

ARBITRATION SOON TO END BRITISH COAL STRIKE

FOUR HUNDRED NEW CHURCH MEMBERS IN LONDON DISTRICT

London Methodist Conference Delegates Continue To Arrive—Stationing Committee Will Conclude Duties Late Tonight—Election of Officers Tomorrow.

While lay and clerical delegates continue to arrive at the London Methodist Conference in the Askin Street Church, two committees wrestled with problems today, and a third committee convenes tonight. The stationing committee hopes to conclude its work at a late hour this evening, although some members predict that the session will continue into the early hours of Wednesday morning. Rev. George Jewitt of Wyoming, president of the conference, is chairman.

The statistical committee, which is also scheduled to meet three times a day, hopes to complete its report tonight. Rev. J. E. Hunter of Lambeth, conference statistician, informed The Advertiser today that the report of his committee would show a large increase in membership during the past year. The business of today was principally that of auditing and statistics will be dealt with tonight.

Financial Report.
The financial report is expected to prove beyond expectations, with large contributions the feature of the national campaign, which is said to be almost paid up. Connexional funds are far in advance of last year, and the missionary funds are expected to be similar. Circuit changes will also be discussed by this committee.

Regarding increased membership during the year, The Advertiser was informed by a clerical delegate today that London district will show an increase of about 400 members, while Stratford district has 75 new adherents. The religious education committee, with Rev. Byron Snell of Alvington as chairman, will sit at 8 o'clock tonight.

Election of Officers.
A dinner today about 70 delegates were present, this number including members of committees in session. The main event Thursday, in point of interest, will be the election of officers for the conference during the coming year. While the name of Rev. J. W. Hibbert is prominently mentioned in connection with the office of conference president, several delegates predict that there will be a tight race. This they attribute to the fact that younger members of the conference, claiming that Mr. Hibbert has been district chairman for many terms, desire a change, with a younger man in office.

When the circuit boundaries commission meets Saturday morning, it will consider a change in the Kirkton and Fullerton circuits. A proposition will be brought forward to take Mount Pleasant from the Fullerton circuit, and place it with the Kirkton circuit. In all probability this transfer will be recommended to the conference by the commission.

Delegates arriving today registered with Rev. R. Fulton Irwin, conference registrar, and were assigned to their billets by the billeting committee, of which A. M. Hunt is chairman, and Dr. S. K. Reynolds and William Copp are members.

DYKE BREAKS, FARMERS IN AREA ESCAPE

Heavy Damage From Flood At Woodland, Wash.

Woodland, Wash., May 31.—Between 400 and 500 persons, farmers and their families, were believed early today to have escaped to safety as the result of warning given last night, when a dyke near here protecting a reclaimed farm area of 12.67 acres, broke under pressure of flood waters from the Columbia River. Lamaze to farm property was estimated by observers at \$300,000.

The pumping station at Burch Slough was swept away within thirty minutes after the dyke broke. The area is approximately nine miles long and two to three miles wide. It is feared that most of the district has been inundated. Preparations have been made for the accommodation here of the refugees. The pressure of the rising waters tore a hole 60 feet wide in the dyke, which is 17 feet high, 60 feet wide at the base and 20 feet wide at the top.

For several days, as a precautionary measure, farmers have been sending their cattle out of the lowlands.

The dyke was completed this year at a cost of \$200,000.

WHEAT PRICE ASCENDS

Chicago, May 31.—Wheat for May delivery made a sensational upward swing in price today as a result of demand from shorts, who had waited until the last of the month before fulfilling contracts. Little was for sale, and the market ran up 12½ cents a bushel, to \$1.52, as compared with Saturday's finish.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 80; lowest, 58.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 78; lowest, 61.

TOMORROW—PARTLY FAIR AND COOLER.
Toronto, May 31—8 a.m.

Forecast.
Today—Moderate variable winds; local showers or thunderstorms, but mostly fair.

