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STRENGTH OF DEFENCE OF NATIONAL POLICY MADE BY MEIGHEN City Council may Be Given Power to Raise Street Car Fares

WAGE BOARD WILL FIX MINIMUM FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Advanced Labor Legislation Passes Committee Stage of House.

EXCLUDES DOMESTICS

When the legislature yesterday was in committee on the bill to provide for a minimum wage board with power to regulate in certain cases the minimum wages for women and girls...

The house agreed with him. Mr. Rollo also explained that the first duty of the board was to make an investigation into the conventions under which women and girls worked...

Main Provisions of Act. Some of the main provisions of the bill, which now awaits its final reading, are as follows:

For the purposes of this act there shall be established a board composed of five persons, two of whom shall be women appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council...

Of the remaining members of the board, two shall be appointed in the first instance for one year and two for two years...

TYLEE TO COMMAND CANADA'S AIR FORCE

Has Been Given Rank of Commodore and Will Retain Command for 9 Months.

Ottawa, May 25.—Lieut.-Colonel A. K. Tylee, O.B.E., of Toronto, has been appointed air officer commanding the Canadian Air Force...

Col. Tylee has been given the rank of air commodore in the Canadian Air Force, and will continue in command for nine months...

Air Commodore Tylee joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1915 and served with it and with the Royal Air Force in France and Canada throughout the war...

Geddes Punctures the Report; Britain Seeks Oil Monopoly

New York, May 25.—Sweeping denial that Great Britain was seeking to monopolize the world's fuel oil supply was made here tonight by Sir Auckland Geddes...

The ambassador also denied reports that the British government was trying to pool the war debts of Europe and to drag you (the United States) into the pool.

PUTS IT UP TO THE COUNCIL TO SAY WHETHER INCREASED CAR FARES MAY BE GRANTED

Legal Bills Committee Passes New Bill Authorizing City to Say, After Investigation by Railway Board, Whether Increased Fares May Be Charged—Mayor and Corporation Counsel, Taken by Surprise, Vigorously Protest.

The McCrea bill authorizing the Ontario railway board to sanction increases in street railway fares and to provide for the taking over of systems in the event of trouble, which was referred back to the legal committee of the legislature, was rejected by that body after a stormy session last night...

The proposed new measure, among other things, puts it up absolutely to the council to say as to whether fares shall be increased or not.

The first vote was taken on the substitution of the second clause of the new bill for that of the old, and was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

Provisions of New Bill. The provisions of the new measure, which was introduced after a two-hour discussion on the McCrea measure, are as follows:

1. That there may be cited as the street and electric railways act, 1920.

2. Where the council of any municipality has a resolution expressed the opinion that the wages paid to the workmen upon any electric rail-

way or street railway operating in the municipality under a bylaw or agreement of the municipal corporation are insufficient or unfair and that such wages should be increased, the council may apply to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to hold an inquiry and report as to the practicability of increasing the wages paid to such workmen having regard to the revenue derived by the company in the operation of the railway and the board shall not where a question of wages is involved take possession of the railway or any part of the same as authorized by subsection 2 of section 20 of the Ontario railway act until the council has passed such resolution.

3. Where upon such inquiry by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board it is found that the revenues derived by the company in the operation of the railway after providing for other working expenditures and without making any allowance for dividends payable on preferred or common stock is not sufficient to admit of an increase in the wages paid to such workmen without operating the railway at a loss, the council may by bylaw, and with or without submitting the same to the electors, authorize the company to charge such different or increased rates of fares as the council may deem necessary and may enter into an agreement or contract with the company for that purpose.

4. The powers conferred by sections two and three may be exercised notwithstanding the terms and limitations withstanding the same and limitations.

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CAVALRY PROTECT FARMS IN IRELAND

Several Cattle Drives Have Occurred in West Meath During the Week.

Dublin, May 25.—A flying column of cavalry has arrived in the district of Westmeath to protect the farms in the region from raiders. Several cattle drives have occurred there during the week. It is stated on what seemingly is good authority that the Sinn Feiners will take action in view of the arrival of the military.

Raiders have attacked and burned the Brandon coast guard station in West Kerry. Six members of the coastguard, aided by their wives and families, desperately resisted the raiders, but were overcome.

The Ballyconnell court house in county Cavan, which recently was burned and had just been rebuilt, was again burned today.

What is said to be the first sentence for participation in an armed attack on police barracks was promulgated today. Michael Condon, a civilian of Ballyconnell, county Cork, was sentenced to five years penal servitude for participating in an attack on the Ahearn police barracks. A serious extension of the railway here occurred this morning, when the railway men refused to transport war materials which had been landed from a steamer and loaded on a train by soldiers after the dockers had declined to work.

The supplies were destined for the west of Ireland, and when the soldiers tried to move the train the signal men struck and all work was stopped. The men employed in the station supplying power to the giant cranes at Dublin wharves were also withdrawn, and the cranes are at a standstill.

