

ASSINABOINE RIVER CONTINUES TO RISE, FLOODING COUNTRY

Situation Between Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie Assumes Grave Proportions.

HAY AND FEED HAVE BEEN SWEEPED AWAY

Fears That Hundreds of Cattle Driven to Highlands May Starve.

Winnipeg, May 11.—The flood situation along the Assinaboine River between this city and Portage La Prairie has assumed grave proportions overnight with a steady rise reported from several districts, ranging from four to eight inches. The town of Raeburn is under water for several feet, while Marquette and Irberville settlements will be cut off if waters do not abate during the next ten hours. The flood waters are also nearing Pigeon Lake and Poplar Point. At Poplar Point, the waters are now within half a mile of the town and the town itself, which is situated on high ground, if the waters continue to rise, will be an island cut off from outside communication.

No loss of life has yet been reported, but many families in the Raeburn and Irberville districts have been forced to vacate their homes. Marquette is sheltering about a dozen families from Raeburn. Hundreds of head of cattle, driven to the hill lands, may starve as hay and feed has been swept away and there is little grass on the ridges.

Farmers Fleeing

In the late St. Paul district, thousands of acres have been inundated and farmers are fleeing from the fast-rising waters. On the north side of the river the situation is very bad, the Portage highway being eaten away. On the south side the dykes are not holding well and should these dykes give way many additional acres will be under.

Irberville, near the hutterite settlement, estimates the night rise at eight inches, the greatest increase on record. Irberville is the worst point of the flood today, for in less than ten hours the settlement will be flooded out. A further rise was reported from Poplar Point where the water is four feet deep on the level and ten feet in the gullies. More than 5,000 acres of seeded land is being lost. A fleet of fifty boats has been put into operation to carry provisions and necessities to families marooned by the rising waters.

The water is reported to be breaking through the dykes on the north and south side of the river in the Pigeon Lake district, and several miles of the Portage highway has been washed away flooded to a depth of more than three feet.

GOVT HOLDS 140,000 SHARES OF C. P. R. STOCK

Portion of the Alien Enemy Property Seized During the War.

Ottawa, May 11.—(Canadian Press)—The Government is holding 140,000 shares of C. P. R. stock, as a portion of the alien enemy property seized during the war. This information was given to W. F. Maclean, Conservative member for South York, in the House of Commons today. Mr. Maclean asked with regard to these shares when an item of \$20,000 for expenses of the clearing house which handled alien enemy property was under discussion.

Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State, answered a number of questions in regard to alien enemy property. He told Hon. T. A. Crozier that the alien enemy property now in the hands of the Government was estimated to be worth \$30,000,000. Its exact value was not known. The Government was merely holding the property as a custodian and its disposition was now under consideration. Mr. Copp stated that repatriation claims amounting to \$22,000,000 had been filed. Some of these claims had already been settled.

The vote for the clearing house carried.

ADVANTAGEOUS TO PORT OF MONTREAL

Grain Regulations Changed to Meet Objectives Desired by Shipping Companies.

Montreal, May 11.—The question of altering the grain regulations in force at the port of Montreal was fully discussed at a meeting here today between the Grain Clearing House and the Port Wardens' Committee, when it was decided to permit the loading of grain in bulk to the lower holds and "ween decks" to be bagged as in the past. The change eliminates the expense of bagging the grain, which often runs into a sum of several thousands of dollars per freighter, and the decision places the port of Montreal on the same basis in this respect as those of New York and other American cities.

"BIG BILL" ORDERS HIS TROUSERS 8 FEET AROUND WAIST

Caddo Indian Also Orders a Huge Shirt for Summer Outfit.

Anadarko, Okla., May 11.—"Big Bill," a Caddo Indian, living near Grammont, has just ordered his summer suit, a pair of trousers and a shirt.

It took ten yards of material to make the shirt, while the trousers have a modest waist measurement of eight feet.

"Big Bill" is believed to outstrip all other Indians in size. He weighs 634 pounds, has a thigh measurement of thirty-six inches and an upper arm measurement of twenty-eight inches.

SETTLEMENT OF COAL WAGE DISPUTE FAR OFF

Scott Board Will Not Finish Hearings Before May 24.

Sydney, N. S., May 11.—No final settlement of the coal wage dispute which has been holding up operations in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia since last December, is looked for until after June 1, it is said in coal circles here today.

The Scott board will re-convene on May 17, and it is believed will require until May 24 to complete the taking of evidence. The formulation of a finding is expected to consume another week, and after that the award must run the gauntlet of the United Mine Workers' referendum. Even if it proves acceptable to the miners, it is not believed a contract can be concluded until well along in June.

