line road north from London to Sarnia, will commence early in May under the Government's new highway improvement program. The work of paving will commence at Huron street, and probably at other cords that the first twenty miles of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the literature of the literature of the literature of the control of the new London-to-Sarnia thorough-fare may be completed as early this of the literature of

is the purpose of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne to speak this afternoon, not on the navy, but on the mercantile marine. Tomorrow his statement on the navy, and his intention with regard thereto will be made. Opinions differ with regard to the question. By some is is stated that the minister is bent on housecleaning, and desires to get rid of the broken-down furniture, dead wood, etc., which has accumulated during the unenthusiastic administration of the service in the past few years. By others Canadian Organizations

Repeal of This Legislation.

Ottawa, March 23.—Strongly critition act, and describing it as unduly drastic and unjustifiable, and as capable of being stretched in interpretable and to be the description of the service in the past few years. By others it is intimated that he desires a showdown following the rejection of his proposals by caucus. By others, again, it is hinted that there may not be lacking a political side to the minister's decision, and that he believes that the scrapping of the Canadian navy would be popular in his own province.

The question is raised as to the constitutionality of the minister's undertaking to dispose of the ships and property of the service without the consent of Parliament, and this question will undoubtedly feature the discussion which will centre round his statement.

STEAMERS COLLIDE OFF FRENCH COAST; ONE IS SINKING

Dangerous Situation.

London, March 23 .- A wireless dis patch received here states the Ameriwestern France, and is sinking fast. The steamer Bakersfield is proceeding ed by household cavalry. to the scene of the accident.

ON WAY TO COURT ANTHRACITE MINERS WILL DECIDE TODAY

scale committee, representing the anthracite mine workers, met here today to decide whether the hard coal diggers tice, in addressing the grand jury, said there had been four murglers, two robiters with arms, and many other crimes, such as shooting in the houses of Pennsylvania would be affected by

an order to suspend work. ST. RAILWAY HEAD HERE NEXT WEEK

Discuss Wage Question

With Men.

Charles Currie, president of the London Street Railway, is expected to be in the city next Thursday. He may discuss wage increases with the union. The men are asking an increase of 21 cents an hour in their pay. Although the present agreement does not expire until May 1, there is a possibility that the president will deal with the question before that date.

At present the men receive from 39 cents to 44 cents an hour. The increase would give them 60 to 65 cents.

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Near here, yesterday, and listened to attacks by five speakers on "pussy-footism." according to the Westminster of the bugle, and had to spend all night on the ice. The dead body of Peters are solution was passed threatening direct action if the government attempts to continue wartime liquor restrictions.

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Torey, the member for Guysboro, gave notice of a resolution calling for a conference of representatives of the governments of the Maritime Provinces to inist upon the rights of these provinces, which he claims have been neglected by the Federal Government through their policy of western preference.

SEES HIGH PRICES MAINTAINED FOR **NEXT SIX MONTHS**

Washington, D. C., March 23.

There is little hope that high prices will decline for at least six weeks, Secretary of Commerce Alexander stated this afternoon. A great number of factories now have orders enough to keep them busy for six months to meet domestic needs. months to meet domestic needs Secretary Alexander said, and Secretary Alexander said, and he pointed out that this fact precludes any drop in prices. even though exports may fall off rapidly due to the exchange situation.

King Holds First Levee Since 1914

American Ship Reported in a Representatives of the New States Introduced At Function.

London, March 23 .- King George's can steamship Rock Island Bridge has first levee at St. James Palace since been in collision with an unknown 1914, held yesterday, was a brilliant steamer eight miles off Ushant, North- affair. The King drove in semi-state from Buckingham Palace, being escort

A feature of the function was the presentation of a number of represen-tatives of new states, including Fin-land, Poland and the new republics of the Balkans. ON STRIKE QUESTION

Dr. Sthamer, German charge d'affaires here, was presented by Earl Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, and in turn introduced

LLOYD GEORGE WANTS will remain at work on April 1, pending the negotiation of a new wage agreement. The operators have asked the mine workers to remain in the mines after March 31, when the present

Could Show Bigger Achievements in Few Months.

