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## TORCH APPLIED IN IRISH TOWN AS RIOTS GROW

Police Patrol Saves Unused Stradane Workhouse From Destruction.

BELFAST YOUTHS HOLD UP WORKERS; ONE WOUNDED

British Army Authorities Commandeer Ulster Hall For Troops.

Belfast, Feb. 16.—The day opened with the death of a 5-year-old child, who was struck by a bullet yesterday while playing in the street.

A workman proceeding along Seaford street, in the Ballymacarret area, was shot dead at 8 o'clock this morning.

Youthful gunmen held up a number of workers on the Lowmarket district and wounded one of them in the foot.

An attempt was made this forenoon to burn the disused workhouse at Stradane, North Tyrone, which the military had signified their intention of occupying this week. A police patrol noticed flames proceeding from the structure and the entire force was mobilized and checked the fire. Examination showed that petrol had been strewn over the stairs and bedding. The district hospital adjoins the workhouse.

The firearms act is now in force in Northern Ireland, and the authorities announce that it will be strictly adhered to. The possession or sale of firearms without police certificates is punishable by two years' hard labor. The period of grace for the surrender of arms expires Saturday in Belfast and Feb. 28 elsewhere.

The authorities today commandeered Ulster Hall, the commodious structure on Bedford street, ordinarily used for concerts, for the use of the troops now engaged in combating the disorders here. Up to 10 o'clock this morning the total casualties had reached a total of 114, with the deaths numbering 34.

## BANK DISCOUNT AGAIN REDUCED

London, Feb. 16.—The Bank of England today reduced its rate of discount to 4½ per cent.

The discount rate of the Bank of England has been 5 per cent since November 3 last when it was reduced from 5½ per cent July 21. Today's action was forecast in a London dispatch last night in which it was pointed out that the treasury had suspended temporarily its issue of five per cent treasury bonds.

The highest rate was reached in August 1914, after the outbreak of the war, when it was set at ten per cent, which had been equalled on two previous occasions, those of the panics of 1857 and 1866. Since then the rate has fluctuated, but the figure set today is the lowest since the outbreak of the war.

## PROTEST BRITISH PENSION SYSTEM

London, England, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Angry protests were made in the Commons today against the government allowing civil servants to count the war bonus as part of their pensionable rights. It was asserted that there was a veritable stampede of resignations a few months ago, and that many civil servants retired on pensions greater than their salaries in 1914. A motion against the government's action, however, was defeated by a large majority, the Laborites abstaining from voting.

## WILL APPEAL FREIGHT RATES TO BRITISH GOVT.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Canadian Press dispatch.—"If British Columbia does not win its fight for a reduction of the mountain freight rate scale now being carried by the board of railway commissioners, the case will be laid before the imperial council on the ground that rates are a breach of the terms upon which the province entered confederation," Hon. John Oliver, British Columbia premier, declared last evening. Mr. Oliver said that he doubted the right of the railway board to settle the matter, and expressed the belief that it was wholly a problem for the federal government. The western premier intimated that he would make this clear to the prime minister at their conference this afternoon.

## LAWRENCE FACTORIES RUN 4 DAYS WEEKLY

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 16.—The cotton and worsted departments of the Pacific Mills will operate only four days a week, it was announced today. The Pacific print works have been on such a schedule for several weeks. In all about 10,000 persons are affected.

## Union Men May Seek Injunction to Halt Street Railway Wage Reduction March 1

### DEFENCE OPENS IN AHRENS CASE

Jury Views Boat Used by Prisoner and Wife To Cross River.

A. McDONALD TESTIFIES

Describes Efforts Made at Time To Revive Victim.

Kitchener, Feb. 16.—The jury in the Ahrens murder trial which is proceeding here, viewed the punt in which Ahrens propelled his wife across the river on the night of November 16 last, when she met her death, when the court resumed this morning at 9:30 o'clock. After the punt had been put in as evidence the crown rested its case.

