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Irish Conference Is Resumea

Gen. Smuts and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Join in Conference

Lloyd George Requests De Valera To Call Later in the Day, After Premier's Consultation With Cabinet Ministers-British Government and Irish Republicans Are Proceeding Slowly.

London, July 8.—Eamonn De Valera, the Irish republican leader, In response to an invitation by the minister. Mr. Lloyd George, prime minister. Mr. Lloyd George, called at No. 10 Downing street, the prime minister's official residence, at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon to confer with Mr. Lloyd George on the Irish question. Crowds again awaited the arrival of the Irish leader in Whitehall and cheered him as he entered Downing street.

July 18.—Gen. Jan peace conferences now in progress, re-appeared today as a factor in the Irish

Meet Cabinet Ministers.

As for the Irish republican leader joining any conference at present with Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, this is declared by Sinn Feiner spokesmen to be out of the question. The Sinn Feiner says that a special treasury department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already department report has been ordered on consume considerable time.

In some quarters, however, there are warnings against over-sangulaness because of the many serious difficulties which yet remain to be surmounted. Another reason for these less optimistic expressions is found in a dispatch from the Herald's Dublin correspondent, who the Herald's Dublin corresponden

the House of Commons this afternoon, after which Mr. De Valera was asked to call at Downing street at 4:15 p.m. Sir James Craig, it was stated, had been invited to come to Downing street early this evening.

Meanwhile the Ulster premier was

Meanwhile the Ulster premier was continuing his consultations with the members of his cabinet, whom he called here last week.

These developments were accepted in well-informed quarters as indications that whatever immediate difficulty may exist lies between the prime ministe London, July 18.—Gen. Jan C. exist lies between the prime minister.

Smuts, the South African premier, who had a prominent part in the early informal negotiations which brought about the truce in Ireland and the labout the truce in Ireland and the labout the truce in Ireland and the labout the la ish were dealing with him.

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Mr. Lloyd George had been at his official residence in Downing street only a short time this foremon after his return from the country, when the country, when the country, when the country, when the country it is the content of the country is the country, when the country is the country, when the country, when the country is the country, when the country, when the country, when the country is the content of the country, when the country, when the content of the country, when the country, when the country, when the content of the country, when the country, when the content of the content of the content of the country, when the conversations, which has entire the belief that the conversations, which has the deliberations of the conversations, which has been the conversations of the c

THIEVES GET A

code, the magistrate cannot fine or sus-pend sentence on a prisoner convicted of stealing an auto. At least one year must be given as punishment.

As these lads were juveniles and the Industrial School does not take a pris-

One of the boys pleaded guilty to three charges of auto theft and the other

Be Searched For "Hootch"

A special loo-cut will be stationed at the interprovincial bridges by the city Hull liquor dispensary for Ottawa residents who are seeking to smuggle in a bottle of their favorite brand.

Today being the last day in which 'hootch' may be imported into the

HEAT WAVE RUINING PETERBORO CROPS

Peterboro, July 18 .- The crop situa well to induce them to make the ven-ture.
"These women," explained Mr. Lance,
"receive pensions from the British GovFall and spring wheat, with the heals probably adequate under normal conditions in England, are obviously insufficient here, especially in cases where there are several children. In addition to the different standards of living of the two countries the discount on England to the discount on England to the discount on England to the different standards of living of the two countries the discount on England to the discount on England the discount of the discount on England the discount of the dis from three to four weeks ahead of northe grain harvest by the end of the

DETECTIVES PLAN TO CATCH THIEVES

learned today.

Several robberies of steamship passengers have been reported recently, the latest that of Mrs. Joseph L. Sellgman of New York, who reported the loss of nearly \$25,000 in jewelry when she was a passenger on the steamship Olympic

steamship Olympic. Detectives are working on the theory that a band of thieves selects one after another of the

SERIOUS PROBLEM

City Officials Recognize No Race Distinctions, But State That Foreigners Make Less Trouble That Other Citizens Clarence Street Embraces Beginnings of Picturesque Jewry and Embryonic Chinatown—Little Romany Sufficiently Well Defined As Latin Quarter To Excite the Imagination of Romantically Inclined—May Be Another street, city, who on Wednesday last saved Mel Wright, aged 10 years, from drowning in the River Thames. Greenwich Village Some Day.

