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FAILURE OF LONDON BILL TO PASS LEGISLATION STOPS MUCH CONSTRUCTION WORK

Ridout Street Bridge Likely To Be Closed Immediately—L. and P. S. Hard Hit by Government Action.

Stopping today of all construction work for the waterworks department, with the exception of the Springbank reservoir, was the first noticeable result of the defeat of the London bill to close Ridout street bridge to all traffic by the city council on Thursday. A motion to close Ridout street bridge to all traffic will be another result. Ald. Drake states he will bring in a motion to this effect at the next meeting of No. 2 committee.

Various views on the sudden turn of events at Toronto were expressed in the city today.

Ald. John Bridge, who was active in urging the passing of the bill, said that the city should now be prepared to stand by the decision of the legislature. "None of the work which the London bill sought to authorize should be undertaken. If what our engineer says about the condition of the Ridout street bridge is true, and I certainly believe it is, because his report has been confirmed by several expert engineers, the bridge should be closed to traffic immediately. The city has had sufficient warnings of this kind in the case of the former city hall and the Crystal Hill disaster, and should not take any more chances."

Should Be Ashamed.

Ald. G. B. Drake was of the same opinion. He went further and declared that Dr. Stevenson should be ashamed of himself for having defeated the bill. He claimed that the bylaws were defeated at the municipal elections only because so many were submitted. The people were not opposed to the particular items included in the London bill, he claimed and pointed to the small attendance at the protest meeting Wednesday night as proof of this.

"It will be a decided setback to the city. If we are not able to spend money on public improvements, we are not going to move forward. We are going back."

On the other hand, there are many in the city who regard the decision at

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL 1920 GRADUATING CLASS



Here are the nurses, whose graduating exercises took place Wednesday evening in St. Peter's Parish Hall: Top row—Miss Marie Shaughnessy, Second row, reading left to right—Miss M. Harrington, Miss J. McVicar, Miss W. Hill, Miss G. Kent. Third row—Miss J. Robertson, Miss S. Woodcock, Miss K. Webb, Miss M. Egan, Miss R. Davidson. Fourth row—Miss L. Morrison, Miss K. Lashbrook, Miss A. McMahon, Miss H. Ashwell, Miss H. Howitt and Miss L. Andrews. Photo by Westlake.

PERSIA CALLS ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO GIVE PROTECTION AGAINST INVASION BY BOLSHIEVI

Appeal Is Made Through Persian Foreign Minister in Paris—Thirteen Soviet Government Warships Opened Bombardment on Port of Enzeli—Russian Reds May Discuss Question With British Government.

London, May 21.—Persia has appealed to the league of nations to protect her against Bolshevik aggression. The appeal, which follows the landing of Bolshevik forces on Persian soil from the Caspian Sea, was made through the Persian foreign minister, who is in Paris.

THIRTEEN BOLSHIEVIK WARSHIPS BOMBARD THE PORT OF ENZELI

London, May 21.—Thirteen Bolshevik warships appeared off Enzeli and began to bombard the port on the morning of May 19, says Teheran dispatch of that date to the London Times. A "parade" of the fleet was in the harbor to inquire their object, was fired upon, his white flag possibly escaping notice.

A deputation in behalf of the Persian Government, including a British officer, then proceeded upon a larger launch to board the Bolshevik flagship. The deputation was informed that the Bolsheviki demanded the surrender of the port to the presence there of British warships and troops. If it surrendered, the Bolsheviki fleet had no further hostile intention against the Persian Government or the British garrison at Enzeli and was ready to give immunity to the interned Russian volunteers. The future of the port of Enzeli it was stated, would be discussed between the Moscow soviet and the British Government.

ALL MEXICAN PRISONERS ARE RELEASED BY REBEL GOVT.

General Mandez Tells Liberated Men To Help Restore Country.

VILLA IN LIMELIGHT

Declines To Bury His Political Aspirations, As Expected.

Laredo, Texas, May 21.—The Excelsior, a Mexico City newspaper, says the revolutionary government has liberated all prisoners captured in fighting with troops guarding Gen. Carranza, and permitted them to return to their homes. Fifteen hundred former Carranza officers and men also have been released from Santiago military prison and sent to their homes, the paper says.

