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Tomorrow's Weather—Sleet or Rain.

ENGLISH LABOR IS NOW AT WAR WITHIN ITSELF

Men Defy Their Leaders and Railway Strike Is Rapidly Spreading.

LARKIN IS POPULAR

Personal Devotion to Irish Labor Leader Makes Trouble For Union Executives.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 6.—Many of the 1,200 employees of the Great Western Railway, who have been on strike since Wednesday, refused today to comply with the terms of the agreement for the settlement of the dispute drawn up yesterday by the trades union leaders at a conference with representatives of the board of trade.

They point out that the conditions are too drastic. Besides proving that neither James, the engineer, who started the strike, by refusing to haul "tainted goods" which had been handled by strike-breakers in Dublin, nor Reynolds, his comrade, who left work in sympathy with him, shall be re-employed, the terms insist that all the men must express their regret and subscribe from 25 to 50 cents each to the Swindon hospital. The employers also refuse to pay them for the time they were on strike.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS.

The situation in the Great Western strike, despite the vigorous efforts of the officials of the National Union of Railwaymen, is significant.

The strike arose because two drivers refused to handle the Dublin traffic. Their action was immediately repudiated by the union officials, who, when others came out, warned them that the strike was unconstitutional, dangerous, and would never be supported by the union. The men have simply defied their own union.

Effect of the Strike. There is a general dislocation of Welsh traffic. The railways are idle because no trucks can be obtained. Perishable goods, particularly around Llanelli, are being held up. The docks are closed. The tinplate works in the Neath district are closing because of lack of fuel.

If the strike is maintained many days more one of the busiest industrial districts in England will be paralyzed. This strike is symptomatic of the present labor fever. The men are resentful against their own leaders because something more has not been done to help Dublin. Larkin's fiery campaign, while decided by the more responsible section of the workers, has produced a widespread disaffection among the unskilled and semi-skilled laborers.

Devoted to Larkin. The real fight now proceeding in South Wales is not between the employers and the men, but between constitutional trades unionism and syndicalism. Next Tuesday's meeting of the Trades Union Congress to decide what further action shall be taken in the Dublin lockout is anxiously awaited.

RUMOR OF ELEVATION INTERESTS LOCAL BAR

Story From Ottawa of Meredith Brothers' Appointment Causes Comment Here.



Mr. T. G. Meredith.

A great deal of comment was occasioned in legal circles this morning by the rumor from Ottawa, apparently based upon the best authority, that City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, of the City of Ottawa, was to be elevated to the position of justice of the peace of the Ontario court of appeal, to succeed Hon. Richard M. Meredith, who is to become chief justice of the province. The present chief justice, Sir William Riddell, is to be appointed next Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, to succeed Sir John Gibson, according to the story from the capital.

Considerable credence was given the rumor by local men in touch with the situation, and the public announcement of the changes which will be made at the next session of parliament will be watched with interest.

Have No Excuse For Two Freight Tariffs

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Water competition is a comparatively small excuse for the railways charging lower freight rates in the east than in the west, declared M. K. Cowan, K.C., counsel for the Saskatchewan and Alberta Governments, at the western freight rates inquiry today.

His argument was that water transportation in the east only benefits those places on or quite near the water. Though the west has no facilities for water transportation, it has equal natural advantages in favor of low rates being charged, such as no grades, no curves or such features that mean heavy expense to railways. He again urged the board to take into consideration these facts, and fix new rates on the basis of cost of operation and density of traffic as the railways had prescribed in other rate cases.

Elevated to the Master's Chair of St. John's 209A



F. E. HARLEY.

INCINERATOR WAS SHUT DOWN MORE THAN 30 HOURS

Admissions of Employees Are at Variance With Those of Superintendent.

"SMELLS" AGAIN PRESENT

Accumulations, Caused by Breakdown, Send Up Odors Unto Heaven.

