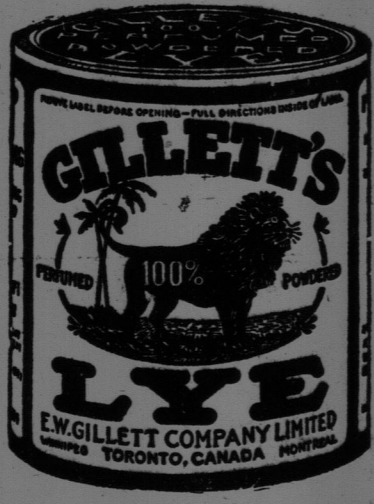


**THE BRITISH MINERS MAY CAUSE TROUBLE**

Interesting Comment by Manchester Journalist on Conditions Overseas.

A wide range of subjects relating to the destiny of England were discussed by S. K. Ratcliffe, of the Manchester Guardian, speaking before the Montreal Women's Club in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Montreal on Monday afternoon. The disagreement between England and Ireland, the industrial situation in England, and the political situation throughout Great Britain, were taken up in turn by the speaker, who explained the origin, development and probable result of each. In conclusion, he made some general observations on the present social and economic system and what eventual developments are to be expected therefrom.

The present situation between England and France, said Mr. Ratcliffe, had arisen from the failure of most of the signatories to the Versailles treaty to live up to the full conditions of that treaty. France had been determined that the Versailles treaty should be enforced, but it was not until after the Washington conference that Mr. Briand had realized the isolation to which France was placing herself by her determination to have the treaty enforced. There would never



be definite peace in Europe, said the speaker, unless there was a complete understanding between Great Britain and France.

Extremists in the Anglo-Irish question would go to any length to prevent the two countries coming to a lasting and amicable understanding, said Mr. Ratcliffe. Both the Irish Republicans and the English die-hard would stop at nothing to wreck any agreement already reached. Reports of happenings in Ireland, therefore, should be read in their true light, that is, as the outcome of the plots of small minorities rather than the expression of public opinion.

If the Irish Free State treaty had been ratified before Christmas, continued the speaker, it is probable that the friendly spirit of the time would have prevailed in its enforcement. However, the extremists had forced a postponement, which gave them the time to work up greater opposition and dissatisfaction.

Mr. Ratcliffe predicted that the miners' strike, with which England was threatened, would be of greater extent and would contain more serious possibilities than the last great strike. In discussing the political situation, Mr. Ratcliffe referred to the leadership of the English Labor party. One of the features of the next elections, he predicted, would be the return of a larger number of Labor members of parliament. There would be distinguished intellectual men on the Labor benches, led probably by Sydney Webb. One of the recent developments in the labor world was the entry of a large number of men of intellect and culture. If the present jealousy existing between the hand-workers and the brain-workers, between the leaders who had risen from the ranks and the leaders who had come in from the bourgeoisie and the academic world would disappear, the Labor party would wield more power.

**BIG WAGE CUT FOR 12,000 GRANITE MEN**

Boston, March 29.—An offer of a \$6.40 daily wage for a 44-hour week was submitted today to the Granite Cutters' International Association of North America by the board of control of the granite industry. The present agreement, which carried a daily wage of \$8 for forty-four hours, expires next Friday. Virtually the entire organized granite industry east of the Mississippi river, employing about 12,000 men, is involved.

C. O. F. Wright, M. P. P., Dead.  
Edmonton, March 29.—C. O. F. Wright, U. F. A. member of the Alberta legislature for Ribstone, died last night of pneumonia.  
Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, is a brother-in-law.

**CAREER HAS END IN BERLIN PRISON**

Former Maid of Honor to the Russian Empress Charged With Theft.