Gen. Mandez, commander of the prison, addressed the prisoners, asking them to devote themselves to the patriotic work of helping restore the country to peace and prosperity. The revolutionists, he said, were not disposed to reprisals or revenge, and had "forgotten all old rancor."

VILLA REFUSES TO BE ELIMINATED FROM POLITICAL ARENA

Mexico City, Mex., May 21.—By the Associated Press.—With the announcement by Gen. P. Elias Calles, that he believed Francisco Villa's political aspirations rendered a working agreement with him unlikely, hopes that the rebel chieftain would be eliminated painlessly from the arena, went glimmering today.

Through his emissary, Alfonso Gomez, Villa declared that he had no intention of being eliminated, according to Gen. Calles. The general stated that he would publish a statement to that effect and the reply to be sent the latter.

Esque Salcedo, labor representative, with Gen. Calles, has received the following telegram from the information bureau at Mexico City:

"Belafios with Great Britain and Mexico are to be resumed when the provisional president assumes office."

(Gen. Lucio Blanco and Francisco P. de Mariel, followers of Carranza, have offered to surrender unconditionally. They have been ordered to Vera Cruz to await instructions.)

Carranza and a small escort are reported fleeing across the mountains of Vera Cruz toward Barranquilla, on the coast. Four million pesos and much loot were recovered from this Carranza train recently captured."

RAILWAY COMPANIES INSTRUCTED NOT TO DEMAND PREPAYMENT

Toronto, May 21.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been urging for some time for relief from prepayment of freight charges on shipments from the United States to Canada. The interstate commerce commission has now made it clear that railway companies will be expected to refrain from requiring prepayment of charges in all cases where not customarily required heretofore. This official information was received this morning and announced by the head office of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

THREE ESCAPE FROM JAIL AT WOODSTOCK

John and George Parkes and Fred Austin Gain Liberty.

[Special To The Advertiser.] Woodstock, May 21.—A daring escape in which three prisoners of the Woodstock jail made a complete getaway this morning the following were missing: John Parkes and his brother George, of Newmarket, charged with the murder of Fred Austin, awaiting trial on a theft charge. The locks of the cell had been smashed, which allowed prisoners freedom to the corridor. Following this they picked off a lock on the corridor door, broke the padlock leading from the jail to the street, and then they were away. Where the trio secured the tools to make their escape is a mystery. It is thought they took a freight east as three men answering their descriptions were seen on a train near Eastwood early this morning.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Albee—Goldwyn Forum in "The Woman and the Puppet."
Majestic—"Enlighten Thy Daughter."
Grand—"Keep Her Smiling."
Loew's—Constance Talmadge, in "In Search of a Sinner," and vandeville.
Patricia—William Russell, in "The Lincoln Highwayman."

OTHER EVENTS.
Tennis Club Meeting—Y. M. C. A., 7:15 p.m.
London Poultry and Pet Stock Association—8 p.m.
Kiwanis Club, No. 64, A. F. and A. M.—7:30 p.m.
Fraternal Visit St. John's Lodge, 2098, A. F. and A. M.

CONCILIATION BOARD GRANTS FOUR OUT OF SIX WAGE SCHEDULES

Ottawa Workers Pleased With Findings of Appointed Body.

Ottawa, May 21.—Four of the six wage schedules in dispute between the employers and men in the building trades were awarded at the rates originally asked by the men in the report of the board of conciliation dealing with the dispute which was returned to the men by the board yesterday. The board's findings were: 55c for carpenters, 80c for journeymen electricians, 80c for journeymen plumbers, 80c for journeymen painters, 75c for journeymen roofers, 75c for journeymen carpenters. The board's findings were unanimous. Members of the various crafts affected by the board's report expressed themselves for the most part as satisfied with the result last night. The arbitration was decided upon a short time ago to end the strike, which had more or less held up building operations after May 1.

