

BRITISH LABOR STILL RESTIVE

Have Gained Great Advances in Wages, But Many Are Out of Work.

THREE-DAY WEEKS

Million Pounds Lost Each Week From Loss of Time in Mills

LONDON, Jan. 31.—British labor has gained a great advance in wages as well as a further shortening of working hours during 1920 but the new year has begun with a rising tide of unemployment.

Increases in wages during 1920 have amounted to nearly £5,000,000 and affected 7,547,000 workers.

A labor correspondent of the Liverpool Post says, however, that "it is probably a modest estimate to say that the whole of these wage increases have been swept away by unemployment and under-employment. For example, the textile workers to the number of 1,035,000 received, in the earlier months of the year, advances in wages totaling £580,000 a week. The greater number of mills are now running only three days a week and it is well within the mark to put the loss from under-employment at £1,000,000 a week.

"In the engineering and shipbuilding industries 1,302,000 workers received advances to the amount of \$429,500 a week but here again the wage advance has been more than lost by unemployment and under-employment. Dock workers have had the same sorry experience, and the lesson which it carries is that in competitive trades the wage-earning power can only be maintained on an output of corresponding value."

During the year 553,700 workers have obtained an aggregate reduction of 2,071,900 hours a week.

Although there have been more industrial disputes than in 1919, the number of working days lost by strikes shows a diminution. There were 1,563 disputes during the year 1920, involving 1,952,000 workers and 26,567,000 days were lost, the latter being swelled by the coal strike in October and November.

Belleville Shoe Factory to Resume Operations

We are advised by Mr. Taplin, manager of The Natural Shoe Co., who recently returned to town after attending a convention of The Canadian Shoe Mfrs. Association at Toronto that it was generally conceded by the trade that a large number of the shoe factories now closed will be able to resume operations next month. The Natural Shoe Co., expect to resume production about Feb. 15th as there are already some orders on hand and the company's travellers now organizing agencies throughout the North West and Western Ontario report that the outlook is very bright for a big year's business, in fact they say that they can sell the shoes as fast as the factory can turn them out. Arrangements are going ahead to open the company's own chain of stores in Ontario, the first one to be opened in this county in the near future. A letter received from The Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich., included with remarks of highest praise for the Natural Thread Shoe an order for a shipment of shoes for their nurses which when completed will approximate 350 pairs, showing that the fame of Taplin Natural Threads travel far.

SPEED UP LIVING; AFGHANISTAN BUYS MOTORS BY CAR LOTS

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.—(By Mail)—Life in Afghanistan is speeding up, writes a frontier correspondent of the Times of India.

Three carloads of motor cycles have recently arrived at Jellalabad for Prince Kasir Jan, the Director of Communications, who intends to organize a despatch rider service throughout the country.

Orders have been issued by the Amir's government for contracts to construct macadamized roads through the country to the capital, and for the importation of automobile vehicles. Firms are also invited to establish woollen mills and sugar refineries at Kabul, the capital.

SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

Twoed—A most successful auction sale was held on the farm of Joseph Bateman, three miles west of Tweed, which netted over \$5,000. Cows averaged \$75.25, one pure bred Holstein selling for \$150. A pure-bred bull calf brought \$101 and a three-year-old mare knocked down for \$150, and a pair of sows for \$80 each. Hay sold for \$27 and oats twenty-seven cents. A record crowd attended the sale and the weather was splendid.

Prices Are Falling In London Tea Shops

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(By Canadian Press)—Prices are falling in London restaurants and tea shops. In several restaurants reductions of from 7 shillings to 4 shillings in the price of champagne have been made while in the popular tea-shops bread, steak and kidney pies, and chops have been reduced. The fall in the price of sugar has resulted in reductions in the price of nearly all cakes and candies.