Defence counsel Brackin started at once with the presentation of defence witnesses, the first being A. McDonald, a personal friend of Carl Ahrens. He told of Carl Ahrens inviting him to spend the evening with him and his wife at the cottage on the evening of November 16, the night of the tragedy. He stated that he had been unable to go owing to a previous engagement. He also gave a description of the cottage. He stated that during the winter months there was also a supply of canned goods kept on hand at the camp and that it was only necessary to take along bread and meat to enjoy a lunch at the camp during the off-season months. He stated that he had slept with Carl Ahrens the night of the tragedy at Ahrens' house, and they had talked of the accident. Carl had said that he would like to have an inquest as he thought it would satisfy the girl's father. McDonald also told of receiving a phone call on the night of the tragedy informing him that something had happened.

He telephoned for Dr. Harvey and went down to the scene with him. He described the scene, the place at which the drowning in connection with efforts to revive the victim. Cross examination by Crown Prosecutor Waldron failed to elicit anything further from witness.

Defence witness McDonald grew faint in the witness box this morning under cross-examination by Crown Prosecutor Waldron and had to be assisted to a chair, where his cross-examination was concluded.

He was followed by Norman Schneider, who told of going to the scene and taking a fireman in his car with the lung motor after receiving a phone call from Ahrens. He stated Ahrens had not spoken to him in connection with the scene of the tragedy.

Arriving at the scene, Schneider said he found Ahrens visibly affected. Witness broke down shortly after leaving the box, but was able to gain control of himself.

Two young ladies, Miss Wolfe and Miss Haist, both members of the girls' camp near the scene of the tragedy, told of using the punt and of nearly falling on several times as a result of the propelling pole slipping. They stated they were saved from falling by the quick actions of others in the punt.

Manager J. A. Martin of the Dominion Tire factory, where Ahrens was employed, gave testimony that Ahrens was a good character, and stated he was an efficient and hard-working employee.

Practically the entire afternoon and evening of the trial Wednesday, was devoted to reading excerpts from the report of the preliminary hearing, in which Ahrens gave evidence concerning the death of his wife.

The report was the stenographic copy of the story told by Ahrens at the inquest, and the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Weil.

Prominent in this evidence were three letters written by Mrs. Ahrens to her husband before leaving Carleton Place for Kitchener.

The first was a letter written in 1919, shortly after the pair had separated. This epistle stated that Mrs. Ahrens was practically a nervous wreck as the result of the separation, which they had had, and asked Carl to forgive her. The letter seemed to place most of the blame on her.

### Dying Man Repays Loan He Contracted 44 Years Ago

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—A special to the Journal from Kingston, says: Forty-four years ago a prominent citizen of Kingston, who died two years ago, loaned a friend the sum of \$400. The man who got the money suddenly disappeared after he got the loan, and although every effort was made to locate him he could not be found. The man in question is now about 75 years old and is dying. His son wrote a letter to a son of the man who loaned the money, stating that he was prepared to make good the payment of the loan with interest at 5 per cent, which amounts to \$3,620. The note has been forwarded to an American bank, which has received instructions to pay it.

### HOLD SUSPECTS IN MAIL THEFT CASE

Border Police Expect To Solve Mystery of Tecumseh Robbery.

Windsor, Feb. 16.—Expectations by border police that the \$8,200 mail robbery would be solved today was materially strengthened by the arrest of two suspects at the Walkerville ferry dock, who were attempting to board the ferry in a green touring car shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police are examining the men this afternoon and believe that they may be the hold-up men who made their getaway with the mail bag after holding up Herbert Jacobs and his wife near the Grand Trunk Railway station, Tecumseh, shortly after 9 o'clock last night. The suspects, giving their names as Lorne Silverman, 34, Jacob Manor Apartments, Detroit, and Shad Wilson, Riverside Drive, deny that they were in Windsor Wednesday night.

They claimed that they brought the automobile over at the Walkerville dock a few hours previous to their arrest. When police searched the car they found a set of 1922 Ontario license markers hidden beneath a seat.

The car more a Michigan license plate, and when traced by the police showed that the license had been issued in the name of M. J. Margolies, brother of "Sam," the former well-known roadhouse proprietor near Mount Clemons.