FILLED BABY'S COFFIN WITH LOT OF BRICKS

Peculiar Mix-up at Montreal Undertaker's Establishment—Explanation Made.

Montreal, May 11.—Opening the lid of a little white coffin in Cote des Neiges Cemetery today, for a last look at their dead baby, the parents of Albert Marsan were horrified to find the coffin packed with a lot of bricks. The child's body was not in the coffin, but the bricks were packed in the coffin to cover up a mistake. According to the story printed in a local newspaper, Albert Marsan died shortly after his birth last December. His father made arrangements for a funeral in the spring and in the meantime the baby's body was to have remained at the undertaker's. A new employe, seeing the body in the morgue and thinking it had been forgotten, put it into a casket with another child and when the mistake was discovered filled the Marsan coffin with bricks.

CHICAGO IS IN STATE OF WARFARE

Judge Refuses Habeas Corpus for Labor Leaders Under Arrest.

Chicago, May 11.—Declaring that he agreed with the contention made by the police that "Chicago is in a state of warfare," Judge Scanlon today refused to issue writs of habeas corpus releasing Cornelius Shea and John Lafferty, labor leaders, arrested in connection with the killing of two policemen yesterday morning during a series of labor bombings. He told the police these two men could be held at least until Saturday. Many other applications for writs were made.

MAKE LIQUOR HAUL AT HALIFAX

\$800 Worth of Intoxicants Had Been Shipped from Sussex.

Halifax, May 11.—Liquor, valued at \$800 wholesale, was seized by Inspector Treacy on the Sydney express as the train pulled into Rockingham station tonight. The liquor had been shipped from Sussex, N. B., and was billed to E. J. Hills, of Rockingham, who was assisting in removing it from the car.

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO ALLIED MEMO. MADE PUBLIC

Declares Financial Differences Between Powers and Russia Require Deeper Study.

REPLY REJECTS THE MIXED TRIBUNAL

Asserts Financial Differences Should Not Hinder Settlement of Other Problems.

London, May 11.—Russia's reply to the Allied memorandum, made public this evening, declares the financial differences between the powers and Russia require deeper study, and it suggests the appointment of a mixed committee of experts by the Economic Conference to consider these questions.

The reply rejects the mixed tribunal system proposed by the Allies for settling the claims offering. This system is irreconcilable with the communitarian system. The reply maintains that the preferential rights Russia proposes to grant former proprietors will make it possible for them to participate in Russian reconstruction without the mixed tribunal. After a conversation between foreign ministers Tschitzerin, of Russia, and Schanzer, of Italy, at Genoa this forenoon, it was decided to hold up further the issuance of the Russian reply, says a Central News despatch from Genoa. Apparently, it adds, there were still differences regarding the clauses dealing with debts and private property.

Allies To Discuss Terms

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Genoa saying the Russian reply has been delivered, adds that the Allies will probably meet either tonight or tomorrow morning to discuss the terms.

The financial differences between Russia and the powers, the reply declares, need not present an obstacle to the immediate settlement of other problems before the Allies. The reply reiterates the claims for damages because of the blockade of Russia and the war against her promoted by foreigners, noting the claims growing out of the American civil war as a precedent. It says the Soviet Government waited these claims on condition that real property should be placed at her disposal and her war debt annulled, which was not done in the Allied memorandum. Therefore, Russia repeats, she demands that real property should be placed upon the Legislative Government, says:

"It is not this that solution of the debt question which will make capital flow into Russia, but the guarantee which the Russian Government may be able to furnish for the future and the international consideration of this government resulting from its recognition de jure."

NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR ONTARIO

Every Export Liquor Company to be Taxed \$15,000 Yearly—Tap Gamblers.

Toronto, May 11.—A new tax of \$15,000 a year upon every liquor export company is announced in a resolution which has been placed upon the Legislative order paper today by Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer. The five per cent tax upon wagers at race tracks will also not merely apply to the winning tickets, as originally forecast but to all bets made on the pari-mutuel machines. This is provided in a further clause of the resolution. Yet another clause reads: "Every company owning operating or using a telephone line or part thereof in Ontario for gain, and having a paid-up capital of \$100,000 or over, shall pay a tax of one-quarter of one per cent upon the paid-up capital thereof."

JUGO-SLAVIA GOVT ACCEPTS CONDITIONS

Attendant Upon a Loan of \$100,000,000 from U. S. Banking Syndicate.