London, March 23 .- By Canadian Associated Press .- J. L. Garvin, discussng in the Observer Premier Lloyd George's political future, says that the premier is convinced that with bet-President Charles Currie To ter organization for the coalition the recent course of the by-elections could be reversed, and if the confidence of the country were so demonstrated the



Island, his medals and trophies were Harpswell, Me., and was left to the boy with the request that it be passed down to the descendants of the Perry

CHURCHILL HOPES TO **GUARD MESOPOTAMIA** WITH AERIAL FORCES

British Secretary of War Says Situation in Middle East Not Serious.

London, March 3 .- Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, in discussing the army estimates in the House of Commons yesterday, said of affairs in the Middle East that although the situation was an anxious one it was not proving in practice so formidable as in prospect. It was still necessary to hold strong forces there, but he was hopeful of effecting great economies during the course of the year by guarding Mesopotamia primarily through the agency of the air, rather than by military forces.

GOVT. CONTROL OF COAL PRICES TO BE LIFTED APRIL

President Wilson Announces

Decision Today.

| Dowest temperatures data
| Drevious to 8 a.m. today:
| Stations. High. L. |
| Victoria ... 52 |
| Calgary ... 42

Washington, D. C., March 23 .- Gov-

DIFFERENT IDEA OF STATEMENT

May or Does Not Agree With William Tite.

WAS IN THE ROOM

But Did Not Hear Any Drastic Statements Given Out by Attorney-General.

A different conception of Attorney-General Raney's statement on the London bill, to that expressed by William Tite, is held by Mayor E. S. Little. Mr. Tite said in effect that Mr. Raney had stated that no project voted down by the people would be approved y the Government. by the Government.
"I was in the room when the attorney-general was speaking to Mr. Tite, but I did not hear him say anything as drastic as that," said Mayor Little today. "Mr. Tite told him that there were eight thousand trade unionthere were eight thousand trade unionists in London who were opposed to all clauses of the London bill and that he could bring them down to Toronto as a deputation. Mr. Raney, of course, told him there was no need for this, but that if he could bring proof that such a number of people were opposed to the clauses of the bill the Government would certainly refuse to pass it.

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"I quite agree with Mr. Tite. If there are eight thousand people in London who are opposed to any of the expenditures which we are asking the Government to authorize, I certainly think the Government should refuse to approve them. The highest vote polled against any of the bylaws was only three thousand, giving a majority of 500 against the project. There was no indication that eight thousand voters were solidly against any of the projects."

Agitation against the London bill

Jects."

Agitation against the London bill centres chiefly about four clauses. The first of these asks power to issue dehentures for the purpose of building a new Ridout street bridge: the second asks power for a debenture issue of \$125.000 for the London and Port Stanly Railway: the third asks power to issue debentures for laying storm sewers: and the fourth asks power to take another vote on higher fares for the street railway.

IN BERLIN AS EBERT

AGAIN TAKES CONTROL

Berlin, March 23.—Heavy fighting between regular troops and insurgents occurred yesterday north of Spandau. Strong bands equipped with machine guns, which had plundered the village of Boetzow, encountered a company of regulars near Henningdorf, and the street railway.

The Only One.

C. P. R. MAY BUY PART OF THE OLD G. T. R. MAIN LINE

Would Give Connection Into Sarnia With 18 Miles of Track To Be Laid,

ROBERT E. PEARY, Jun., son of Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, who recently died, in whose will Eagle Island, his medals and trophies were left. Eagle Island is located near Harpswell, Me., and was left to the down with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the decay with the request that it be passed lower the old main line, only two passenger trains run each way daily, and over the old main line, only two passenger trains run each way daily, and Grand Trunk connections between Sarnia and Stratford could be easily served by a retention of running rights over the line for these trains. C. P. R. men, however, declare that it is not merely connection with Sarnia that the Canadian Pacific Railway desires, but that it has in mind the opening up of new territory in a rich agricultural and fruit-growing belt at present lying midway between the old and new Grand Trunk main lines.

EXCHANGE RATE ON CANADIAN DOLLAR IN N. Y. UNCHANGED

New York, March 23.—Demand sterling and the Canadian dollar were exceptions to a general unsettlement of the opening of the stock market here today. Sterling opened at \$3.78½, an advance of half a cent from yesterday's close. Churchill, secretary for war, in dis-close.

Italian exchange made a new low

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 59; lowest, 28.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 33.