Wednesday—A few local showers, but partly fair and cooler.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	72	45	Clear
Calgary	68	36	Clear
Winnipeg	68	36	Clear
Port Arthur	49	48	Fair
Perry Sound	78	56	Fair
Toronto	79	59	Clear
Quebec	78	60	Fair
Ottawa	78	62	Fair
Montreal	78	62	Fair
Quebec	78	62	Fair
Father Point	68	44	Rain
St. John	66	52	Fair
Halifax	70	46	Fair

Weather Notes.
Pressure is highest over Manitoba and relatively low in Alberta, the Pacific States and off the South Atlantic States coasts.

Showers have occurred over the Lake Superior districts and locally in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Northern New Brunswick.

GARFIELD CASTS BIBLE OUT OF CELL WINDOW

Condemned Man Declares That Book "Contains Only Trash."

SMOKES INCESSANTLY

Investigation Into Escape Opens At Woodstock This Afternoon.

Woodstock, May 31.—Norman Garfield, convicted murderer, may not display any outside appearance of breaking down, but his actions lead to the belief that he is suffering terrible mental anguish, as is evidenced from the different incidents which have happened during the past 24 hours. Always a heavy smoker, the condemned man has kept constantly to his cigarette boxes, of which he has a sufficient supply to last him the remainder of his days. In two hours yesterday he is said to have consumed three or four boxes of cigarettes. "He fairly eats them," one of the attendants said.

Last night Rev. Wilfred Gaetz, spiritual adviser, talked with the doomed man. He had hardly left, however, when Garfield, in a fit of temper, grabbed the Bible that had been placed in his cell and tossed it out the window into the jailyard.

Investigation Today.
It was a few minutes later that his wife came in to see him. She immediately missed the Bible, and inquired as to where it had been placed. Her answer was a toss of the head towards the window and yard. "It only contains trash," was his comment.

Hangman Ellis continues toiling away at the erection of the scaffold. The carpenters from Toronto returned today and the hangman is finishing the job.

The investigation into the escape of Garfield will commence in the court-house here this afternoon. Yesterday afternoon, on instructions from Inspector Dunlop and Superintendent Rogers, Sheriff McGhee has summoned a number of people to attend the investigation as witnesses. These include Rev. Mr. Gaetz, the two Garfield women and the officials of the jail.

LASHES AND JAIL TERMS URGED FOR DRUG PEDDLERS

Ottawa, May 31.—Canadian Press.—A general stiffening of the penalties for those found guilty of infractions of the opium and narcotic drug act is being urged upon the federal health department, and the Dominion Government, by boards of trade and city councils in various parts of the Dominion.

Some subsequent offences against the act, and deportation in the case of convicted aliens. The Government is also being urged to attend the sale of hypodermic needles, and to make a thorough investigation of the subject of chloral and its derivatives.

MEIGHEN MAY HAVE TO CANCEL HIS TRIP

Parliament Will Not Prorogue Soon As Expected.

Ottawa, May 31.—The Journal, which is usually well informed on Government matters, says on its front page this morning: "There is now a possibility that Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, will be compelled to cancel his passage to England, where he planned to attend the conference of prime ministers in London."

"Parliament was expected to prorogue early this week, but owing to the obstruction tactics adopted by the Opposition it does not now seem likely that the House will get through this week."

"This means that the premier will be unable to sail on June 7 as he had planned, as he has announced his intention of not leaving until the session is over."

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL ARRANGES CONFERENCE WITH GEN. GOURAUD

Jerusalem, May 31.—High Commissioner Sir Herbert Samuel of Palestine has arrived in Beirut to confer with General Gouraud, French high commissioner of Syria, on the question of co-operation between the English and French in the Near East, says a dispatch received here. At a dinner given in his honor, Sir Herbert declared it was his desire to see a closer entente with the French in Asian affairs.

WILL NOT PLACE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN WAY
Wellington, N. Z., May 31.—Sir Francis Bell, acting premier of New Zealand, has declared in a message to the United States consul here that no difficulties will be placed in the way of Armour & Co. exporting to the United States for United States use, meat now in freezing here. This message was sent as an explanation of the Government's attitude in refusing to issue licenses for the export of meat to the Armour Australian Company.