Despite the attempt of Mayor C. M. R. Graham and his nephew, Superintendent Walter C. Dodd, of the garbage department, to cover up the faults and defects of the incinerator plant, The Advertiser's story on Thursday to the effect that the plant had been shut down on Tuesday and Wednesday, further borne out by an investigation made today by an Advertiser reporter. It was stated on Friday that the incinerator was shut down for a couple of hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, while certain repairs were being made to the machinery, and that the collections of garbage were made as usual and all of it destroyed.

Superintendent Dodd was quoted as stating that the stories that the plant was in bad shape and had been closed for two days, was absolutely wrong. Stoppage of Thirty Hours. At the plant today, The Advertiser saw ample confirmation of its statement that the plant was giving trouble. One of the workmen employed there stated that the incinerator had been shut down Tuesday and Wednesday, while another told the reporter that the stoppage had been of more than 30 hours' duration, and no disposal of garbage had been made during this time. The stuff had been hauled in as usual, and the receiving room was piled high with the accumulation, the last of which is being disposed of today.

Odor Exists Again.

The odor arising from this accumulation, was, to put it mildly, not such as might emanate from a perfume factory, and was noticeable some distance from the destructor building. A fine line of smoke was drifting up from the mayor's pet small factory, when the reporter hove in sight, and to say that that time, at any rate, that there was no odor from the plant, would be absurd. Just how the hospital authorities relish the aroma is a matter for conjecture.

The main trouble resulting in the shut down, The Advertiser learned, resulted from the breaks in the big fan which provides the draft necessary for the consumption of the garbage. With out this draft the fire is almost impossible to destroy the matter.

Firebox Doors Cracked. Another trouble lay with the firebox doors, all three of which are cracked and have had to be patched up by local mechanics. This, The Advertiser was told, was due to the absence of firebrick which has since been placed in front of the doors.

Ald. B. W. Bennett, chairman of the board of works, which has control of the system of garbage collection and destruction, states that The Advertiser's report of the shutdown was perfectly correct, and that no repairs for the incinerator are here, local contractors having received orders from Laurie & Lamb Company, the constructing firm, to go ahead with the necessary repairs.

WILL BE A SOLDIER

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Prince Charles, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Rumania, is to enter the German army on Jan. 1 as lieutenant in the First Foot Guards at Potsdam in order to complete his military education. The prince is to remain two years with the regiment.

King Charles of Rumania, who is a Hohenzollern prince, and was born at Sigmaringen, Germany, has always retained his high opinion of the German military system.

ARRESTED SUSPECTS.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Two men under suspicion of being implicated in the Plum Coulee robbery and murder were arrested today at St. Cloud, Minn. Later reports say their identity has not been ascertained.

CONNAUGHT URGES CANADA TO AVOID SLUM PROBLEMS

Duke Declares Rush to Cities Means Calamity, If Continued.

PROVES PRIZE GUESSER

Pleased With Frankness of the Old Gunner Who Admits Bad Conduct.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Dec. 6.—A warning against a calamity which he said was threatening Canada at the present moment, and which should be avoided, was given by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in his reply to an address which was made to him at the Salvation Army headquarters on University street, yesterday after he had inspected two of the army's homes and other institutions for the aid of the friendless and destitute in Montreal.

This peril, he said, lay in the ever-increasing urban population, and if this question were not speedily dealt with, slums would be formed, and Canada would have a problem of the unemployed similar to that of Europe.

A Good Guesser.

At the Salvation Army hotel for young women the Duke entered and won an impromptu guessing competition. Little Myrtle Knight, the daughter of the matron, was introduced to His Royal Highness and a member of the Governor-General's party guessed her age at 11.

"I should say 14," said the Duke. "Your Royal Highness is right," said Mrs. Knight.

At the Salvation Army metropole the Duke, after seeing the chef, said: "An old army man?"

The chef replied that he was, and added: "Served 21 years, your highness."

A Frank Reply.

Further questioning brought out that he was John Hurley, gunner, with the Royal Garrison Artillery. He had seen service in China, and had been stationed abroad for eleven years.

"What rank?" he was asked. "I was bombardier once," said he, "but was reduced for bad conduct." The straightforward, honest reply pleased the Duke immensely, and he once more shook the man by the hand.