Some steamers from Ireland to England were held up, owing to the men on the docks refusing to load luggage.

TWO-CENT RISE IN SUGAR PRICE

Refiners Intimate That Action Will Be Taken at Once.

Ottawa, May 25.—Immediate increase in the price of sugar at Canadian refineries was indicated in the statements made by refiners at an informal inquiry held by the board of commerce today into the sugar situation in Canada.

Parties well posted on the situation afterwards expressed the opinion that this increase will amount to about two cents per pound, will go into effect this week, and will be followed by a similar increase within a couple of months. Wholesalers and retailers of refined sugar are a percentage of the price, so that the increase to the consumer will be proportionately more than two cents per pound. The present retail price is about 22 cents a pound.

WILSON WILL RECEIVE SIR AUCKLAND TODAY

Washington, May 25.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, will present his credentials to President Wilson tomorrow at the White House.

The president will also receive Augusto Cochrane de Alencar, the Brazilian ambassador, who arrived last March.

Marc Peter, the Swiss minister, who has been waiting since January 29 to present his credentials, was formally received today by the president.

BISHOP SWEENEY SCORES DIVORCE AND PROFITEERING

Charge to Clergy at Opening of Synod Reviews World Problems.

HOME MISSIONS FIRST

"We must oppose by every legitimate means any legislation which seeks to enlarge the causes for which divorce is to be granted." In his charge to the 68th annual meeting of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, Bishop Sweeney thus defined the attitude of the church on this momentous question.

"The matter has been so much before the public, in recording in the press of the country, the various views of church leaders, church synods and conferences, as well as those of laymen high in responsible positions that the divorce question cannot possibly be overlooked," said his lordship.

"May I say for the branch of the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, to which we belong, the question (leave for us one cause allowed by her divine head) is plainly indicated by her legislation in 1905 and entitled 'Canon V' of the General Synod on 'Marriage and Divorce,' which reads, 'No clergyman within the jurisdiction of the Church of England in Canada shall solemnize a marriage between two persons either of whom shall have been divorced from one who is living at the time.'"

This does she put herself on record as setting her face sternly against that which imperils the indissolubility of the marriage tie and weakens her most unequivocal pronouncement, when in the solemn service of the church her priests join the hands of the man and woman together and say, 'Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.'"

This does she strengthen the statement.

DESCHANEL IS SORE, BUT IS ABLE TO WORK

Paris, May 25.—President Deschanel's condition is improving. He spent part of the afternoon in his library at work. At six o'clock in the evening he received his physician. They issued the following bulletin: "The president's condition continues satisfactory. There is general nervousness, but no nervousness."

LABOR GROUP PLEASED

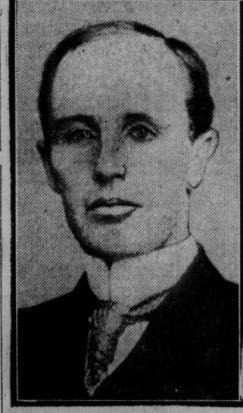
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"Subject to the provisions of this act and the regulations a monthly allowance may be paid towards the support of the dependent children of a mother who:

(a) is a widow or the wife of an inmate of a hospital for the insane in Ontario, or of a man who is permanently disabled and incapable of contributing to the support of his family; (b) was resident in Canada at the time of the death of her husband."

MEIGHEN AND CLARK CLASH OVER QUESTION OF TARIFF



STANDS BY N.P. Hon. Arthur Meighen, who, in his speech on the tariff in parliament yesterday, could hardly be accused of "pussy-footing."

POOR MOTHERS WILL RECEIVE STATE AID UNDER THIS BILL

Legislature Gives Final Reading to Far-Reaching Measure.

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Red Deer Member's Speech in Advocacy of Free Trade Gives Meighen Opportunity to Make Bold, Outspoken Defence of Protection, and Conservatives Cheer Him to Echo—Britain's Free Trade Policy Declared to Have Proved Ruinous.

TAX IMPOSED ON RETAIL SALES IS HOTLY DENOUNCED BY CLARK

Ottawa, May 25.—(Special.)—Hon. Arthur Meighen made a notable speech in the house today in defence of the national policy. Mr. Meighen is a western man, but he shows no disposition to court the low tariff sentiment of the west. His speech was made in reply to Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, so that the house witnessed something like a duel between the champions of protection and free trade.

Mr. Meighen's speech was received with great enthusiasm by the supporters of the government and especially the Conservative Unionists of Ontario. It was a bold, outspoken defence of the national policy and has undoubtedly made a certain position for Mr. Meighen in the house. Many of the Unionists, who feared that the government was getting too mealy-mouthed on the tariff question, rejoiced in Mr. Meighen's bold fight in the house today for protection and cheered him to the echo. Especially were they impressed with the tragic tale of disaster, which has followed free trade in England, which Mr. Meighen put before the house in a vivid way.