Officially, London, as a city, hasn't general impression that some foreignmy foreign population, which fact ers are less cleanly in their homes and any foreign population, which fact you will ascertain if you inquire for information at the city hall, and probably this is just as it ought to be. London, as a leading community of the Dominion of Canada, had between four and five thousand inhabitants of foreign extraction in 1911, which number has no doubt considerably increased in the decade just past, but it is impossible to secure any advance information as to the numbers compiled at the Dominion census concluded a few weeks ago. This information as to be faced by Anglo-Saxon civilization.

frain from picking up the language in the cities. As a rule, the foreigner is anxious to learn English, because he believes, as family or national groups for their aged, helpless and orphaned ones.

"I can't give you any information," said Inspector W. E. Kelly of the Children's Aid Society, "because I so seldom have any work among the foreign population. In all my experience in side of Montreal, French Canada has in the cities. As a rule, the foreigner is anxious to learn English, because he believes that he can earn more money if he can speak English fluently. Economic determinism in English-speaking cities compels the foreigner to learn both English and French. Outside of Montreal, French Canada has

list There a Problem?

"Why, then," you ask, "all this hue and cry about the foreign problem and the neew of assimilating the newcomers into new Canadians, with Anglo-Saxon ideals?"

Well 're the foreign problem is the belief that most foreigners are dangerous radicals. This argument is about on a par with Harm.



BERT PLUMRIDGE, 84 Blackfriars

SHUNS PRAISE

Rescuer of Mel Wright Was Bert Plumridge, Declares Eyewitness.

OTHER MEN TRIED

Majority of Spectators Also Give Plumridge the Credit.

Following the registering by several claimants of the right to be regarded as the savior of little Melvin Wright 36 Dundas street, from drowning in the River Thames, while swimming in the river near the junction of the north and south branches on Wednesday even ing, July 12. The Advertiser has conducted a quiet inquiry with a view to ascertaining, if possible, who is justly entitled to be designated the hero of

The result of the investigation has been to show that, while at least three men were in the water intent on doing what they could to rescue the lad from pending death, the privilege, or honor, of actually saving the boy from a watery grave belongs by a general consensus of opinion of actual eyewitnesse and other proofs to Bert Plumridge, 44 Blackfriars street.

Mr. Plumridge, it will be remembered

was credited with the rescue in the first was created with the rescue in the list story carried by The Advertiser, in its morning edition of Thursday, but dur-ling that day some doubt was thrown apon the correctness of this when other

Is Quite Positive. Probably the most emphatically definite proof of Mr. Plumridge's right

ARE LIABLE FOR STATUTE LABOR

City Assessor Explains Working of the Act.

A few married men, resident in this city, laboring under the common belief that benedicts are assessed as tenants. have received rude jolts recently, when billed for \$5 statute labor tax by City Assessor Stephen Grant. A few of these have appealed to the court of revision, which deals with each case upon its

"Any man can be assessed for statute labor tax, if he is not otherwise as-sessed on the roll," City Assessor Grant informed The Advertiser this morning. "Often a married man resides with his mother who is assessed as a tenant. Often he is really the support of the louse, but if the mother does not give this information to the assessors he is assessed for statute labor tax.
"Most cases of difficulty are those

where the mother owns the property and the boy is neither a tenant or any thing else. Where it is difficult to de termine the true onus we refer it to the court of revision. However, there statute labor tax. A man separated from his wife is regarded in so far as assessment is concerned as a single man, but as a rule we do not hear from them. A widower without children is also regarded as a single man, and he must pay poll tax."

CHIEF OPERATOR DIES

night chief operator here of the Cana- as outlined. What do they care?" dian Pacific Telegraphs, died early this As announced Saturday the associanorning of acute septicaemia. Mr. Bar-tion through its officials has made its morning of acute septicaemia. Mr. Barber was taken ill last Friday, as a result, it is said, of an infection received through a sore on his back, while swimning. His condition became critical and he was removed to St. Michael's Hospital last night. Deceased had been in the service of the C. P. R. Telegraphs for 23 years. A widow survives.