RETAILERS TO TRY AND FORCE CUT IN WHOLESALE PRICES

New York Merchants Will Not Order Future Stocks

New York, May 21.—The price-cutting movement here today reached some wholesalers, when managers and buyers of prominent department stores announced their establishments would refuse to purchase from jobbers until substantial reductions were made. The department stores which claim to offer reductions from 15 to 30 per cent now demand that wholesalers make concessions to them.

An official of one of the largest department stores with branches in six cities said: "We are not buying future stock now, and will not until manufacturers and wholesalers come down with our prices."

MEMBERS OF ONTARIO HOUSE WILL INSPECT HYDRO POWER PLANT

Toronto, May 21.—At the first morning session of the Provincial Legislature held today the members of the House were invited by C. F. Swayze, member for Niagara Falls, on behalf of that city to inspect the Chippewa hydro power development scheme. The city of Niagara Falls will stand the expense.

Premier Drury stated that the invitation would probably be accepted next Friday as he expects the session to end on Thursday next.

\$125,000,000 LOAN TO RAILROADS APPROVED

Washington, May 21.—A loan of at least \$125,000,000 out of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund to enable railroads to purchase equipment required to meet transportation needs of the public, was approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

CAMPAIGN TO USE IDLE FARM LANDS

Traverse City, Mich., May 21.—The Western Michigan development bureau, a semi-official organization, launched a campaign today to bring into production a part of Michigan's 18,000 abandoned farms. In co-operation with real estate firms and employment agencies the plan calls for recruiting surplus labor from industrial centers and the placing of these men on fully-equipped farms, which are in the truck and fruit growing sections of the lower peninsula.

ECONOMY IS GRADUALLY REPLACING RECKLESS SPENDING IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, May 21.—Cabled reports of a slump in prices in the United States is featured in newspapers here, and are being received with great interest, as they excite the hope that conditions across the Atlantic may be reflected in Great Britain. Some writers on economics, however, hold out little hope that this will be the result, maintaining the new conditions in New York will be more likely to have a contrary effect here, but hope persists and is supported by some rather pointed indications that there was a decline in trading during April compared with March. This decline, although small, is regarded as significant, because it was the first for more than a year.

Unofficial statistics show the people are spending less, while British banks are assuming a more careful attitude. Manchester reports an absence of new textile business from abroad, and retailers in many trades are said to have found their orders overstocked. There has been a tendency, however, to hold out hope for the future, and, although these are, for the most part, seasonal, the public is building some hope on the circumstance.

SIGNAL HONORS FOR WESTERN MEDICAL MEN

Dr. James F. Weir Receives Scholarship With Mayo Clinic—Dr. Vernon Hughes Appointed Intern at Bellevue Hospital, New York.

It was announced in this city today that signal honors have been recently conferred on two former students of Western University Medical School in the United States. Dr. James F. Weir, who graduated from the Western in medicine in 1915, has received a scholarship in internal medicine with the Mayo clinic at Rochester, which extends over a period of two years, and will include research work. The exact nature of the scholarship is unknown here, but it is a mark of distinction to receive such an honor.

Dr. Vernon Hughes, who graduated from the Western in 1918, has been appointed to act as an intern at Bellevue Hospital in New York, in the eye, ear, nose and throat department of this large institution. Dr. Hughes attended Western for four years, taking his final year at Toronto University, where he graduated in 1918. While a student at Western last year, he was elected to the honor of class orator. Following graduation at Toronto he enlisted in the Royal Navy, and acted as ship's surgeon during the closing period of the war, being demobilized this spring when he returned to this city.

Dr. Hughes' appointment will make four Western men on the staff of Bellevue Hospital as internes—Dr. L. P. Pritchett came first in competitive examinations for a post at Bellevue one year ago, and Dr. W. Morrison, a medalist at Western last year, came fourth in the same examinations. During Christmas vacation last year, Roland Reynolds of this city took first place in similar competitive examinations, and will take over his duties at Bellevue on graduation here in the near future.

The competitive examinations are held for interneships at Bellevue Hospital annually, and in competition with leading universities of the United States including Yale and Harvard. Western students have taken premier honors two years in succession.

