

MR. ASQUITH CALLS ON KING ORIGINAL PROGRAMME CHANGED AS TO PROBLEM OF LORDS

Government Refuses to Surrender to the Extremists and May Present Scheme in Which Elective Principle Will Take the Place of Hereditary Practice.

London, Feb. 26.—Premier Asquith had an audience with King Edward at Buckingham Palace this morning, and the meeting has given rise to many fantastic reports. The fact seems to be that the Premier after yesterday's cabinet council asked for today's audience with the object of acquainting his majesty with the proposed modifications of the Government's attitude toward the principal questions dealt with in the speech from the throne. That modifications of the cabinet's original plans have been forced by the Radicals and Nationalists is not to be doubted, but the cabinet is represented as having decided not to countenance the demands of the extremists that all mention of a reform of the House of Lords should be dropped from the Government's plans.

Asquith's Views.
The ministerial view—the view of an important section of the ministry—is that if its programme is confined to a proposal on the question of veto, pure and simple, it would in effect be a proposal for a single-chamber Government.

WEST LONDONERS FEAR A JAM ICE MIGHT CRUSH RIVER WALL

Ald. Jeffries Is Determined to See That All Is Done That Can Be Done to Prevent a Flood This Spring—Bags of Sand May Be Placed Ready to Plug Breaks.

There is no disguising the fact that the residents of West London are very much alarmed over the possible break-up of the River Thames.

There is such an abnormal quantity of snow all over the country, that a sudden thaw would produce an immense flow of water, so great, they fear that the breakwater would be unable to withstand the weight of ice, and as a result the west side of the city will be badly flooded.

As a result, some of the aldermen have been talking the situation over, and it is probable that special precautions will be taken to protect the city from a flood.

Ald. Jeffries had a consultation with Mayor Beattie today, and also with Ald. Hancock, chairman of the board of works, as to the precautions necessary to be taken.

Bags of Sand.
"I suggested to Mayor Beattie that bags of sand be placed on the breakwater at regular intervals to circumvent a possible break in the breakwater," said Ald. Jeffries. "We could obtain large quantities of the sand at a reasonable rate, and it could be located at certain distances along the breakwater. If a patrol was established, when the water comes down, the first break could be detected, and the sandbags would form an effective barrier to the water. I can tell you, the people over in West London are fearful of the results, and I cannot blame them. There is such a quantity of snow that a heavy rain would cause a tremendous flood. People from the country tell me that there is an awful quantity of snow in the country."

City Engineer Is Watching.
City Engineer Graydon is carefully watching the situation, and will have a patrol on the breakwater on the very first sign of trouble. He has men at work, keeping the water courses open, and in every possible way, is taking precautions to prevent a flood downtown.

A number of the residents of West London spoke to The Advertiser today, and declared that the situation was causing them much uneasiness, and they expressed the hope that something would be done to prevent a flood.

The ice this year is very thick, and an ice jam is likely to be formed in the river.

CHINAMAN WAS ASSAULTED YOUNG MAN HEAVILY FINED

Magistrate Love Told Sidney Lawrie He Was a Coward—Brutal Attack on a Foreigner in a Local Hotel Was Entirely Unprovoked.

Sidney Lawrie, a young man giving his age as 20, and his place of residence as 343 Thames street, was fined \$30 and \$7 costs or three months in jail this morning by Magistrate Love for assaulting Tom Lee Sing, a Chinaman, who keeps a laundry on Talbot street, between Fullerton street and Queen's avenue.

Unprovoked Assault.
The assault took place in the City Hotel, when the Chinaman was around collecting laundry, and was apparently entirely unprovoked.

William Leslie, Charles Reid and William Sedler all told the court that they saw Lawrie smash the Chinaman in the face and then kick him.

Dr. James D. Wilson said the Chinaman's face was badly cut, particularly about the lips, and that he had a bruise on his leg of a very painful nature. The injuries would cause him much pain for a week at least.

Covered With Blood.
Sergeant Birrell said that when the Chinaman came to the station he was weeping bitterly and his face was covered with blood.

"I can't find words strong enough to express my contempt for such a cowardly attack," the court told Lawrie. "You would not attack a man who could by any chance defend himself, but you go and pick on a poor foreigner. I want to tell you, you can't do that sort of thing in London. A Chinaman has just as much right here as you have, and will be protected. I fine you \$30 and \$7 costs or three months in jail."