Belgrade, May 11.—The Jugoslav Government, it was announced today, has accepted the conditions of a United States banking syndicate for a loan of \$100,000,000 at eight per cent, interest issued at 85. The money will be expended in the improvement of communications, including the construction of a new line to Adriatic ports. The loan is guaranteed by a customs monopoly.

FIVE YEARS AND TEN LASHES FOR MARTIN

Brookville, Ont., May 11.—Five years in Portmouth Penitentiary, with ten lashes, was the sentence pronounced today by Justice Dowling upon Allen A. Martin, aged 35, of Wolford township, for an offense against a girl of the same neighborhood who is under fourteen years of age. The girl and her child have been placed in the Children's Aid Society shelter here.

U. S. AGENTS FIND GEMS SMUGGLED IN TOOTH PASTE

New York, May 11.—Tubes of dental and other paste sometimes contain things other than what they are made to hold. That has been the experience of inquisitive customs inspectors, who have fished out diamonds and other gems from tooth paste tubes. Aaron Pevaner, who calls himself a diamond merchant of Russia, did not know about this inquisitorial habit when he arrived on Monday by the Royal Mail liner Orkla. The inspectors found concealed in a dental paste tube in Pevaner's baggage, two diamonds and an emerald worth about \$500.

HOUSE AWAITING PLEASURE OF MR. FIELDING

Budget Said to be Ready But No Intimation When It Will be Down.

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Will be More Radical Than Expected on Its Tariff Reductions.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 11.—The House of Commons is marking time waiting for the budget. It spent all of today discussing trivial matters and voting money provided for by last year's supplementary estimates, and the week apparently is to end without much of anything being achieved. Mr. Fielding meanwhile sits on the treasury benches as silent as the sphinx. The budget is said to be ready and is expected daily, but not even an intimation has yet been given the House as to when it will be down.

There are, however, important rumors as to its contents. From a seemingly reliable source it was learned tonight that, in the matter of tariff reductions, it will be more radical than expected. A minority in the House and not even sure of the support of some of its own followers, the Government has but taken determined to make one more bid for Progressive assistance, and will make important concessions to the demands in the way of tariff reductions. There will, it is claimed, be reductions of duties on boots and shoes, upon certain articles of clothing, upon agricultural implements, upon mining and fishing machinery, and upon various articles of food-stuffs. Mr. Fielding, with these reductions, will make the most of the Government's position. He will, so the report says, declare to the House that the Government has but taken the first step toward lower tariffs. That next session more may be expected, and he will point to his own report as proof of the government's sincerity in seeking the destruction of protection.

This report proves correct, it is easy to forecast the attitude of the Progressives. Mr. Crear will almost certainly say that as much has been done as the low tariff people had a right to expect and no effort will be made by that section of the House to embarrass the Ministry this year. The Conservatives, on the other hand, will fight any tinkering with the tariff with all of their strength. Nor will it be difficult for them to make their case. With customs duties declining to an alarming extent; with direct taxes falling utterly to make up the difference, any action that will further reduce them will be a disaster. There will, it is claimed, be very serious consequences. Moreover, there is the question of unemployment. With scores of Canadian factories already closed down for the lack of orders, any step calculated to increase the purchases of United States and foreign goods, could not but have a depressing effect upon Canadian labor.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST EIGHT LABOR LEADERS

Alleged to Have Been Instrumental in Starting Chicago's Civil Warfare.

Chicago, May 11.—Eight union labor leaders were named in true bills voted at a special session of the grand jury tonight in connection with the slaying of Terence Lyons, an acting police lieutenant, yesterday, according to George Egerman, assistant State's attorney.

Among those named in the true bills, according to Mr. Egerman, were Fred. Mader, president of the Building Trades Council; Big Tim Murphy, of the Gas Workers' Union; and Cornelius "Con" Shea, who directed the teamsters' strike in 1914. All are now in the custody of the police, having been captured in a raid on union headquarters yesterday.

SPURNED BY SKATER, PHYSICIAN ENDS LIFE

Dr. Riedel Infatuated With Young Woman in Troupe of Hippodrome Performers.

New York, May 11.—Infatuation for a young woman who until season closed was a professional skater at the Hippodrome caused Dr. Alfred H. Riedel, an eye specialist, to kill himself with poison yesterday in his office apartment at the Hotel Markwell, 220 West Forty-sixth street, between Broadway and Seventh avenue.

Dr. Riedel, who was a graduate of a German university and had a good practice, had frequently talked about the girl to Wm. W. Green, proprietor of the hotel. He had intended to "end it all" because the skater ignored his attentions. He called to her parents in Germany in the hope of bringing their influence to bear in his behalf, but without the desired result. He was married when a young man, but the couple had separated several years ago. Mrs. Riedel is said to be living in Erie, Pa. They had no children.