Canada a Nation?—How Much?

By H. F. Gadsby.

THE child in topic, of course, the post at Washington. Whether does it tend? Who will get it? What would Goldwin Smith say if he were alive? Only nine years ago we were deciding not to have any truck or trade with the Yankees. Now we cannot get too close to them. It all springs out of the Canada-American idea. Canada has been a nation for quite a long time now with full rights to do almost anything she pleases for our own people.

Mr. Rowell claims, by implication, that he discovered Canada—a nation, but, according to Mackenzie King, as he did was to stress a fact already accomplished. As father of his country, Rowell would probably like to see Canada have a couple more children, Newfoundland and the British West Indies, but this possibility is still in the womb of the future. Meanwhile, Canada is a nation and Mr. Rowell is her prophet if Canada will let him be so. Ever since the war developed our

PROHIBITION AGENTS SEARCH FOR A HUGE LIQUOR WAREHOUSE

\$300,000 Worth of Whiskey Alleged Sold Under Faked Permits.

Chicago, May 21.—Federal prohibition officials today searched for a warehouse believed to hold a million dollars' whiskey supply of seven men, arrested last night in raids which the officers said disclosed hundreds of alleged illegal whiskey stills.

Forgories of printed forms under which transfers of liquor for legitimate uses were permitted, were found in the down town offices where the seven men were arrested, the officers said. Nearly \$300,000 worth of liquor had been sold recently under such faked permits, they added.

D. U. R. EMPLOYEES TO DECIDE ON COMPANY'S FINAL WAGE OFFER

Maximum of 75 Cents an Hour Is Offered.

Detroit, May 21.—The four thousand motor and conductors employed on city and interurban lines of the Detroit United Railway Company will decide by referendum tomorrow whether to accept or reject what company officials said was their final wage offer, a maximum of 75 cents an hour as compared with \$1 an hour demanded. The result would be known by Monday. It was said, if the men accept the offer, the company has agreed to consider raising fares to 6 cents to provide for the increase.

REDS PURSUING POLES

London, May 21.—Russian soviet troops are continuing their pursuit of the Poles in the region of Poland, on the Dvina River, according to an official statement issued in Moscow and received here by wireless.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 79; lowest, 47.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 52.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Toronto, May 21.—8 a.m.
Forecast: Moderate westerly to southerly winds; fair and warm today and on Saturday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Ottawa 58 42 Rain
Calgary 58 38 Clear
Winnipeg 64 36 Clear
Edmonton 62 36 Clear
Saskatoon 66 46 Cloudy
Port Stanley 62 52 Clear
Buffalo 62 56 Clear
Toronto 73 57 Fair
Kingston 70 50 Fair
Ottawa 64 48 Fair
Montreal 64 48 Clear
Quebec 64 48 Cloudy
Father Point 60 48 Cloudy

The barometer is now quite high over the Gulf and Maritime Provinces, and low in the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario.

The weather continues fine in the Western Provinces.

Showers occurred during the night in many parts of Ontario, and are now prevalent in Quebec and Nova Scotia.

RIVER WATER IS STERILIZED BY VIOLET RAYS

Winnipeg, May 21.—Water from the Assiniboine River is being sterilized by ultra-violet rays for use in the Brandon Hospital for the insane, and is as pure as is possible. This is one of the first instances in Canada where this system has been installed. Hon. George Giesler, minister of public works, said the Provincial Government would install this system in all institutions where the water supply was in danger of becoming impure.

DEPARTMENT FLOODED WITH INQUIRIES AS TO THE NEW LUXURY TAX

One Canadian Manufacturer Raises Important Point For Decision.

Under Contract To Fill Order, But Tax Would Take Profit.

Ottawa, May 21.—By Canadian Press. New Problems are daily arising in the new department of finance, says the department of finance today. The budget resolutions have been passed, but the department is flooded with inquiries as to the new luxury tax.