THE WEATHER
TOMORROW—SLEET AND RAIN.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 26—8 a.m. Fresh to strong southerly winds; mild; light falls of snow, sleet or rain tonight and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES.
Today. Yesterday.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low High.
London 28 -16 21
Calgary 2 -10 12
Winnipeg 2 -12 12
Port Arthur 24 -14 18
Parry Sound 20 -12 16
Toronto 20 -12 16
Ottawa 14 -14 14
Montreal 14 -12 14
Quebec 16 -12 12
Father Point 16 -12 12
Dawson City 4 -22 -22
Athol 4 -14 4
Victoria 26 -12 12
Vancouver 34 -14 43
Edmonton 14 -14 4
Moose Jaw 14 -14 4
Qu'Appelle 14 -12 6
St. John 14 -12 6
Halifax 14 -12 6
Minus (-) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather has moderated in Ontario, but become colder again in the Western Provinces.
Snow has occurred from the Rocky Mountains to Lake Superior, but the fall has been nearly everywhere light.



REV. FATHER AYLRARD.
Who Has Returned From Buffalo, Where He Had Interview With Bishop Desjardins.

FIVE CHILDREN ILL WITH SCARLET FEVER

Asklin Street Family's Troubles Increase—53 Cases Now in the City.

Three more cases of scarlet fever were reported yesterday, making in all 53 that have developed so far and are under treatment. Several of the little children who are in the contagious wards in Victoria Hospital are in a very critical condition, and it is stated that they have a type of scarlet fever that is of the most malignant variety. In some instances there are several little ones in the hospital from one family. Another little child belonging to Mr. R. Giese, of Asklin street, has developed the fever, and was taken to the hospital yesterday. Mr. Giese has been particularly unfortunate, having lost a little girl with the fever yesterday morning, and he has four more children in the hospital now.

MAKE THE CONTRACTORS REPAIR THE PAVEMENT

King Street Roadway Is Again in the Limelight—What May Be Done.

The King street pavement is again in the limelight, and it is now up to the city to keep the pavement in repair, or compel the contractors to do so.

The Kentucky rock asphalt was only guaranteed for one year, but the contractors, Blight & Fleider, guaranteed to keep the pavement in repair for a term of five years.

To this end \$800 of the contract price was kept back, and is still in the hands of City Treasurer Bell.

The contractors can be compelled, so it is stated at the city hall, to keep the street in proper repair.

What constitutes keeping it in repair is hard to agree upon, but the board of works will have to decide that matter themselves.

At the next meeting of the board of works the question of the pavement will be discussed, and it is stated that the committee will recommend that certain repairs be made to the street.

It is a gravel road, but can be made fairly good with the expenditure of a couple of hundred dollars.

It cannot be repaired until such a time as the debentures covering the street are redeemed.

BRITAIN SOLD MORE TO UNITED STATES

Increase of Forty-Five Millions for Seven Months in U. S. Imports From United Kingdom.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Imports and exports between the United States and foreign countries for the seven months ending with January, 1910, were largely in excess of the imports and exports at the corresponding period of the year before, according to detailed figures compiled by the department of commerce and labor.

From the United Kingdom the value of imports in the last seven months was \$156,640,299, as compared with \$111,287,676 in the seven months of the year before.

From Germany, \$101,201,238, as against \$80,856,904.

From France, \$84,377,518, as against \$58,203,066.

Exports to the United Kingdom for the last seven months were valued at \$29,230,019.

To Germany, \$164,419,580.
To Canada, \$116,130,775.
To France, \$87,460,132.

An increase everywhere except to the United Kingdom, which showed a slight falling off.

THE GRAND TRUNK WITH HUNDRED-POUND RAILS

Already 200 Miles of the Main Line From Montreal to Napanee Has Been Relaid—A Big Scheme to Improve the Roadbed.

The Grand Trunk have a proposition to lay to relay their whole line from Montreal to Chicago with 100-pound rails, and use the present 80-pound rails for switches and sidings. Already 200 miles of the main line from Montreal to Napanee has been relaid, and the remaining 133 miles into Toronto will be gone on with at once. After that the work of relaying the rails through to this city, Detroit and Chicago will be gone on with.

The Work Here.
The work of relaying in this district will probably be commenced during the coming summer. Assistant Superintendent Bowker told The Advertiser this afternoon, "The idea is to make a better roadbed."