One of the Hippodrome skaters told a friend on Saturday evening that she was worried by Dr. Riedel's conduct and by threats which she said he had made. Midway in the Hippodrome season she left the company for a week in order to avoid the doctor. She said she had told him repeatedly she

FISHERMEN OF CANADA ARE NOT HARD-HEARTED

Raise No Objection to Gov't Issuing Licenses to American Fishing Vessels.

FORDNEY BILL MAY CHANGE SITUATION

Should It Go Through in Present Form License Question May be Reconsidered.

Halifax, May 11.—Pending the outcome of the controversy in the United States Congress over the Fordney Permanent Tariff Bill, no opposition will be offered by the fishing interests of Eastern Canada to the Canadian Government issuing licenses to American fishing vessels allowing them to use Canadian ports under the same conditions as under the wartime agreement of February, 1918, although the United States abrogated its part of the agreement last year.

This was the decision reached at a meeting here, the one of her ports of the important fish firms doing business in Quebec and the Maritime members of Parliament.

Some of the fish merchants present were strong for urging the Canadian Government to adopt retaliatory measures if the fish schedules of the Fordney Tariff Bill were adopted in their present form. Others, engaged exclusively in the salt fish business, thought there was little need to worry whether the Fordney Tariff was adopted or amended; but they intimated that they would be ready to reconsider the question of opposing the grant of port privileges to American fishermen if the Fordney Bill went through in its present form.

Although Canadian fishing vessels are not permitted to use American ports, except for shelter, or to buy wood or water, Canada now allows American fishing vessels, on payment of one dollar and fifty cents per vessel per year, the use of her ports of the kind of supplies, repair shop crews, trawling catches in bonds or sell catches, subject to the customs duty, if any. Under the modern system of license fees, adopted in 1888, Canada agreed to allow American fishing vessels most of above privileges, on payment of \$1.50 per registered tons, pending the ratification of the draft fisheries treaty negotiated that year. The United States Senate turned down the proposed treaty, but the Canadian Government, from year to year, renewed the modern license system until 1918, when it reduced the license fee from \$1.50 per ton to \$1.50 per vessel, and granted some new port privileges, in accordance with a reciprocal arrangement made by the American Government.

MRS. STILLMAN UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION

Stuck to Her Story That She Remained Faithful to Her Husband.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 11.—Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, under cross-examination by lawyers for James A. Stillman, who is suing her for divorce, today stuck to her story that nothing improper had ever taken place in her experience with Fred Beauvais, Indian guide, alleged by the plaintiff to be the father of young Guy Stillman.

"Did you pay Fred Beauvais?" Colonel William Rand, who conducted the cross-examination, was reported to have asked Mrs. Stillman.

"You usually pay your servants," she replied.

Incident by incident, her relations with Beauvais since she met him in 1914, and employed him as a guide in the woods of Quebec, were recounted. She contradicted statements of witnesses who said they saw her misconducting herself.

GREAT DAMAGE FROM WESTERN CYCLONE

Power Transmission Lines, Telephone and Telegraph Lines Down at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 11.—Great damage to farm property, power transmission lines, which supply the city of Winnipeg, telephone and telegraph lines, resulted from the cyclone which swept over the districts of Sinoit, Soudan and Golden Bay, about thirty miles east of this city yesterday morning. Damage to farm property is estimated at \$250,000, while Sinoit's twelve towers on the Winnipeg electric railway power line were twisted level to the ground, while twenty-two towers of city hydro-electric were destroyed within a mile. No lives were lost although many persons had miraculous escapes and several were injured.

did not care for him, but he would not believe her. The Hippodrome being closed, she was considering the offer of an out of town engagement when she heard of the suicide.

THREE DROWNED WHEN CANOE OVERTURNED

Port Frances, Ont., May 11.—Three young people of International Falls, Minn., were drowned in the Rainy River opposite here last night when their canoe overturned during a storm. A fourth member of the party was saved. The dead are Bobby Durkin, Clara Larson and Carl Fredericksen. Margaret Oestman, the fourth member, managed to reach land.

SECOND ADVANCE ON GASOLINE

New York, May 11.—The Standard Oil Company of New York, today advanced the price of gasoline one cent a gallon in all its territory. It also announced a similar advance in the price of varnish makers and painters' naphtha.

SCHR. SADIE H. WENT ASHORE

Halifax, May 11.—The schooner Sadie H., Captain Beaver, from Georgetown, P.E.I., for Isaac's Harbor, N. S., with produce, ran ashore in the Strait of Canso, but was floated today without serious damage, according to a report received here.