Two other suspects were taken into custody by Walkerville police today, but were later released when they gave a satisfactory account of their movements, Walkerville police stated. They were detained at the ferry dock.

### CYR SENTENCED TO BE EXECUTED

Bracebridge, Feb. 16.—George Cyr was today sentenced by Justice Middleton to be executed on May 17 for the murder of George Withers, of December 13. The trial of Cyr for the murder of Mrs. Solave, with which he is also charged, was postponed to a later date.

### NEW PARLIAMENT OF PORTUGAL CONVENES

Lisbon, Feb. 16.—The new parliament elected on January 29, convened yesterday for its first session. At the time of the parliamentary elections the Lisbon newspapers declared that President D'Almeida would accept the verdict of the new body as the constitutional duty of his office in dissolving the previous parliament. The new parliament, however, is strongly democratic, with the Liberals next in power.

### CLAIM MOVE TO CUT PAY WOULD VIOLATE ACT

Employees of Company Contend Conciliation Board Necessary.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY UNION'S OFFICIALS

Men Will Discuss Best Policy To Pursue To Gain Rights.

But little doubt exists the Advertiser has been informed that the executive committee of the local street railwaymen's union in session Friday will move that an injunction be obtained to restrain the London Street Railway Company from placing in effect March 1 the proposed wage reduction of three cents an hour.

Leading officials of the union explain there is but one alternative course, namely, to seek the services of a board of conciliation. This would be possible on their own overtime wage demands, the union men assert.

C. B. King, manager of the company, quite recently reiterated the decision that the reduction would go into effect as scheduled. The union men contend that if such action is taken it will be contrary to bylaw 916 of the London Street Railway Act which, they claim, provides that such a step can not be taken without first seeking the advice of a board of conciliation.

The men emphasize the fact that the time for the proposed move is drawing near and that as no action is apparently forthcoming the company other than Manager King's steadfast determination that the new scale shall become effective, a special meeting has been called for Friday to determine definitely just what should be done.

### WILL BUILD NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Catholics of the eastern part of the city plan to erect a new church during the coming summer. It will be built by the congregation of St. Patrick's Church, which is in charge of the Redeemerist order.

The new edifice will be erected on the corner of Oakland avenue and Dundas street just east of the residence of the priests. The old church, which is on the east side of the present house, will be turned into a school.

The estimated cost of the church is not as yet known.

### CALL STRIKE TO OFFSET LOOKOUT IN DENMARK

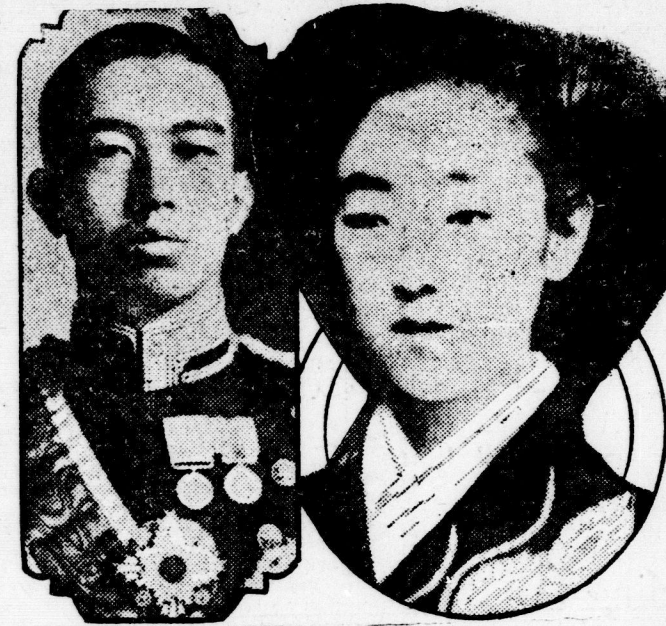
Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—A general lookout declared yesterday throughout Denmark affecting nearly all industries and about 150,000 employees, had not up to the forenoon been met by the retaliatory move of a general strike which some of the organized labor elements threatened when notice of the lookout was given recently. However it is already practically impossible to obtain fuel here and as one consequence the bread supply is endangered.