TOMORROW-MILD, SHOWERS. Toronto, March 23-8 a.m. Today—Fair and quite mild.
Wednesday—Strong southerly
and mild; showers before night. winds Temperatures.
The following were the highest and owest temperatures during the 24 hours

Communists Reported To Be H andicapped Because of Low Food Supplies—All Wes tern Industrial District of the Country Is in the Hands of Red Element — Disaster

Government troops are concentrating proposals. near Wesel to move against the ex-

Appears Inevitable.

The dispatch quotes a message from a correspondent of the Telegraaf, describing as an eyewitness the conquest of Essen by the communists. As far back as Thursday, he says, there were fights between the Reds and Government soldiers in the suburbs of Essen, but the city itself continued quiet and normal. The strike had been declared off and everybody there had resumed work.

On Friday morning there were rumors of an advance by the workmen's army from Bochum and Geisenkirchen, and the Government troops were drawn up on the outskirts of the town, waiting for the advance. Spartacist units, at a prearranged signal, overcame the sentinels, and heavy fighting ensued, a number being killed, some estimates placing the losses at 150. One section of Government troops became panic-stricken, and threw away its arms, but another succeeded in retreating in good order to Wesel. At 1 o'clock the red flag was heisted over

treating in good order to Wesel. At 1 o'clock the red flag was hoisted over the town hall. Essen is now menaced by famine, the correspondent says. BUSINESS IS RESUMED

another vote on higher fares for the street railway.

The Only One.

The Ridout street bridge matter is the only one included in the bill which remains in the same form as when submitted to the people. Ratepayers were asked to vote on whether they favored aske

Government troops have occupied the REDS EXPECTED TO The Prussian Government has or- AWAIT DECISION OF The Prussian Government has ordered disciplinary proceedings, with immediate suspension from office, against August Winning, president of East Prussia, and three other officials of the Koenigsburg Government. Similar measures will be taken against President Paule and one other official of the province of Schleswigt.

Appearance late yesterday afternoon on some of the principal thoroughfares of the inner city of Spartacist proclamations was the only noteworthy incident.

of an otherwise quiet day in Berlin.

Reds Display Posters.

RADICALS HOLD WHOLE WESTERN INDUSTRIAL AREA IN GERMANY Copenhagen, March 23.-The whole

western industrial district of Germany is held solidly by radicals and disaster is inevitable, if the Government troops try to interfere there, according to in formation received from Berlin this morning by telephone by the Berlingske Tidende. The Social Demokraten learns that a Coblenz, March 23.—Berlin was quiet purely workers' government is on point last night, according to advices reof formation, without co-operation with ceived here. Negotiations between the the bourgeois parties.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS LIKELY TO ATTEMPT RECAPTURE OF WESEL

Dusseldorf, March 23.—By the Associated Press.—Small squads of independent Socialists wearing red brassards and having army rifles slung over their shoulders, arriving here to strengthen the forces, numbering several thousand men, which are holding this city while awaiting a threatened attack from Government troops. Socialist forces are patrolling the streets, but are not molesting the nulle. No but are not molesting the public. disorders were reported today. The people of Dusseldorf expect Government troops, which were forced to retire to Wesel. 32 miles northest of here, to be reinforced sufficiently to recapture the city within the coming week.

LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT SATISFY THE GERMAN PEOPLE

London, March 23 .- The proposal put before Gustav Bauer, the German pre-mier for the formation of a labor gov-ernment, excluding the bourgeois party, was advanced by the Independent So cialists, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Berlin reports under Monday's date. He adds: "The majority of the people would surely vote against such a proposal, fearing it would result

London, March 23 .- Latest reports which would be almost certain to hapfrom Germany show that state and pen upon introduction of its Socialistic

> "Premier Bauer informed the independents that it would be necessary to consult all the parties before an answer could be given. The clash between regular troops and insurgents at Henningdorf, near Span-

dau, on Tuesday, resulted in the killing of 49 persons and the wounding of 65 others, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company message from Berlin today. The communist councils in Saxony have begun to divide the large estates there, it is reported in a Berlin dis-patch to the Exchange Telegraph Com-

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS UNDECIDED ON LINE OF ACTION TO TAKE

pany today.