General Election May Be Forced On Govt. On Meighen's Return

Survey of Political Situation To Be Made As Soon As the Premier Comes Back From England-Many Difficulties Confronting the Present Administration.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, July 18.—Upon the return
from England of Premier Meighen toward the end of next week, the cabinet will gather in council for a discusion of the general political situation and for consideration of problems which have been shelved in the premier's absence. Nothing that transpired in England at the premier's conference calls for implimentation by order-in-council; but there are many matters which department of the premier's conference calls there has been a disastrous by-election in Medicine Hat since then, and the grain inquiry from which much was expected in the line of political effect has mand urgent attention at home.

A survey of the general Canadian situation will be made. In this connection, his cabinet to take the initiative one while many influential elements, including the rank and file of the Government forces are opposed there is a fairly strong body of opinion in the cabinet

stances without strong cabinet support.

Urge Concentration.

They contend further that the Government stands to gain little by redistribution. And they urge dissolution and a policy during the campaign of concentration upon limited number of seats in good fighting territory. They hold that no party can hope to come to Parliament with a clear working majority over all others and believe that a period of opposition for the present Government party is preferable to continued, but precarious, power under existing gested by the progressive leader has but precarious, power under existing

Canada is the only one which has not

a serious step as dissolution should not be taken without consultation with the rank and file of the Government party. These were given to understand that there would be no election until after redistribution and another session, and it is safe to say that if a vote of their members was taken today they would be found in adherence to that program. But way or another

Must Take Action The present situation in connection with the grain inquiry is somewhat emstrong body of opinion in the cabinet favorable to the holding of an early general election. The extent and magnitude of the problems facing the Government at the present day, are such as to discourage even the strongest administration; and the present administration and the present administration to the question of the validity of the irquiry under the terms of the inquiries. at the present day, are such as to discourage even the strongest administration; and the present administration cannot well be strengthened owing to the difficulty of carrying by-elections.

Friends of the premier contend that even his seemingly untiring energies are not equal to the task of carrying on Government under present circumstances without strong cabinet support.

Urge Concentration.

actuality the judge has confined himself to the question of the validity of the irquiry under the terms of the inquiries act. Apparently the grain trade is satisfied to continue operations under the grain act. But the Government must do something, an appeal has been ordered, but on what points exactly the appeal shall be granted.

In the meantime the situation has been complicated through the demand

An investigation along the lines sug-gested by the progressive leader has been promised.

Within the next few weeks important and a peace election.

There are those who believe that such one way or another may be looked for.

No Hope of Cheaper Ice Cream, Declare Retail Purveyors of Delicacy

More Economical To Buy Favorite Summer Dish by Gallon -Days of Five-Cent Dishes Relegated to 'The Past'-Overhead Charges Are Blamed-Sugar Is Down, But Cream and Labor Up.

eream, according to some of the largest dealers in this city who were interwiewed today by The Advertiser. None of them looked for a decrease in price this year, while one of them even intimated that higher prices would be tirely offset any advantage gained by

nite proof of Mr. Plumridge's right to the credit of saving the boy's life is that given by William Lavery, street car conductor, who was in charge of While it was admitted that certain in
Cents a pound, and not laken in place as more than 15 cents a pound, and now

While it was admitted that certain in
Cents a pound. It meant only a decrease

A Ray of Hope.

In this dark and gloomy outlook a ray of hope may, however, be seen in the fact that although ice cream by the dish and the cone is everywhere selling at top notch prices, and that sodas, in most places, still sell as high as last claimed, are still high in price. or the wholesale price of ice cream One firm claimed that to low

a gallon last year at this time, he now the price of phosphates and other popusells it at \$1.25 a gallon. He did not lar drinks. sells it at \$1.25 a gallon. He did not think that the price would go lower, however, for while sugar and other ingredients of lesser importance are down in price, sweet cream is as high as ever, and threatening to go still the sever and threatening to go still the sever and the sever are sever.

Overhead Is Higher.
A proprietor of one of the leading ice etail, but also by bulk, stated that the words "Jesse James Is Dead."

It will be a long, long time before price of ice cream in bricks and by the London will be favored by cheaper ice fallon is at least 20 per cent lower than last year. He admitted, however, that prices over the counter had experienced no change. This is due, he claimed, to

charged.

From their statements it would appear that pre-war prices of 5 cents for had not fallen in price as much as when it sold for a little less than 10 gredients which go to make the frozen delicacies are lower in price, it is claimed that sweet cream costs as much as a pound, it meant only a decrease of about 5 cents. If he had paid 22 cents a pound and sugar had fallen to overhead expenses are higher.