Berlin, March 29.—One of the maids of honor of the late Empress of Russia is now in prison in Berlin. She was the daughter of General Skiatine and Princess Lubnow, and was for some years regarded as the most beautiful young woman at the Russian court. She married a Russian general, but the union was not a happy one, and was dissolved. She left Russia and settled in Germany, marrying a retired army surgeon, Dr. Berrische, of Bonn, who died shortly before the war. During the war she experienced the greatest difficulty in obtaining money from Russia, and eventually had to take a position as interpreter in prison camps.

As the result of the revolution her parents lost all their property, and at the end of the war, her services as interpreter being no longer required, she came to Berlin and frequented Russian circles, where she managed to borrow considerable sums of money which she never paid back. From families which received quantities of valuable furs and jewels, she managed to extract 25,000 marks from a Russian general, and later she persuaded a wealthy Russian merchant to entrust to her his fortune, which was in Indian rupees.

When funds again ran short she committed another theft and went to Cologne to turn the goods into money. When she returned from Cologne, however, detectives were waiting at the station to arrest her.

**THREE ASPHYXIATED**

Trenton, Mo., March 29.—Three young men were found asphyxiated in a freight car here today. One of the bodies was identified as George Cooke, 25 years old. He was en route to Toronto, (Ont.), because of the death there of his sister and illness of his mother. The car was consigned to Canada.

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**DALHOUSIE GIRLS BEST DEBATERS**

Halifax, March 29.—That women should receive the same wages that men receive for the same work, was the argument successfully maintained by the girls debating team of Dalhousie University in the debate with the girls team from King's College, Windsor, here tonight.

**CARVELL PROTESTS**

Ottawa, March 29.—Western newspapers and the public men of the west received a severe handling from members of the Dominion railway commission today at the freight rates hearing. Chairman Carvell said the board had been subject to criticism from the western press that was purely propaganda. "Why, a man is not safe going west and expressing views that he has a perfect right to express. The board should not be the subject of propaganda," he said.

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**NOTHING IN AFRICA LEFT TO DISCOVER**

French Explorer Says Dark Continent Now Ready for Tourists.

Paris, March 30.—"There's nothing left to explore in Africa."  
These are the words of Brunau de Laborie, famous French explorer, who has just returned from a journey across the Sahara. He explained that the day of the adventurous discoverer is over, and that of the ordinary tourist begun. His "most remarkable adventure," he said, in reply to a question by the New York Herald correspondent, was that he "hadn't any—only a few minor misadventures or worse, such as any railway traveler might endure."

M. de Laborie foresees a day not far off when tourist trips to Timbuctoo, by motor, airplane, or even hiking, will be arranged by any tourist agency. In one feature, however, there is room for improvement; desert hotel accommodation and cuisine. Thus, the explorer declares, native cooks have a habit of putting too much food into sauces, although tooth-flesh is excellent in small quantities, over-indulgence may be hazardous—to the road tribe, at least.

The fashions of the ladies of Abyssinia may influence Parisian designers, but the Parisienne is not likely to affect the lip ornament, which consists of inserting a wooden disk seven inches in circumference in the lower lip.

M. de Laborie's real mission was economic. He studied cotton-raising and geographical problems for the Colonial Ministry and the Geographical Society.

**PREMIER MARTIN TO BECOME JUDGE?**

Winnipeg, March 29.—The elevation of Premier Martin to the court of appeals of Saskatchewan is only a matter of days, and there is no doubt that Hon. Charles Dunning, provincial treasurer of Saskatchewan, will be the new premier, says a special despatch to the Free Press this evening from Regina. Mr. Dunning will take into his cabinet as attorney-general either Colonel J. A. Cross, K. C., D. S. O., or Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Gregory, K. C., the despatch states.

**GIRL LOSES LIFE**

Halifax, March 29.—Hilda White, the young daughter of John White, 109 Alton street, died tonight in the Victoria General Hospital as a result of injuries received when run over by a heavy motor truck today. The girl was trying to clamber on the truck to have a ride when she fell under the rear wheels.



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