Paris Collects Tax on Servants, Pianos

Residents There Must Pay 40 Francs for Privilege of Being "Managed"

PARIS, Jan. 29.—This city has just been authorized to collect higher taxes on pianos and domestic servants. For the privilege of being managed by an autocratic cook or a diplomatic maid, Parisian families will now have to pay 40 francs a year. If the servants are men the amount is doubled.

A sliding scale of 40 francs for one woman servant to 200 francs for five of them and from 80 to 400 francs for men servants is provided for in the bill. No provision is made for families having more than five servants, the lawmaker probably holding this to be sufficient tax on the family's patience. Tutors and governesses are assessed 100 francs each.

The tax on pianos is to range from 30 to 80 francs. A mechanical piano will cost its owner the highest sum.

DUTCH ARE BARRED OUT

AS SLAYS LOSE TEMPER

THE HAGUE, Jan. 31.—The rupture of diplomatic relations between Holland and Yugoslavia has resulted in the virtual prohibition of travel of Dutchmen in Serbia. The Yugoslav government has announced it will not grant visas to Hollanders.

The break occurred over alleged bad treatment of Mr. Rappaport, an Austrian subject, who was Dutch consul at Belgrade during the war. The Serbians contended he was an enemy subject, unfriendly and in effect, a spy.

At St. James' Palace the Prince of Wales inspected twenty specially chosen constables of the Metropolitan Police Force.

ST. ANDREW'S PROSPEROUS; MINISTER'S STIPEND INCREASED

Rev. A. S. Kerr to get \$2000 and Manse—Total Receipts for 1920 Nearly \$14,000 With All Auxiliary Organizations Showing Good Reports.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, held last evening showed the organization in so flourishing a condition, and so financially sound, that they decided to increase the salary of the minister, Rev. A. S. Kerr, from \$1800 to \$2000 a year, the manse, of course, included, as in days gone by.

Receipts of the church for 1920 totalled nearly \$14,000, including generous contributions toward missions, with \$92.16 from the St. Andrew's Mission Band and nearly \$700 from the St. Andrew's Auxiliary W. M. S.

END INSTALLATION WITH BANQUET; MOIRA LODGE DELIGHTFUL HOSTS

Officers for Year Named by Flourishing Court No. 33—Presentation of Reading Lamp to Popular Member, Pleasant Feature—Details.

A delightful banquet closed the installation ceremony last night at Court Moira No. 33, of the Independent Order of Foresters. The officers installed for the coming year's work are: L. Stephenson, C. R. P. Skinner, P. C. R. J. W. J. Cook, V. C. R. J. Scott, Orator; S. S. Finkle, Rec. Secy. and Treas.; C. Walters, Fin. Secy.; Drs. Blakie and Cronk, Physicians; W. Farlow, S. W.; M. Ward, J. W.; F. Cook, S. B.; J. Brennan, J. E.; J. O. Herity, C. D.

Bro. J. O. Herity, High Court Representative, acted as installing officer.

A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Alfred Harrow, D.S.C.R., of a handsome electric reading lamp on behalf of the officers and members of the court. This token of esteem Bro. Harrow gratefully acknowledged. Bro. Harrow has been exceedingly active in the work of se-

DIES SUDDENLY AT C.T.R. SHOPS

George J. Etchells, 53, Succumbed to Heart Failure Early Today.

ILL FOR SOME TIME

Member of International Car-men and Well-Known in City—In Canada 11 years.

Stricken with a weak spell while on his way to work this morning at the G. T. R. George J. Etchells, railroad car repairer, went into the pumping station and expired a few minutes later.

He had been ill for some months with heart trouble and had returned to work about a fortnight ago. Death was given as due to heart failure. He was 53 years of age, was born in England in 1867 and came to Canada some eleven years ago. Mr. Etchells was a member of the International Brotherhood of Railway Car-men. He leaves his widow and one small daughter, Grace. Mr. Etchells was a member of Oxford Lodge, S. O. E., and of Christ Church.