A Ray of Hope.

In this dark and gloomy outlook a ray of hope.

cream is dispenses, syrup is a big con-sideration. Syrups, fruits and nuts, he

One firm claimed that to lower prices has shown a considerable decrease. The dealers everywhere have lowered the price of ice cream by the gallon at least 20 per cent.

They would have to make ice cream and sodas of inferior quality. "If it were price of ice cream by the gallon at least 20 per cent." least 20 per cent.

One manufacturer who does almost to prove that this was meant in good entirely a wholesale business claimed faith, he pointed to the fact that a 50 that whereas he charged \$1.75 and \$2 per cent reduction had been made in

the boys and girls have started agitations to bring the prices down. In Boston recently they paraded th ream stores where it is sold largely by streets flying banners inscribed with the

EXPECT NO RESULT FROM PROTEST TO SIR GEORGE FOSTER

Local Postal Clerks Anticipate Something Unique in Way of "An Alibi."

"What good would that do?" questioned a representative of the local postal clerks commenting upon the dispatch today from Ottawa that the leading of-ficials of the Civil Service Association of Clerks had protested to Sir George OF BLOOD POISONING Foster, acting prime minister, about the OF BLOOD POISONING recent dismissals in the postal department. "Everything is all cut and dried and Foster and that bunch will proceed

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION INCREASES EMPLOYMENT

Ottawa, July 18.—Employment received by Dominion headquarters o the employment service of Canada from 5,190 firms, employing 611,235 workers. For the previous week these identical firms had reported total pay rolls of 609,001, the difference representing a slight increase in employment. Com-paring the figures for the week under review with the base week of January 17, 1920, the index number of employ-ment was 88.3. For the previous week was 98.1, and for the like week

(June 9) of 1920, it was 100.

The movement of primary importance during the week was an expansion o railway construction. Ontario and Alberta accounted for the bulk of this increase, Quebec and Manitoba showed gains on a considerably smaller scale, while there was practically no change in this industry in the Maritime district and Saskatchewan. Substantial pansions also were recorded in water

STORE BURGLARIZED

[Special To The Advertiser.]
Cayuga, July 18.—Wm. Murray's
hardware store was entered on Sunday night by a rear window and \$75 worth f stock taken. The store was entered

Works 16 Hours a Day, Seven Days a Week and Fifty-Two Weeks a Year and suspicious-looking parcels coming into Ottawa from Hull are likely to be inspected by the city police morality squad, commencing at midnight tonight.

Letter of Ex-Soldier Explains Why Men Do Not Stay On the Farm—Married Man With Five Children Receives police and by Provincial Inspector How \$600 a Year and Free House — Forced Into Debt — ard Graham. Pedestrians as well as vehicles are liable to be searched for thirst-quenchers grading over 2 per cent. Watch will also be kept at the

in my opinion from casual observation," commented Edward H. Lance, secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, today referring to the opinion expressed Saturday by Gordon Philip, secretary of the chamber of commerce, that "immigrants who have come to Canada ostensibly for farm work, and have subsequently returned to the city, can be counted on one hand"

have no definite statistics to quote at this moment," continued the repre-sentative of the soldiers' commission, "but I cannot but feel, from my daily continued relief work among returned soldiers and dependents in this district, but what that estimate is rather con-servative. Within the past thirty min-

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the nighest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 87; lowest, 60.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 3 a.m. today were highest, 76; lowest, 69.

BAROMETRIC STANDING

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Time the record was something to be considered."

The secretary was loath to express any opinion as to why immigrants, after any opinion as to why immigrant

Saturday—29.35 at 8 a.m. Sunday—29.26 at 8 a.m. Today—29.23 at 8 a.m.

Wininpeg ... 84
Port Arthur ...
Parry Sound ... 90

TOMORROW-THUNDERSTORMS.

Toronto, July 18-8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Moderate to fresh winds, mostly south
and southwest; partly fair today and on
Tuesday with showers and thunder-

"An extremely conservative estimate short time. They all came to me for work. We have closed our employment office for some weeks, and they stated emphatically that they had reported day

after day at the Government bureau without results." Touching briefly upon another phase of the situation the secretary pointed out that the overseas authorities had sent many soldiers' widows with fami-lies out to Canada, furnishing them with passage money and a bonus as

lish money was something to be con-

Incidentally, however, letters from a number of different immigrants who improvement for the last two or three have been, and one who is yet, on a days. He is much better today, havfarm in this district, were offered this ing spent a very restful night. morning for consideration to an Adver-tiser reporter by an official who keeps in close touch with the labor situation.