The trouble between the employers and the men arose because of an attempt to cut twenty per cent in wages, with longer hours. Compromise proposals have been rejected by nearly all the trade unions.

### THURSDAY EVENING IN DUNDAS

Centre Church a number of the pupils of J. Parnell Morris will be heard in recital. An interesting program has been arranged consisting of vocal and piano solos, piano and violin duets and quartets. The recital will be under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle.

### Prefer Simple Democratic Wedding!



CROWN PRINCE HIROHITO AND HIS FIANCEE, PRINCESS NAGAKO.

Special to London Advertiser. TOKIO, Feb. 16.—The coming wedding of Crown Prince Hirohito and Princess Nagako will be simple and democratic.

The ceremonies will follow the Shinto ritual. They will last seven days. During this time a national holiday will be proclaimed throughout the Japanese Empire.

On the morning of the wedding day the crown prince will go to the shrine of his ancestors in the imperial palace.

There he will read a report to his ancestors, announcing he is about to take a wife, and that the union is for the best interests of the nation.

Prince Kaji, brother of the emperor, will officiate as head priest of the imperial household. Prince Hirohito will wear a robe of black silk. The rest of the day will be given over to festivities culminating in a dinner party attended by 3,000 guests, including members of the imperial household and foreign diplomats.

### SEIZED ALCOHOL TAGGED OLIVE OIL

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 16.—Ten barrels of grain alcohol labelled as olive oil, were seized yesterday by prohibition agents at a local railroad station. This was one of seven similar shipments to Baltimore within a week, totalling 15 barrels and all labelled olive oil. The prohibition agents estimated the retail bootleg value of the shipments at \$150,000.

### JACK CANUCK EDITOR COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Hamilton, Feb. 16.—John Drylie, editor of Jack Canuck, was this morning committed for trial on a charge of defamatory libel laid by William Carroll, who runs a chain of grocery stores. Bail was raised from \$500 to \$1,000. J. L. Courtell, K.C., who defended the editor, asked that the editor be released on his own recognizance, to which Arthur Oheir, counsel for the grocer, objected, saying, "I understand they change editors every little while."

Wilfred Fessy, assistant editor, said he had written the article complained of on information given him by the paper's Hamilton correspondent, James Meek, 56 Gregg street.

### ASK BUILDING TRADES TO ACCEPT WAGE CUT

Calgary, Feb. 16.—The Western Canadian Building and Construction Industries convention after two private sessions yesterday, issued a statement that labor will be asked to accept reduced wages on the following scale per hour: Carpenters, 70c; plasterers, 85c; steamfitters, 85c; sheet metal workers, 75c; painters, 70c; electricians, 75c; stone cutters, 75c, and structural steel workers, 90c per hour. For laborers, a sliding scale from 40c to 50c was adopted.

A resolution requests that labor will co-operate by agreeing to work longer hours per day during the favorable working season.

### SIR HERBERT PERROTT, ENGLISH BARONET, DIES

London, England, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir Herbert Charles Perrott, baronet, died today. He was late lieutenant colonel commanding and honorary colonel of the 3rd Battalion, the Buffs, East Kent Regiment. He was born in 1848.

### 98-Year-Old Woman Has Real Thrill When 274th Descendant Arrives

SABETHA, Kan., Feb. 15.—Bertha Perkins, who will be 98 years old next April, had a real thrill over the week end, when three additional great-grand children arrived in three Sabetha homes, within a period of 48 hours. They brought the number of her descendants up to 274.

"Good, and old-fashioned cooking," is the recipe Mrs. Perkins gives for her longevity. It is no wonder people do not live to old age like they used to, considering the rich foods they put into their stomachs nowadays. People do not eat enough coarse food. Corn bread once or twice a day would improve their health.