This morning his royal highness visited the art gallery and made a careful survey of the selection of pictures. The exhibition contains several pictures by the Princess Patricia.

TAKEN TO LONDON

Five Little Children Will Be Placed in the Shelter.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Dec. 6.—Five little children of Mrs. Near were taken to London this afternoon by Chief of Police Aid Shielor. An order to this effect was made in the police court today, as it is claimed the children's home surroundings are not what they should be.

33 Horses Burned In Fire at Bow Park

Manager Thinks That Fine Barns Were Deliberately Set on Fire—Has Asked the Police To Make an Investigation at Once.

[Canadian Press.]

Brantford, Dec. 6.—An unknown fire bug is blamed for a fire at Bow Park farm, near here early today, which caused a loss of \$50,000 and burned 33 splendid horses in the barns.

The blaze was first noticed by the night watchman about 3 o'clock this morning. Smoke was then pouring from the cellar of the buildings, and before the men could get water on the blaze flames were sweeping through the structure. New buildings, only erected a short time ago to take the place of those wiped out in a former fire, were in great danger for some time, and only the hardest kind of work by a bucket brigade saved them.

The earliest part of the fire was the burning of 33 horses and a half dozen cattle. Every effort was made to save the imprisoned animals, whose piteous bellowing could be heard above the roar of the flames. Besides the animals and the barn itself there were burned about 4,000 bushels of peas, some thousands of bushels of oats, and a very large quantity of hay. In addition to this there were also some implements stored in the barn, and the sawmill factory.

Manager Herold places the damages at about \$50,000, the same amount of loss as was occasioned by the last fire at the farm. The night watchman saw the smoke coming up from the cellar where the fire started, and gave the alarm, but within a moment or two the fire had run through the entire building and there was no opportunity afforded to rescue the live stock.

"It looked as if something had been done to the building to make it go that way," said Manager Herold today. "I have suspicions that it was a firebug, and I would like to prove this. I have asked the police to let their assistance to find out what was the cause."

A German syndicate, represented by Manager Herold, has been endeavoring to secure the farm. Negotiations have been on for some time, but nothing owned and used by the Dominion Canners to raise seed for the use of implements stored in the barn, and the sawmill factory.

MILITANT TORCH SQUAD AVENGE LEADER'S ARREST

Bad Fires at Liverpool and Near Manchester Started by Suffragettes Who Left Letters Addressed to Premier Asquith.

[Canadian Press.]

Liverpool, Dec. 6.—Militant suffragettes attempted to destroy the exhibition buildings here, which have been only just closed for the winter months. The scenic railway, a big canvas-covered structure, was discovered in flames early this morning, and the firemen had the utmost difficulty in preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings. As it was, considerable damage was done. In the vicinity was found a letter addressed to Premier Asquith and a quantity of suffrage literature.

DECLINED WITH THANKS

For some years various civic bodies, such as the city council, water commission, county council and board of education, have been kind enough to make an annual grant to The Advertiser reporters.

The spirit was one of appreciation of the hard work done by the newspapermen, not for special favors secured.

The Advertiser feels that it cannot continue to accept these contributions from the public purse, and has this year, and will in future, decline the grants. The reporters themselves were the first to agree that the grants should not be accepted in future.

Hopes Movies Will Locate Her Husband

Mrs. Lavell to Have Photo Flashed in All Picture Theatres.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Dec. 6.—In a final effort to find her husband, Cecil F. Lavell, the Columbus, Ohio, College professor, who disappeared from here a couple of weeks ago, after going for a row on the bay, Mrs. Lavell, his wife, who is at present in Toronto, will try and have her husband's picture flashed on the curtain in every motion picture house in the country. Mrs. Lavell has heard of other lost people being found in this way. It is her last hope of finding her husband.

LOCAL BOARD WILL ADD ITS PROTESTS

Representation To Go to Ottawa on Cartage Change Question.

The vital question of how local shipper will be affected by the abolition of the railway cartage was the subject of a meeting of the board of trade last night.