A JOINT STOCK COMPANY TO PROVIDE FACTORY SITES AS A LONDON INDUCEMENT

Businesslike Suggestion Was Made at the Meeting of the Board of Trade—City Should Go After an Automobile Industry—London Must Do Something to Compete With Other Places.

The purchase of factory sites for the bringing of industries to London was the cause of a long debate at the meeting of the board of trade last night, and several suggestions were made as to the best method of accomplishing the end in view.

Mr. T. B. Escott suggested that a joint stock company be formed to purchase land outside of the city to be given as factory sites. The land could be purchased at comparatively low figure and could be leased to manufacturers for a long term of years. This company would not be bound by acts of legislatures, being independent, but they would, of course, work in harmony with the city council and the board of trade. These outlying sections could be brought into the city from time to time, and the city reason of this unfair treatment, especially in view of the fact that Windsor and other cities could purchase lands for this purpose.

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DOG-CATCHER WAS ARRESTED SPENT NIGHT IN THE CELLS

"Ben" Blackstock Created a Row at Grand Opera House and Was Promptly "Bagged" by P. C. Noonan—Magistrate Love Is Puzzled to Know What to Do With Man Appointed by the City to Catch Dogs.

Ben Blackstock, the city dog-catcher, was arrested by P. C. Thomas Noonan last night in the lobby of the Grand Opera House, as he was trying to force his way into the theatre, and was rudely jostling many ladies and others who were coming out at the close of the performance.

"Benny" has been steadily "cutting into the grapes" since he was appointed dog-catcher, and he has given you every chance and you don't seem to want to be helped. I am going to bail you to appear in court on both charges two weeks from today."

Chief Williams' Opinion.
"I think Blackstock is unquestionably crazy, and should be put in the asylum," Chief Williams told The Advertiser. "He is not a fit man to be at large."

It is alleged that Blackstock made the statement last night that he did not regret the dogs that are in this theatre, and no person can stop me from doing what I can stop you," said the big Irish look after himself.

ARM WAS TERRIBLY MANGLED IN AN AUTOMATIC CARRIER

James Tiney, Employed by the McCormick Mfg. Company, Suffered Fearful Accident While at Work Today—Arm Was Ground So Badly It Will Likely Have To Be Amputated.

James Tiney, a young Englishman, employed at McCormick's, met with a very serious accident this afternoon at the works, when he had his arm caught in a carrier, and it was smashed and ground so badly that it is feared it will be necessary to amputate it at the elbow.

The arm was fractured in probably a dozen places, and the flesh terribly mangled. Tiney was hurried at once to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance, and is at present in the operating room. He had only been employed in the works a short time.

TWO-POUND LOAF DEMANDED BY LOCAL REAL ESTATERS

Resolution Will Be Presented to the Legislature Praying for the Amending of the Ontario Bread Act—Some Talk of a Four-Pound Loaf, But Nothing Was Done.

At Friday night's meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association it was unanimously decided to recommend to the legislature the passing of a statute requiring bakers to make and sell a standard loaf of two pounds and a fancy loaf of one pound, with the option of making whatever other kinds of loaves they like.

It was also decided to recommend that a change be made in the inspection so that the bread inspector may be given more power. It was suggested that the inspector be allowed to investigate bread at any time, either in the shop or in the wagon, instead of being limited as he is now.

Outside Bakers.
The question of asking the Legislature to allow municipalities to license outside bakers who compete with those at home, caused considerable discussion, and it was finally decided to leave the matter over for further discussion.

A resolution asking for a standard two-pound ordinary loaf, and a standard one-pound fancy loaf, will be forwarded to Toronto in time to be presented at the meeting on Tuesday, when the question comes up in the House.

A Four-Pound Loaf.
The question of asking for a standard four-pound loaf, such as is sold in England, also came up, and the members decided that if a two-pound loaf is made and the bakers are required by law to give it to everybody asking for it, it would be satisfactory.

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In the last few years the size and weight of the engines has enormously increased, and so also has the hauling capacity. Trains of 50 and 60 cars are common now, and unless the roadbed is heavy enough to support them, particularly in the frosty weather.

Won the Prize.
There was a large crowd of euche players at the South London Liberal club on Friday evening. It was intended to play a match game with the Hyman Hall euche players, but a change in the programme had to be made. Mr. Griffith won the handsome prize donated by Mr. Wilkins.