"Work is the best tonic. Why, I do something every day. In the summer time I take care of my vegetable garden. Last summer I raised so many vegetables I had them to pass around among the neighbors."

### MOTORIST HELD AFTER ACCIDENT

Arthur Callier of Windsor Is Placed Under Arrest by Provincial Police.

BAILED TO FEBRUARY 24

Charge Is Laid Following Smash On "Battle Hill."

Arthur Callier of Windsor was taken in charge by provincial officers in that city Wednesday and taken to Glencoe Thursday morning by Provincial Officer Arthur Palmer, charged with reckless driving as a result of an accident on "Battle Hill" on the Longwoods road near Glencoe.

Clarence Treast and L. D. Siddall were seriously injured, and their horse killed when a motor car, alleged to have been driven by Callier, struck the buggy in which they were driving.

According to Palmer the men were driving home at 1 o'clock in the morning, and were almost at the summit of the hill when a big motor car shot into view over the brow of the hill and crashed into the buggy with terrific force. The horse thrown stantly killed, and the men thrown into the ditch, the injuries to Treast proving to be of a very serious nature.

The motor car did not come to a stop till it reached the bottom of the incline. It is understood that Callier spent the night in a farmhouse nearby, and then proceeded to Windsor. The injured men were later conveyed to their homes by neighbors.

Callier was brought before Magistrate McKenzie at Glencoe Thursday morning and was bailed in the sum of \$2,000 to appear in court on Feb. 24 at Glencoe.

### NAME COCKTAIL PRINCESS MARY

London, England, Feb. 16.—Habitués of one of London's most exclusive west end clubs are exulting over the success of the city's first "cocktail tea dance," something new in London, at which three cocktails concocted in honor of Princess Mary, who is soon to marry, were introduced. They have been christened "The Princess Mary Cocktail," "The Wedding Ball," and "The Royal Smile."

### LABOR COUNCIL WOULD CURB "WILDCAT" STOCKS

The London Trades and Labor Council will ask the executive of the Dominion Trades Congress to approach the federal government with a view toward enacting legislation to prevent the use of the mails by promoters of the so-called "wildcat" stock corporations.

It is claimed that individuals have been going through the country endeavoring to sell stock under the pretension that it has been endorsed by the grand lodge officers of the masonicists' union.

## PROTESTANTS PLAN DEFENCE LEAGUE IN CITY

Public School Supporters Will Launch Campaign at Mass Meeting.

SUPPORT SOUGHT FROM MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Dr. Edwards of Kingston To Speak in Masonic Temple, February 27.

That the vigorous campaign of Bishop M. F. Fallon to obtain more concessions in the allotment of taxes in Ontario for Roman Catholic education is soon to encounter vigorous opposition on the part of the Protestants of the province is evidenced by the fact that a branch of the Public School Defence League is being formed in London.

The objects of this league are to combat further concessions to the Roman Catholic citizens, and the first sht in the battle will be fired on Feb. 27 at the Masonic Temple, when the Public School Defence League will hold a mass meeting.

Tentative arrangements have been made whereby Dr. Edwards, former Conservative M.P. for Frontenac, and minister of public health for Canada under the Meighen administration, will address this gathering.

Other speakers will be trained, including Dean Tucker, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Dr. Edwards has interested himself in the Public School Defence League in other parts of Ontario, and for this reason his services have been obtained for the meeting.

While those in charge of arrangements for the meeting, which will be open to the public, are reticent regarding details of the meeting at the present time they informed The Advertiser this morning that an official announcement will be made on Friday.

It is claimed that the status of separate schools in Ontario and the rights of salary to further consideration by the legislature for additional revenue for taxes will be fully and fairly discussed at this meeting, along with arguments advanced by Bishop Fallon and Archbishop MacNeill of Toronto in support of the Catholic cause.

Prior to the meeting the aims and objects of the Public School Defence League of Ontario will be laid before members of the London Ministerial Alliance with a view to obtaining the support of that body in Protestant churches of the city.