FOL GERMAN — Govt members . . . Parls, March 23.—The situation in Berlin is extremely confused at present, according to advices to the fereign office today. There is apparently a office today. There is apparently a conflict between the military and the civilian members of the Government, Gen. von Seecht, in command of the Government forces, favors prompt and energetic action against the Spartacans in the Ruhr Valley, while the civilian members of the Government are still seeking in arrange the trouble by com-

of the inner city of Spartacist proclamations was the only noteworthy incident of an otherwise quiet day in Berlin.

The conference had before it yesterday a protest by Czecho-Slavokia against such action. It failed to reach of an otherwise quiet day in Berlin.

Reds Display Posters.

One poster bore the headline: "The red flag," and was signed, "The Communist Party." It declared the people were dissatisfied with the return of the Ebert Government, protested against military control of the ciy, and the principal burden of the text was: "Either disarm the troops or give us weapons."

Another proclamation was addressed to the Berlin proletariat, and exhorted workers to continue the strike.

Crowds in the streets eagerly drank in the usual output of rumors, one of which was to the effect that Dr. Wolfgang Kapp. chancellor of the reach tionary government set up on March 13, had been arrested while trying to escape from Germany.

More horse cabs and texis were in evidence today than at any other time since the revolution began.

Shops were reopening, and there was a general resumntion of ordinary civiled and the protest by Czecho-Slavokia against such action. It failed to reach against such action. It failed to reach a decision, and put over to today the allowed to remain as it is or if the Czech protest should be overridden.

This is the only instance where the entent may take a hand in the German disorders, and then only because Germany under the provisions of the treaty of Versailles does not control that section of the country. It is declared here that the entente is still maintaining a hands off policy.

This morning's message state that the Reds in the Ruhr Valley possess no effective artillery or tanks, but are plentifully supplied with ricles.

Strikes in Leipsic and Breslau, have ended and postal and railway services are being resumed in both cities, which are duet, according to advices received here last night.

Work was resumed in the shippards at Hamburg on Monday, according to dispatches received here, and a telegrant for the care of the case of the reach against such action. It added to remain as it is or if the clearly should be allowed to remain as it is or if the case hall whether the valley should be allowed to remain Since the revolution began.

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at Hamburg on Monday, according to dispatches received here, and a telegram from Kiel says that workmen there have decided to usume their posts in the most essential public services.

10,000 MEN MAKE UP WESTPHALIAN ARMY

Copenhagen, March 23.—A dispatch to the Berlinske Tidende from Berlin says the communist army in Wesphalia ag-gregates fully 10,000 men, who are equipped with mine throwers, armored cars and machine guns. ag constantly reinforced. It already BERLIN IS QUIET.

Government and leaders of workers were going on, but the general strike had not been settled, as the larger labor elements and the Independent Socialists were demanding guarantees against mil-itarists and more concessions from the Government. Some trains were mov ing on suburban lines out of Berlin Baltic troops and units of the naval brigade withdrawn from Berlin, when Dr. Wolfgang Kapp left the city, are now in camp fifteen miles west of Ber-

D'ANNUNZIO INSISTS ON ANNEXING FIUME

Issues Proclamation Regarding "New Republic."

Trieste, March 23 .- (By the Asso ciated Press.)—Gabriele d'Annunzlo has issued a proclamation regarding "the new Fiume Republic."

In it he says: "Every step of this command will be towards one supreme aim—the annexation of Fiume to Italy. Whatever solution is anticlpated by this command will always be left to the representatives of the city."

Some sections insist that Fiume will be preclaimed a republic on March 22 ciated Press.)-Gabriele d'Annunzio has such a proposal, fearing it would result in a proletarian dictatorship.

"If such a government were formed it would have either to ignore the National Assembly or else retire as soon as it came into conflict with the management of the command itself does not specify any date. Some of the citizens point out that the recent ceremony making distance in the command itself does not specify any date. as it came into conflict with the ma-jority of the people's representatives, without significance.

SPANISH RAILWAYMEN IN FAVOR OF A STR.IKE Madrid, March 23.—By the Associated Press.—At a meeting of rallwaymen early today it was unanimously decided to declare a strike at midnight on all the railways in Spain.

Hodcarriers' and Laborers' Union—Local 492. meets Dowler Building at 7:30 p.m.

What's Doing Tonight?