THE RECKONING—1914—1921



120 HOUSES STARTED IN LONDON SINCE JAN. 1st; TOTAL VALUE IS \$421,870

Building Permits Since First of Year, Including New Schools, Well Over Million Mark—188 Permits Issued During Month of May.

With the close of the month building activity in the city shows a very distinct lead over that which prevailed a year ago, especially in connection with the number of dwellings built or under construction since the beginning of the year.

According to figures announced today by Building Inspector Piper, no less than 120 permits for the erection of dwellings have been taken out since January 1, as compared with 77 in the same period a year ago. The total value of the dwellings under way at the present time is \$421,870, or an average stated value per house of \$3,515. Using the same average cost for the 77 houses erected last year during the same period the total value would be \$270,655.

Permits for the erection of dwellings have been issued this year show the following increasing progress in building activity:

Month	Permits	Value
January	4	\$16,520
February	10	29,750
March	19	71,100
April	38	171,200
May	38	139,250
Total	109	\$421,870

BUT 248 PHYSICIANS OUT OF 3,241 ISSUE 'PERS' FOR MORE THAN 50 QUARTS PER MONTH

Statistics Quoted by Ontario Board of License Commissioners—Dispensaries May Deliver Prescriptions to Consumers in Future—Letter Cites Abuse of Privileges.

District physicians and druggists have received a circular letter from the Board of License Commissioners of the Ontario confirming its recent action in limiting doctors to fifty quart liquor prescriptions per month, starting Wednesday, June 1. The letter quotes statistics showing that of 3,241 physicians in the province the average number exceeding 50 "pers" monthly for four months is 248, and in view of these facts excess of the new limit is believed to be no longer warranted under normal conditions.

"It is not a question of the board 'dictating' to the profession," states the letter. "It is rather a case of the profession speaking through the medium of the board. The board cannot stand as the active profession in the province habitually issue over 50 prescriptions for liquor monthly, and the letter concludes that these are abnormal, and out of step with the profession at large, or seriously misconceive their privileges under the act."

Unfavorable Inferences.
"Unfavorable inferences will be drawn respecting physicians who over-issue in the forepart of a month and curtail nearly to extinction in the latter part," continues the notice. "Observation will be made of physicians who over-issue in alcohol prescriptions whether on dispensary or druggist. This symptom appears most often in foreign-born localities, and the meaning is obvious. The letter cites cases of abuse of the prescription privilege, and warns druggists of the abuse of abnormal alcohol prescriptions."

W. S. Dingman, vice-chairman of the board, who has signed the warning, reminds the recipient that the act now limits the amount of liquor which a

SCORES INJURED WHEN FREIGHT TRAIN SMASHES INTO TRACTION

Accident Occurs On the Main Street of Edinburgh, Ind.

TWO MAY SUCCUMB

Dixie Flyer, Loaded to Capacity, On Way From Indianapolis to Louisville.

Edinburgh, Ind., May 31.—From 50 to 60 persons were injured, two of them probably fatally, and several seriously, last night at 10:40 o'clock, when a Pennsylvania freight train crashed into the Dixie Flyer, a fast Indianapolis-Columbus and Southern Traction car carrying a trailer, at a track intersection here.

Many women and children were among those hurt. Most of the men injured were in the smoking compartment of the head car. The flyer was en route from Indianapolis to Louisville, and was carrying many persons who had been at Indianapolis attending the automobile races. The front car turned over and the motorist's vestibule was torn off and thrown against the side of a building several feet away. The collision snapped the coupling between the head car and the trailer, resulting in the trailer falling to turn over. Both cars were loaded to capacity.