Bouquets and Brickbats. Dr. Clark resumed the budget debate and opened his speech with bouquets for the prime minister and brickbats for Sir Thomas White. He claimed that the former minister of finance had changed his views over and over again on the tariff question. For years he had argued that to admit American wheat free of duty into Canada would destroy the British empire, and yet later on he had taken the duty off wheat.

The doctor also took a fall out of Hon. W. S. Fielding and spoke contemptuously of his "milk and water" amendment. He intimated, however, that the farmers would vote for the amendment because it advocated tariff reduction.

Especially bitter was the doctor in denouncing the tax on retail sales, the so-called luxury tax. He said it was really an internal tariff; the merchant who paid thirty-five per cent. tariff duty on some articles, the only had to collect that from the consumer but also had to collect this new tax which ran from ten to fifty per cent. It was a tax bound to discourage trade and add to the already exorbitant cost of living.

Dr. Clark closed by calling upon Canada to follow the free trade principles of England instead of the high tariff doctrines of the United States.

COMMISSION ON INDIAN UNREST IS UNITED IN CONDEMNATION OF THE SHOOTING AT AMRITSAR

English Members Hold That Gen. Dyer Ordered Firing Too Soon and Too Long; Indian Members Declare His Conduct Was Inhuman and Un-British—Differ on Necessity for Declaring Martial Law.

London, May 25.—The findings of the commission appointed by the British government to investigate the causes of the unrest in India with the attending disorders was made public today. The incidents investigated included the Amritsar affair, in April, 1919, in which a slaughter occurred when a crowd of natives in the Jallianwala Bagh enclosure at Amritsar was fired upon by troops commanded by General Dyer, then in command in India.

The commission under the chairmanship of Lord Hunter, submitted two reports, a majority report by the five English members and a minority report by the three Indian members. An official summary of the two reports given out by the British government says in part:

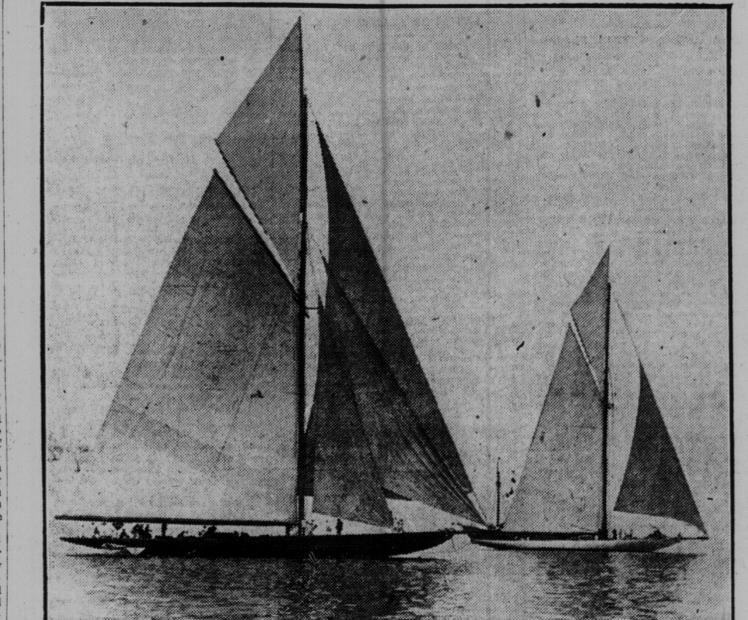
"With the exception of the Jallianwala Bagh and certain minor incidents, both the Indian and English members generally agree in justifying the firing done by the police and the military. They agree in pronouncing unfavorably upon General Dyer's handling of the Jallianwala Bagh meeting and upon certain of the orders passed in the course of the administration of martial law. They further agree in exonerating the government of India from all blame.

"Regarding Amritsar, the English members hold that the outbreak was anti-government at every stage, hostility to government quickly merging into antipathy for Europeans as such and culminating on April 10 in the brutal murder of five inoffensive persons and savage assaults on others. The Indian members think that the anti-European sentiment developed subsequent to the firing on April 10."

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STRAWES AND PANAMAS FOR MEN.

This will surely be the busiest week of the season with the races in full swing and the opening up of all summer stocks, including men's panamas and straws. The Dinsen Co. represent every new style, whether in English manufacture or made in the United States or Canada. Every man or young man in this city or beyond it should call and see the new summer styles just opened. Summer Caps, Summer Coats and Pustars. Dinsen's store is at 140 Yonge street.



RESOLUTE LEADING VANITIE ACROSS STARTING LINE IN YACHT'S FIRST SPINS. After leading the Vanitie the entire distance of the trial races off New Haven Saturday, the big mast of the Resolute snapped off about ten feet above the deck and swept two of her crew overboard, just as the yacht was reaching the finish line one minute ahead of the Vanitie. After the two men were rescued the Resolute was taken in tow by a tug and led for Bristol, R.I., where a new mast will be stepped. The photograph shows the two prospective cup defenders for America, that will compete with Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV, at the start of the race, with the Resolute leading the Vanitie across the starting line.—Wide World Photos.

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