FUTURE OF GENOA CONFERENCE STILL HIGHLY UNCERTAIN

LARGEST BIPLANE WILL CARRY 20 PASSENGERS

Soon Begins European Flights and May Later Cross the Atlantic.

Paris, May 11.—The world's greatest biplane has just finished its final tests in the aerodrome at Orly and soon will commence trans-European flights. Probably it will be used in a new attempt to cross the Atlantic late this summer. It is of Farman construction, with four propellers and four 400-horse power motors. The wing spread is more than 100 feet.

According to Aviator Boussolet, its pilot, it will maintain a speed of 100 miles an hour while carrying twenty passengers and baggage—a total load in excess of seven tons.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GIRL GUIDES' ASSN.

There Are 19,000 Officers and Guides in the Association at Present.

Toronto, May 11.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Council of the Girl Guides Association, of which Mrs. H. D. Warren is the chief commissioner, was held here yesterday afternoon. The report of the honorary secretary contained an account of an extension of the organization in the different provinces of Canada.

The official secretary, Miss E. A. Kiepert, reported 19,000 officers and guides in the organization at the present time. There are now 228 active local associations in Canada, with eight individual commissioners and forty-two district commissioners. Fourteen companies have been formed in schools in various parts of the Dominion. Last year there were 85 girls' summer camps and a larger number expected this year. During the year, 2,388 badges of proficiency were issued from headquarters, 55 first class, 428 for thrift and 42 all round records.

Following the reports of an address on "Youth and Unrest" was given by Prof. Dale of the University of Toronto.

AMERICAN WORKERS SECURE CONCESSIONS

All Soviet Clothing and Textile Factories Turned Over to Them.

Chicago, May 11.—Operation of all Soviet clothing and textile factories in Russia will be turned over to an American workers' society, to be known as the American-Russian Trade Union Industrial Workers' Association, with a capitalization of not less than 1,000,000, it was announced today at the biennial convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. When the announcement of the concession by the Russian Government was made by President Sydney Hillman, the convention voted, amid great enthusiasm, to authorize its officers to form the company, made an appropriation of \$10,000 to defray initial expenses, and voted the purchase of \$50,000 worth of stock for the union. Ten dollar shares will be sold to workers and others in restoring the industrial workers' life. It was said the enterprise is to be co-operative, with all earnings over ten per cent applying to the extension of the project. The necessary factories, equipment and raw materials will be furnished by the Soviet Government, and the capital and technical skill is to be supplied by the United States company. Control of the management will be vested in a central board, on which both parties will be equally represented.

WIGOROUS ACTION TO SUPPRESS CRIME

Irish Provisional Gov't Expected to Adopt Sterner Measures in the Future.

London, May 11.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Lord Birkenhead's announcement in the House of Lords that the Irish Provisional Government might be expected shortly to take sterner measures for the suppression of disorder and the maintenance of its own authority, has aroused much comment. It is assumed that Lord Birkenhead spoke with definite knowledge of the intentions of Michael Collins, both of the Provisional Government and Arthur Griffiths, President of the Dail Eireann, and it is inferred that they now feel themselves strong enough to take vigorous action in the future.

SHOULD FRANCE AND BELGIUM QUIT LLOYD GEORGE WILL TRY AND WORK SHIP TO PORT.

London, May 11.—A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Genoa says that if the French and Belgians quit the conference, Premier Lloyd George will remain and "try to work the ship to port with a short handed crew." Genoa, May 11.—Russia's reply to the Allied memorandum, which was presented today to Signor Schanzer, president of the economic conference is generally regarded as conciliatory. At least it is considered a basis for further negotiations.

Its suggestion that all the tangled financial problems be submitted to a mixed committee of experts named by the Genoa conference provides a means of escape from the present superheated atmosphere, which appears to be unfavorable for the settlement of the myriad questions arising from the Russian situation.

France expresses great disappointment at the reply and Belgium is far from satisfied. In the meantime the future of the conference is highly uncertain. The Russians and all the other delegations are saying many things for home consumption, which it is believed they do not really mean, and underneath there is undoubtedly a general desire to reach some agreement to make Europe more peaceful. The Russian attitude is strongly to Premier Lloyd George and the peace-loving population of the world in their support of the non-aggression pact and their allusions to disarmament.

On the other hand they flatly refuse to accept the Allied proposals for the treatment of nationalized property and reject the proposed mixed arbitration committee to pass upon claims of foreigners against the Soviet Government.