The traction line is on the main street here, and the accident occurred almost in the heart of the city. A physician's office near the place where the accident occurred was converted into an emergency hospital, where the injured were taken for medical attention. All available physicians were rushed to the place.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY MAY BE EXECUTED

Knox, Ind., May 31.—Trial of an 11-year-old boy, Cecil Burkett, on an indictment charging him with first degree murder, is to begin today in the Stark County circuit court. The lad is charged with firing the rifle shot which killed Bessie Slusher, 7 years old, at Oneida, a village in Stark County, last Thanksgiving Day. The death penalty may be inflicted, according to law, despite the age of the lad.

EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO PREVENT PRINTERS' STRIKE

Toronto Industry Would Be Badly Crippled by Walkout.

Toronto, May 31.—Eleventh-hour negotiations are in progress here today in an effort to prevent a strike of printing compositors tomorrow. This strike, which has been threatening for months, will, if it eventuates, tie up the huge printing industry of Toronto, in practically every branch, except that of the daily newspapers, which are not affected directly at present.

The agreement between the employers and employees expires today. This morning the committee of the Toronto Typographical Union, the employers' organization, is conferring with the representatives of Toronto Typographical Union.

Under the existing agreement, the men work a 45-hour week at the wage of \$35 per week. The latest offer of the men, it is understood, is to work a 44-hour week for \$38.50 per week. The employers declare that the industry in its present condition cannot stand an increase in wages for less production. There are still some hopes of settlement at the conference today, but the general opinion seems to be that the strike will take place.

Nothing will be known definitely until the meeting of the men tonight, when the committee's report will be received. What attitude the pressmen, who are of a separate union organization, not affiliated with the international, will take in regard to the compositors' strike, is also unknown at present.

Several thousand men are directly involved, and many more men and women employees of kindred trades will be thrown out of work if the strike takes place.

POLICE OFFICER SHOT TO DEATH

Irish Constables Are Attacked From Ambush.

Belfast, May 31.—An officer of the Irish Royal Constabulary was shot to death last night during an hours fighting between a number of constables and an ambushing party. The constables were cycling from Blarney Castle to Mongahan when the ambushers attacked them. The ambushers were routed.

RAILWAY ENGINEERS WITHDRAW AID TO 'TAINTED' COAL BAN

Embargo Against Transportation of Imported Fuel Proved To Be a Failure—Lloyd George's Explanation Regarding Voluntary Arbitration Clears Way for Settlement.

London, May 31.—Another step towards industrial peace in Great Britain was taken today when the locomotive engineers dropped their embargo against transporting imported, or what has been known as "tainted coal," in an effort to support the miners now on strike. The embargo was a failure.

Meanwhile, the voting by district councils of the miners' union on the Government's proposal that the dispute with the mine owners be arbitrated, is still going on. A tremendous amount of harm was done in the mining districts where the voting is taking place, according to a statement by Will Thorne, in the House of Commons, by the unofficial announcement in the press that the Government had threatened to compel a settlement by arbitration. This threat appears now not to have been made.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that at the last private conference between the miners, owners and the Government, it was not mentioned. The premier stated that what he did say was this: If the owners refuse to carry out certain terms the Government will have to consider what steps should be taken. "I do not know why somebody thought that meant compulsory arbitration," he added.

While a certain amount of damage has been done by the false report of the threat—notably in Wales, Nottinghamshire and Lanarkshire, where the miners voted against accepting the Government proposal—the denial has cleared the atmosphere, and directed attention to the advantages of voluntary arbitration. Secretary Hodges, of the Miners' Federation, openly declared today for a voluntary arrangement, "even though it means deviation from our original purpose. If the miners have an alternative to the miners' proposals," Mr. Hodges added, let them produce it quickly, for the men are not wedded to words or to a particular idea."

VON HOEFER STATES GERMAN GUARDS IN SILESIA TO DISBAND

Defence Organizations Merely Awaiting Establishment of Authority.

Ober-Glogau, Upper Silesia, May 31.—German defence organizations in this city and in other towns west of the Oder River will disarm and disband as soon as inter-allied authority has been re-established in Upper Silesia, said Gen. Von Hoefer, commander of German guards in this city, yesterday. He added that the Allies should be thankful that the Germans had organized these men and had maintained order, instead of trying to disarm and disband the defence troops at this critical time.