It was felt that strenuous effort should be made to alleviate the harm which the change will bring to the local shipper. The board decided to follow their lead and appoint a deputation to take care of the matter. Legal representation will be received by Industrial Commissioner Philip from J. Marshall, traffic manager of the Toronto Board of Trade, expressing their intention of submitting the matter to the commission, were heartily endorsed by the London board.

EXPORTS DECREASE.

[Canadian Press.] London, Dec. 6.—The board of trade returns for the month of November shows a decrease of \$12,751,500 in exports and an increase of \$6,889,000 in imports.

1913 CHRISTMAS TRADE GREATEST IN HISTORY OF LONDON'S RETAILERS

TO UNCLE SAM



Montreal Star. A vote of thanks, in which all lovers of bird life heartily join.

Merchants Unanimous in Statement of Unprecedented Business.

RECORD OF LAST YEAR BEATEN

Extra Staffs Busy Meeting Demands of Thousands of Customers.

DOUBLE BUSINESS

General Optimism Hardly Stops at Mere Assurance of Increase.

London merchants in all lines of business are unanimous in declaring that the local Christmas trade is better than in any previous year. Reports of hard times may come from other cities, but the people of London and district have enjoyed a prosperous year. Businessmen unite in saying that the increased business they have enjoyed through the year is still on the up-grade, and this year's Christmas trade so far has been greatly in advance of last year's.

Extra staffs of salesmen and saleswomen are busy meeting the hundreds and thousands of Christmas customers from all parts of Western Ontario, as well as from London and vicinity, who annually do a great proportion of their Christmas shopping and Christmas trading in London.

Christmas decorations attract attention to beautiful window displays, and nowhere is the Christmas spirit of mingled excitement, pleasure and expectancy more evident than in the London shops.

Advertiser reporters called on representative dealers in leading lines of trade this morning, and everywhere they received the same assurance that the Christmas trade is all the dealers could desire.

Stock Moving Rapidly.

Mr. Gordon Ingram, of Smallman & Ingram, informed The Advertiser that the Christmas trade was already considerably in excess of previous years, and the outlook is for a record-breaking season. "Our stock of Christmas goods has begun moving rapidly," he said, "and sales have been most satisfactory. We are already ahead of last year's record, and there are no indications of a falling off in point of sales."

"Do purchasers show any apprehension as a result of the financial depression which is said to be imminent?" he was asked. "I doubt some of them are frightened, and are hoarding their money," he replied, "but the public generally are spending their money freely, and the outlook is bright."

Shop in Morning.

"We cannot impress upon the people too strongly the many benefits accruing from shopping early in the morning," he added. "Retail houses cannot pretend to give as good service to their customers when the store is jammed with people, as they can when people come early in the day and have more time at their disposal. This morning is the first morning that the store is at all crowded, but in the afternoon shoppers come in great numbers, and the result is a certain amount of congestion, which is unfortunate after the demonstration in London."

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INSANE CONVICTS PUT UNDER WATER FOR PUNISHMENT

Sensational Charge Made by an Ex-Guard at Kingston Penitentiary.

ONE CUP FOR ALL MEN

Men With Diseases Drank From Same Vessel as Those Who Were Sound.

[Canadian Press.]

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 6.—The first witness at the penitentiary inquiry this morning was Robert Patterson, an ex-guard, who was questioned as to the "tubbing" of convicts by C. R. Webster, acting for H. C. Stewart, Patterson told about convicts in the insane ward being put in the tub. He said the convicts were stripped and put under water.

One Cup for All.

Witness stated that no matter what kind of a disease a convict was suffering from, he drank out of the same "tubbing" of convicts by C. R. Webster, acting for H. C. Stewart, Patterson told about convicts in the insane ward being put in the tub. He said the convicts were stripped and put under water.

Witness said there was a charge against the deputy warden of giving false evidence at the inquiry, and asked if he knew anything about it. Witness said, "Yes," and stated that it had to do with the supply of gravel, but could give no date of the alleged offences.

Handled "Hard" Cases.

Witness served as a guard for eleven years and was dismissed in October, 1912, as "physically unfit," but had never had any serious illness during his term of office. "I was one of the most able men on the staff," said he. "Whenever there was a hard case to deal with in the isolation ward or the dungeon cell I was always asked to help with the prisoner."