Expect \$600 Bonus For Ontario Members

This In Addition to the Four-teen Hundred They Already Draw as "Pay"

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—The Mail and Empire says today: A bonus of \$600, in addition to the usual \$1,400 seasonal indemnity, appears likely to fall into the eager hands of the members of the Legislature this session. While it can be stated that the matter has not received "official" attention there is ground for believing that when the matter comes to an issue, the Government will be found disposed to grant, not an indemnity increase, but a bonus for this session only to tide the poor members over the present period of high living costs.

FORMER INSPECTOR DEAD

KINGSTON—Douglas Stewart, of Ottawa, former inspector of Penitentiaries, died at his home from heart failure. The late Mr. Stewart was well-known in Kingston where he made many visits to the Portsmouth Penitentiary as inspector. He was 70 years of age and was born in Williamsdale, N.S. He entered the Civil Service in 1875.

CRIMINALS CHASED BY NEW YORK GO EAST; LONDON FULL OF 'EM

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. Jan. 31.—Criminals driven out of New York by the efforts to suppress the crime wave there are fleeing to England as stowaways on British ships, say the British mariners. One captain told a magistrate here that stowaways had been discovered on board every Cunard ship that sailed from New York for England for the last three months. Eight stowaways were found on the liner Imperator on her last trip. They were sentenced to pay a fine of £20 each or serving one month in prison.

Knight MacGregor Pleases New York

Well-Known Belleville, Baritone in Aeolian Hall Recital Wins High Praise.

Knight MacGregor, nephew of Mr. John McIntosh, of Belleville, and well known here gave a song recital in Aeolian Hall, New York, recently and among the Belleville people who heard him were Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Rice, the latter daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sinclair, 261 William street, this city. Of this concert the New York Sun critic says:

Mr. MacGregor has an elastic and genial personality, perhaps best suited to such martial sentiments as those of Koenigsmann's "When the King Went Forth to War," and Schumann's "Freedom," but still by no means alien to Wolff's "Zur Ruh" or Kennedy Russell's "Valse." His voice inclines to a tremble which plays around the pitch, but it is of good sturdy quality nevertheless, and almost plentiful enough to withstand the lack of very finished phrasing.

According to the New York Herald commentator Mr. MacGregor "disclosed good qualities in an exacting program. His voice is a high one, of abundant power and pleasant quality. His technique is not perfect yet in tone production, but in the management of dynamics it is excellent. His singing showed a knowledge of style and some dramatic feeling. On the whole it was a promising debut."

"He sang a well arranged program beginning with Handel's "From the Rage of the Tempest" in his second group of Schumann and Mendelssohn he brought out the delicately humorous sense that flickered through "Clown Song" and "I Am a Roamer" singing with crisp English diction.

OBITUARY

The funeral of the late Roy Helm was held on Friday afternoon from his home on Mill street to Belleville Cemetery, the Rev. W. Elliott, of the Tabernacle, officiating. The bearers were Lawrence Amo, Chas. Brown, George Clarke, J. A. Bird, Charles Healey and William Richardson.

Mr. Sidney Groves, of this city, has received word of the death of his brother, Arthur Groves, in Chorley, Groves was 55 years of age and was a carter contractor. He had been ill for a considerable period. Surviving are two daughters and one son, his wife having predeceased him.

PINNED BY STUMP

Paris, Ont.—Gordon Jackson, of Paris, Ontario, met with a rather exciting experience Saturday. He was engaged in digging out the stump of a large tree on his father's property on the Galt road adjoining Paris and had cut off the roots around the stump, and when down some six feet the stump suddenly heeled over and pinned him against the side of the hole, breaking his left arm just above the elbow. Two hours later his father, somewhat alarmed at his prolonged absence, set out to see what was the cause of delay and discovered the accident. It took the united efforts of four men to ease off the stump before the victim could be released.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees of the County Council were appointed on Friday afternoon as follows:

Finance—W. A. Held, Chairman; T. J. Naylor, S. B. Wright, N. Vermylen, J. H. Clark.