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Temperatures.

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Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria.

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67 52 Vininpeg. and all winter seven cays a week. Installary is \$600 a year and a free house. "I have to buy everything I need," he writes, "including my fuel. I am usually through in the field about 6:30 p.m., and then I have to assist with the milkrair Cloudy
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And then I have to assist with the milking of the cows and attending to the horses. As a rule, I do not have tea until 8 o'clock, and sometimes it is nearer 9 o'clock.

"I have been here a considerable time and as a result have got into debt to

of the Western Provinces.

States Atlantic coast.

Rain has fallen over the greater portion of the Western Provinces, and some provinces. Pressure is lowes.

Lakes Region and high along the United States Atlantic coast.

Rain has fallen over the greater portion of the Western Provinces, and thunderstorms are fairly general in Ontario, and they are reported at a few places in Quebec.

utes I have waited upon six veterans of the war; one a Londoner and the other five ex-imperial army men, who have been in the country but a comparatively

VISCOUNT GREY, in a statement made recently said: "We shall wel-come its influence in whatever way the United States decides to exercise it but we cannot scrap the league of nations."

JUVENILE AUTO

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon this Under the amendment to the criminal

oner for less than two years, the sen-tence meted out to the boys this morn-ing was one which the court could not

province, a record procession across the interprovincial bridges is expected.

ON OCEAN LINERS

Detroit, July 18.—Detectives employed by insurance companies have been placed on board trans. atlantic liners in an effort to run down a suspected band of inter-national jewel thieves, it was

great transatlantic liners, and "works" it during passage.

MYSTERY SHIP BELIEVED TO BE RUM-RUNNERS' CRAFT

Atlantic City, July 18 .- Pirate yarns and reports of mysterious ships seen lurking along the trade lanes of the North Atlantic may be explained by the discovery of "block ade runners" that have been landing valuable cargoes of contraband liquor on the Jersey coast, in the opinion of revenue agents in this district.

In maritime circles, persistent stories have been told of strange vessels approaching merchantmen on the open seas as though prepared to attack, and then dashing off into the darkness without observing the inviolable rule of answering code signals. It was even suggested recently that these ctre-like craft might be able to explain the disappearance of certain vessels

What revenue agents believe to be the explanation of such unusual actions on the high seas was brought about through the seizure of whiskey valued at \$20,000, which is said to have been landed along a cove near Wildwood, N. J from an alleged mystery ship. Several days before the liquor was discovered and con

fiscated, an unknown steamer was seen manoeuvring just outside of the three-mile limit off Wildwood. Revenue cut ters were sent to watch it. The vessel disappeared, but not before, officials think, it had discharged a cargo of whiskey Prohibition officers declared today they are confident

smuggling of intoxicants on this coast is being conducted on

Liquor Supply Inadequate To Fill Orders; 'Lid' Will Be Clamped Down Tonight

Toronto, July 18.-The Province of Ontario goes bone dry tomorrow This is the last day in which liquor can be brought in without the danger of seizure and heavy fines. During the past week there has been a rush of thirsty ones to stock up their cellars before the 19th, and Saturday proved a heavy one for the express companies in most of the larger cities of the province. In fact, the bulk of Saturday's business for these companies was the distribution of liquor and other spirits.

able employment assisting in the delivery of the wet goods, and great numbers of anxious souls hired their own conveyances. Many of the citizens who waited until the last minute to get supplies seem doomed to disappointment. The breweries have worked over-

time for several days, and some of the Toronto firms started refusing

orders the middle of last week when they foresaw that it would be im-

In Toronto any carter who had a truck that could run found profit-

possible to cope with those already on hand, Reports from many parts of the province indicate that there was the same anxiety in other cities to provide against the approaching drought. The liquor store in Hull is reported to have been doing a wonderful business the latter part of last week, and various points along the border between Ontario and Quebec presented scenes of activ-

It is believed that, as a rule, the bulk of the liquor ordered from Montreal has been delivered, and today's business does not seem to be quite as active as on Saturday. Ho wever, the indications are that a large number of orders will remain unfilled when the lid is clamped