To Mr. Whiting he stated he was away only ten days in a year, but Mr. Whiting read from the prison records to show that he had been away 39 days suffering from influenza and bronchitis, and another record showed that he had been away 15 days.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures in London for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 39; lowest, 28.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 48; lowest, 43.

TOMORROW—SLEET OR RAIN.

Forecast. Toronto, Dec. 6.—8 a.m. Fair today, then strong breezes to gales, easterly, with sleet and rain late tonight and on Sunday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: High: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 46 44 Cloudy. Calgary 52 24 Cloudy. Port Arthur 40 23 Cloudy. Parry Sound 46 24 Clear. Toronto 50 32 Clear. Ottawa 40 26 Clear. Montreal 40 28 Clear. Quebec 28 22 Clear. Father Point 28 20 Cloudy.

Weather Notes.

A depression is centred this morning in the Missouri Valley, while pressure has become high in the Western Provinces. The weather remains nearly everywhere fine in Canada, while temperatures have become somewhat lower.

MAY TAKE EVIDENCE OF PRISON INSPECTORS

The Commission Wants To Get Stories Regarding Alleged Hose Treatment.

[Canadian Press.]

Kingston, Dec. 6.—The prison reform commission may hold a session in Ottawa for the hearing of the evidence of some of the penitentiary inspectors. According to the stories of the convicts who were given the celebrated tub treatment, Inspector Stewart, who was the acting warden at the penitentiary here for some months after the retirement of Dr. J. L. Platt, was the man who held the hose when this treatment was administered, and the members of the commission are anxious to get his story and those of other inspectors.

Inspector W. S. Hughes, who gave evidence at one of the first sessions of the commission, is to be recalled, and his evidence and that of other inspectors could be taken in Ottawa.

MILITANT LEADER HAS HEART TROUBLE

Mrs. Pankhurst Is Seriously Ill in Exeter Jail.

[Canadian Press.]

Exeter, Eng., Dec. 6.—Exeter jail was today surrounded by militant suffragettes in anticipation of the removal or release of their leader, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst. A number of automobiles was at hand ready to give chase in case the prisoner should be taken to some other jail.

It is understood that Mrs. Pankhurst cannot be forcibly fed owing to the condition of her heart. The police hope, however, to keep her in custody until after the demonstration in London.

COUNCIL VOTES TO SUBMIT SEPARATION BYLAW AGAIN

Takes Expected Action at Last-Minute Special Meeting, Railroading the Motion For January Vote Despite Opposition of Aldermen Bennett and Richter.

Despite the advice of Ald. J. G. Richter and Ald. B. W. Bennett that the bylaw be given a year's trial before it was decided to abandon it, the city council last night, on motion of Ald. J. P. Moore and Ald. S. F. Glass, decided to resubmit the waterworks-bylaw to separate the waterworks from the city solicitor having decided that such a body still exists. The bylaw, if carried, will take effect on Feb. 2, and it is anticipated that in the meantime the water commission will continue to handle the water department under the supervision of the finance committee of the council.

The subject was introduced by the mayor, who said that the city solicitor had prepared the necessary bylaw at his request.

A Peculiar Action. Ald. Richter said that he had no objections if the council wanted to send it to the people again, but it seemed

a rather peculiar action to spend several hundred dollars in submitting a bylaw before seeing whether the move to separate the two departments was or was not a wise one. It appeared, said Ald. Richter, as being a case of a few people being buttonholed into signing a petition, and he believed that the majority of the people believed in what they were doing when they voted to have the two departments separated. He felt that great savings could be made as a result of the separation.

"It never occurred to me," said Ald. Richter, "that the council would insist on operating the Horton street wells as if reasonable arrangements could be made with the waterworks committee to operate the same. The Springbank station is a distinct unit, and can be operated by either. The office staff is separated now to some extent, and with separation it would mean that there would be two bodies to say what was right and fair, instead of one."

Want Control of Streets.

"We want control of our streets," said Ald. Richter. "Under the waterworks act the water commission

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