### PREDICT BONOMI WILL BE RETURNED TO POWER

Rome, Feb. 16.—Return of the Bonomi ministry to power was forecast at the chamber of deputies today. The cabinet has been in eclipse since February 2 when it presented its resignation in the face of strong attacks in the chamber on both its foreign and domestic policies, principally on its attitude toward the vatican and the premier announced intention to recognize the death of Pope Benedict officially. Attempts to have other leaders form a new ministry failed. Signor Bonomi will ask endorsement today of his cabinet.

### LOVE LANE TO CLOSE

CHALDON, England.—Love Lane, a beautiful and secluded walk here, may soon be closed. Chalidon is claiming right-of-way through the lane, but Lord Hytchins, through whose estate the lane runs, opposes the claim.

### The Weather

FORECASTS. Fair and decidedly cold today and on Friday.

Pressure is low in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, and higher over the central portions of the continent.

A fairly heavy snowfall has occurred in the Maritime Provinces, and a few light snowfalls in Quebec. The very cold weather which has been prevailing in the Western Provinces is giving way to milder conditions.

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

Location	High	Low
Vancouver	42	40
Calgary	41	34
Winnipeg	32	24
P. Sound	24	14
Toronto	24	14
Kingston	24	14
Ottawa	28	14
Montreal	24	14
Quebec	20	8
P. Point	20	12
St. John	28	18
Halifax	28	22

"Below zero." LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 20; lowest, 10. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 13; lowest, 4. Temperatures. Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.3. Today—8 a.m., 29.4.

## MISS HELLO GIRL WARNS TELEPHONE USERS COURTESY ALWAYS IS BEST POLICY

Every man, woman or child who takes down a telephone receiver and is not instantly greeted with a prompt "number please" immediately assumes a martyred air and commences bewailing to the world in general about the inferior brand of telephone service.

However, there is another side to the story which seldom comes in for any consideration.

Pity the poor telephone girl!

Her lot is a hard one and her reward—well, it is not very often the

courtesy to which her patience and long-suffering entitle her.

Those citizens who have forgotten the good old adage that courtesy costs nothing should take warning. Don't imagine that because you are safe within the four walls of your home or office that you can vent your spleen upon the unfortunate operator without your sin finding you out.

Telephone operators are like head waiters. They know you and according to your desserts are rewarded.

Several prominent citizens would be more than amazed if they knew how badly they were in the black book of that chosen few, the telephone operators in modern life, Miss Telephone Operator.

When asked the question: "Who was the most discourteous man you ever knew?" Contrary to expectations, a youthful London operator was quite ready with a retort.

"Conscience doth make cowards of us all," so those citizens who have been arranged, consisting of their phone conversation where their telephone read no farther. "Speaking of being discourteous,"

said the Hello Girl, "a certain man is the limit. If the line is busy and you tell him so, he gets busy calling information to 'cut 'em off, cut 'em off.' When that man gets on a line he thinks it is a case of 'Let the rest of the world go by' and nobody has a right on the wire but 'yours truly.'"

"No, I have never met him so I don't know whether his special brand of courtesy applies to telephone girls only, but apparently it does, because if he talked to everyone as he does to me he wouldn't have a friend in the world."

"Have we any come-back? No, I sometimes buzz the receiver in his

ear, that's all. Rather feeble means of retort and it only brings down more explosives on my innocent head as he yells for the chief operator."

Beside the discourteous gentlemen, we have to deal with those clever youths who, if they have to wait even a moment, while away their time by singing: "Hello, Katie, are you powdering your nose or just naturally busy elsewhere," with a sarcastic infection on the last words.

You can be sure that sort of performance doesn't get them any better service. If they ask us our names we give them information. That's our come-back in that case."

It won't be necessary to put the cap on unless it fits, but from this interview it is easily learned that those Londoners who are apt to be so say the least, somewhat forgetful of what becomes a gentleman, should remember that "murder will out" and Miss Operator is not very long before she knows who you are and what kind of treatment to expect from you.

Apparently it is up to discourteous Londoners to put the brakes on their bad temper and stop, look and listen, when telephoning, lest they get too deeply into the black books of the "Hello Girl."