Bridges—J. A. Moore, Chairman; W. H. Kells, Frank White, J. Woods, J. L. Newton.

House of Refuge—J. Burns, C. B. McGuire.

County Provincial Highways—C. B. Bolland, Chairman; J. G. Sills, C. Rollins, R. Wood, J. R. Richardson.

Administration of Justice—Bruce Aikman.

Equalization—C. W. Thompson, Chairman; W. H. Kells, W. A. Held, W. E. Wiggins, T. J. Naylor, J. H. Clark, J. V. Walsh.

Roads—J. Walsh, Chairman.

Purchasing Committee—W. E. Windever, Chairman; C. W. Thompson.

MARKET HERE EASY IN TONE

Hogs Show Slightly Higher But Beef Prices Are Coming Down.

PRODUCE IS EASIER

Eggs Plentiful at 70 and Butter 50 to 55—Poultry Remains Stationary

While hogs are climbing in price, beef is declining. Hogs are selling at \$15.75 per cwt. Beef is bringing \$12 per cwt. for fore quarters and \$14 to \$15 for hind quarters.

Potatoes were easier at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per bag today. The shippers prices are much lower than these figures.

Butter sold from 50 to 55c per pound. Eggs were not very plentiful but did not advance beyond 70c per dozen.

Barley is quoted at 90c, oats 65c, wheat \$1.85, buckwheat \$1.00. Hides are still heavy at 4c per pound.

The tendency in baled hay is unchanged, the easier prices being maintained. Shippers offer \$22.00 to \$24.00 per ton. On the market loose hay is quoted at \$27.00 per ton.

Vegetables sold at the usual figures—turnips 30c peck; onions 50 to 60c; parsnips, beets, carrots 40 cents.

Honey is quoted at the usual figure of 25c per pound.

Poultry was steady, some large birds being offered at \$1.50 to \$1.75 each.

An immense amount of meat and pork was offered today by farmer butchers. Purchasing was not very keen.

Apples were again plentiful at \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bushel.

HEARING AT CLAYTON, N.Y.

KINGSTON—Clayton representatives from the Jefferson, N.Y., County Sportsmen's Association, the Watertown Gun Club, the Anglers' Association of Alexandria Bay, interested parties in Cape Vincent, and representatives from either Ottawa or Toronto will attend a meeting to be held at Clayton, N.Y., on Feb. 9th, under the auspices of the Thousand Island Fish and Game Club. Discussion of the proposed extension of the black bass closed season to July 1st will be discussed. The game clubs are opposing the extension.

Lady Flavell will open "Hollywood" next Tuesday for a reception and musicale for the McAll Mission.

Lady Flavell, Lady Windle and Mrs. George Dickson are to be patronesses for the Orpheus Society concert—Toronto.

SHARP CUTS IN LONDON PRICES; "QUID" ONCE MORE REAL MONEY

Sovereign Will Buy a Raincoat or Two Dinners at Cecil—How Canadian Money Stacks Up in Old Smoke—Not Like This in Olden Days of '16-'17.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(By Canadian Press)—Striking instances of the rapid fall in the cost of living in the Old Country are contained in an article received by the Wall Street Journal from Herbert N. Casson, the paper's London correspondent. For the last four months there has been a peculiar situation in Great Britain—dear money and high prices. Since the beginning of the New Year, however, prices have been coming down with a rush and the London stores are all displaying goods at greatly reduced values. Mr. Casson's article says, in part:

"There is now a buyers' market in dry goods, and furniture, and clothing, as well as in war bonds and other securities. Even turkeys, which have been as scarce as swans, are now selling for 50 cents a pound."

"A sovereign will now buy a raincoat, or two dozen linen handkerchiefs, or two dinners at the Hotel Cecil, or 20 yards of Ceylon flannel."

"A good enough pair of men's boots can be bought for \$5.40 in American money (Canadian equivalent \$6.50). A man's suit of ordinary clothes can be bought for \$6.65 (Canadian \$10.48) and a woman's skirt for 70 cents (Canadian 84 cents)."