"We don't want to keep these men under arms a minute longer than necessary," he went on, "but we must protect ourselves."

Gen. Von Hoefer lost his right arm during the war, and is considered the strongest German personality in Silesia. He is credited with having established discipline among the defence forces gathered along the Oder, but many of the men he had disarmed, and others who came here from Germany were sent back. Gen. Von Hoefer has repeatedly prevented the Germans from starting a general advance, rising one morning at 4 o'clock to send orders to Germans already under way toward Oder to turn back. He has been in close touch with the British colonial officers in Upper Silesia, and is said to have had considerable influence with allied officials.

WILL SUBMIT REPORT

Munich, May 31.—Premier Von Kahr of Bavaria was expected to appear before the Diet today to make a report on the dissolution of the guards. His failure to submit this declaration at yesterday's session of the Diet brought about a situation which was considered critical. The Diet adjourned yesterday afternoon after a dispute over the report was made that the premier would, without fail, submit a report today.

JUGO-SLAVIA SEEKS TO NULLIFY RESULT RECENT PLEBISCITE

Insists On Ratification of Her Frontiers.

Vienna, May 31.—Jugo-Slavia is declared to be seeking to nullify the result of the plebiscite held in the Kiegunfurt area of Carinthia last October and to advance her frontier from its present location to the line of the Drave River, which runs about ten miles north of the present boundary. The Jugo-Slavs base their proposed action upon the results of the plebiscite in Silesia, claiming that a large part of the southern section of the plebiscite zone voted against Austria. "They declare they will insist upon a rectification of the frontier, setting up the plea that the allocation of various districts in Silesia has been determined by the vote cast in each commune."

FOUR SOLDIERS KILLED.
Cork, May 31.—Four soldiers were killed, two mortally wounded, and twelve slightly wounded, when they were attacked at 8 o'clock this morning while marching from the Youghal barracks to the rifle ranges.

STUDENTS WHO TRIED TO PASS BY PROXY MAY BE SUSPENDED

Nineteen Appear Before University of Toronto Officials.

Toronto, May 31.—Nineteen Varsity students in the faculties of arts, medicine, and applied science have been summoned before the Varsity caput, following attempts to win their annual examinations by proxy. The students who undertook to write the examinations will also suffer. Sir Robert Falconer declined to discuss the affair today, simply stating that caput would hand out its decision shortly.

Punishment has not yet been decided upon, but it is expected that the students who were trying to pass their examinations on false pretences will be suspended for a session and will be forced to repeat their present year should they return to Varsity in the fall of 1922. The would-be good Samaritans, who were attempting to assist their less learned brothers by impersonating them, will present a more delicate problem for the authorities.

ESPERANTO'S CREW BELIEVED SAFE

Schooner Founders Off Coast of Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., May 31.—A two-masted schooner, which at a distance resembles an American banker and may prove to be the Elsie II., with news of the Esperanto's crew, was sighted off Chebucto Head shortly after 2 o'clock today, making for this port.

Gloucester, Mass., May 31.—Still without advice of their own today, the local owners of the schooner Esperanto found in press dispatches of the foundering in Nova Scotia waters of the craft that was Gloucester's pride, indications that Capt. Tom Benham and his crew of 20 men were safe. It was not only a hope, they said; it was a conviction.

The process of deduction followed by most of Gloucester, based on knowledge of the men and the ships of this port, led to the belief that the Esperanto crew were taken off by Captain Alden Geel, himself a Gloucester man, and the crew of his schooner Elsie. The Elsie was the vessel which first found the international race winner submerged to her cross-steps, a mile and one-half south of Sable Island yesterday, but which had left her before the Canadian patrol ship, which reported the accident, arrived.

Russell Smith, part owner of the Gloucester-Pew Fisheries Company, who sailed with the Esperanto when she captured the cup at Halifax last fall, conceded that the hope was father to the thought, nevertheless said he was strongly of opinion that Captain Tom and his men were safe.