Wednesday next, the south enders will play a match with the central club men at Hyman Hall, and a return match will be played in the south side rooms on Friday evening next.

UNIVERSITY MEN WILL GRAVE ANOTHER TALK WITH SIR JAMES

Premier Whitney Will Be Sounded as to How He Would Feel If Confronted by Another Deputation From the Western—A Meet of Board Held This Morning.

"Come now, let us reason together." Such will be the message sent to Sir James Whitney by the board of governors of the Western University. It may not be couched in this precise language, but such will be the burden of it.

A meeting of the board was held this morning at which the matter was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to ask Sir James to meet another deputation at the earliest possible moment, and to suggest the number of delegates he would prefer.

No information was given as to what the nature of the request would be, but the gentlemen who are interested in the university's future are hopeful that a more reasonable attitude will be shown towards the university.

Seek Another Meeting.
"We merely talked the situation over, and came to the conclusion that we should ask Sir James to meet us again," said Mayor Beattie, spokesman of the board. "We will talk with him on the situation at as early a date as will be suitable to him. He will be asked to give the number of delegates that would suit his purpose."

The request will be sent to Sir James Whitney at once, and it is expected that an answer will be received shortly.

Mayor Guest, of St. Thomas, was one of the members present, and he declared that his section of Western Ontario was keenly alive to the rights of the Western.

Obtain Justice.
"We are very anxious to see the Western obtain justice," said Mayor Guest. "We want to have a heart to heart talk with Sir James on our rights, and I think we can convince him of the justice of our claims. The university has done good work in the past, without any aid, and will do better in the future with a little help. The graduates of the medical school at the medical college are higher than any other institution, showing that the quality of instruction is the equal of any."

Those present at the conference were Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith, Geo. C. Gibbons, R. C. Henshaw, Rev. Father Tobin, T. R. Smith, Mayor Beattie, and others.

ICE CREAM THIEF ABROAD IN LAND

King Street Lady Had a Bad Fright Last Evening—Watch Your Supply.

The ice cream thief is abroad in the land. Last evening there was a party at the residence of a well-known business man on King street, given by his daughter.

Everything had gone on very smoothly until the time came for refreshments. Then the hostess retired to make ready the viands. In a few minutes she rejoined the company almost white with fright.

While going to get the ice cream she had found two men in the act of removing it. It was placed on the step at the rear of the kitchen, but the thieves had taken it as far as the side door, when surprised.

The guests were given a shock at so narrow an escape from having lost so dainty a dish.

Of course, they fell to telling experiences, and more than one of the ladies confessed that the ice cream had been stolen from their doorsteps of late.

Many cases have been reported, and it is likely the police will be notified.

THREE YEARS FOR POSTOFFICE ROBBER

Judge Refused Clemency to Thomas Curry of Falkirk.

Thomas Curry, the Indian from the Muncey reserve, who was found guilty on Wednesday of having broken into the store of Mr. G. M. Shipley, of Falkirk, and stealing some suits of clothes and boots and shoes, and also of having entered the postoffice, which is in connection with the store and destroyed some of the mail, was arraigned for sentence before Judge Elliott this morning.

A friend of the accused was present to urge his honor to make the sentence as light as possible. But the judge, considering the nature of the case, did not consider that it was an instance where unusual clemency was justified, and consequently sentenced him to three years in Kingston Penitentiary.

STATE POLICE SHOOT AT BETHLEHEM RIOTS

Foreigners Hurl Missiles at the Troopers and Latter Are Ordered to Fire.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 26.—State police declared they fired into the air to scare the crowd, and that unfortunately one of the troopers aimed too low. The bullet struck Joseph Samko, 38 years of age, in the head. Another foreigner, whose name was not learned, received a slight flesh wound. Samko was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

The troopers had been dispersing the crowds of Hungarians all morning. In front of the Majestic Hotel, within half a block of the steel company's main office, the police encountered a crowd that showed considerable resistance. Missiles were thrown at the police, who were ordered to draw their revolvers and fire.

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NO SITE AS YET FOR NEW TEMPLE

Masonic Committee Are Still Looking for One.

No site for the new Masonic Temple has as yet been selected. The committee in charge are looking for a favorable location, but at the present time have not been able to secure a good site.

"There have been several sites looked at, but the prices have been prohibitive," said a prominent member of the committee today. "However, we have several more in view, and will probably close a deal in a very short time."