"So-called 'half-price' sales are being held by most of the large stores. There is no doubt that a number of articles are actually being offered at half price but the average reduction is apparently about 20 per cent."

"There are two reasons for the sudden fall in prices. One is the re-

fusal of the banks to loan money and the other is the absurd situation in reference to the excess profits duty."

"Several months ago money suddenly became tight in all parts of Great Britain. The banks acted with such unanimity that it is generally believed they had agreed to curb the government."

Banks said "No."

"Banks refused to lend money on the best securities. They all made the same explanation—'We haven't got any money to lend' they said."

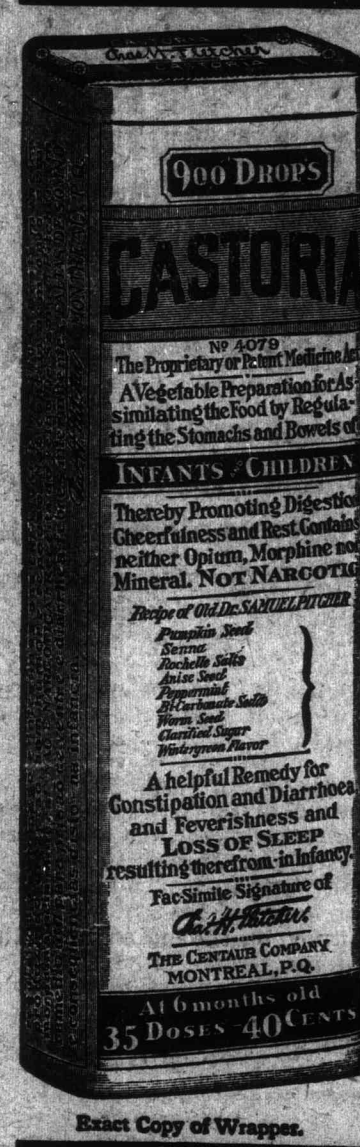
"They ordered merchants to reduce stocks and manufacturers to curtail development. They closed their vaults against large customers as well as small. They practically put a sign on every bank in England—'No more money to lend.'"

"The second reason for the fall in retail prices is the decision of storekeepers to give their customers the benefit instead of paying more money to the government in excess profits duty."

An Argument.

"Suppose I have made my profit for the year," says Duncan Campbell, a London merchant, "and suppose I have \$15,000 of surplus goods. If I sell them at a profit, the Government take 30 per cent of it. Is it not better to clear out my surplus stock at half price and give the benefit to the public?"

"Whether right or wrong, this policy is now being followed all over England. Claims for over \$200,000,000 were made in 1920 against this tax. Several firms, it is said, have been saved from insolvency by the return of E. P. D. money."



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Irene Castle Suing For \$20,000 Damages

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Alleging breach of contract before she had an opportunity to embark on the enterprise, Irene Treman, dancer, professionally known as Irene Castle, Friday filed suit in the supreme court to recover \$20,000 alleged damages from Charles B. Cochran, London theatrical man and promoter in her complaint Mrs. Treman says that last October she signed a contract with Cochran by which she was to star in a musical comedy at the Oxford Theatre, London, for which she was to be paid \$2,500 a week for eight weeks. In addition to this, Cochran, she claims, was to pay for the transportation of herself, her secretary and two maids to England, and to provide her with a satisfactory dancing partner. She says that shortly after the contract was signed, and before it went into operation, Cochran notified her that it was cancelled.

Peter White Quits Ontario Timber Probe

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—On the ground that he could not take instructions from the Ontario Government while pretending to act for the opposition, Peter White, K.C., has ceased to act as counsel for the Liberal Conservative opposition in the timber investigation. He announced his resignation at a meeting of the timber probe commission this morning, filing lengthy correspondence with Attorney General Raney on the subject.

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