This morning a delegation of fur dealers was in conference with the department. Before the budget he had contracted to fill a large order for goods now subject to excise duty. The tax of 10 per cent. The selling price of the goods is determined in the contract. It is probable that when the resolutions are in committee, there will be amendments made to correct any anomalies existing.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ARISE FROM PROBLEM OF OIL SHORTAGE

Manchurian, Eng., May 21.—The Manchurian Guardian, in an editorial, says the question of oil tends to overshadow almost all other international problems.

The editorial says that the oil shortage, namely, the Turkish treaty, the Mexican revolution and the discontent of America.

Referring to the American estimate that oil deposits may be exhausted in twenty years, the editorial says: "Hence, of course, the constant pre-occupation of Washington and the great American oil corporations with the politics of Mexico."

MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED AGAIN IN MADRID CITY

Madrid, May 21.—(By the Associated Press).—Martial law has been proclaimed as the result of recent disturbances.

HERE ARE ARTICLES ON WHICH YOU MUST NOW PAY TAXES

The Minister of Finance—in committee of ways and means, the following proposed resolutions:
Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the special law revenue act, 1915, and to provide:
1.—That the following excise taxes be imposed, levied and collected on the total purchase price of the articles hereinafter specified, and on any clothing, the said tax may be imposed upon the combined selling price of materials and cost of manufacture when sold separately:
(a) A Tax of 10 Per Cent On Boots, shoes, pumps and slippers of any material (not including shoes or appliances made to order for persons having a crippled or deformed foot or ankle), in excess of \$9 per pair.
Hats, men's and boys', in excess of \$5 each.
Caps, men's and boys', in excess of \$2 each.
Hose or stockings, silk, men's and boys', in excess of \$1 per pair.
Neckties and neckwear, and scarves, men's and boys', in excess of \$1.50 each.
Clothing, consisting of coat, vest and pants or coat and pants, men's and boys', in excess of \$45.
Hats, women's, and boys', in excess of \$5 each.
Whiskatoons, men's, sold separately from the hat, in excess of \$5 each.
Shirts, including night shirts, men's and boys', in excess of \$3 each.
Hats, women's, and boys', in excess of \$5 each.
Shirts, including night shirts, men's and boys', in excess of \$3 each.
Hose or stockings, silk, women's and men's, in excess of \$2 per pair.
Kimono, petticoats and waists in excess of \$12 each.
Hose or stockings, silk, women's and men's, in excess of \$3 each.
Nightgowns in excess of \$3 each.
House or smoking jackets or bath and lounging robes, pyjamas and underwear in excess of \$5.
Furs.
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REDS PLAN TO EXTEND THEIR FRONT AS FAR AS E. PRUSSIA

General Brusiloff Assumes Command of Russian Armies.

OVERRUN LITHUANIA

Poles Claim All Soviet Attacks in Northern Sector Repulsed.

Warsaw, May 21.—(Associated Press).—Gen. Alexis A. Brusiloff, former commander-in-chief of Russian armies, is understood to have assumed command of the Bolshevik offensive against Poland. In Polish military circles they say the soviet attack is designed to overrun Lithuania and extend the Bolshevik front across western Prussia.

Military authorities here declare vast stores of munitions and supplies have arrived from the east in anticipation of a break in the Russian front before the Bolshevik offensive.

Fighting continues along the northern sectors of the front, but all soviet attacks have been repulsed along the upper reaches of the Beresina River, according to announcement.

GERMAN RADICALS PREPARING TO AID RUSSIAN REDS

Warsaw May 21.—Associated Press.—Information indicating some elements in Germany are preparing to help the Russian Bolsheviki continues to be received here, it is said in military circles.

The latest news regarding Upper Silesia, where German army troops have been assembling on the borders of Poland, is that German newspapers are publishing prominently dispatches stating that 4,000 soviet guards had arrived in Upper Silesia by special trains.

For weeks, it is declared, Germans have been smuggling arms and munitions into Poland, and are now preparing to move into this region for the purpose of compelling the Poles to transfer forces from the east and thus weaken the Bolshevik front.

Warsaw papers recently printed reports that German troops had moved toward the eastward, and army headquarters afterwards confirmed this.

PLEBISCITE DATE FIXED

Paris, May 21.—The council of ambassadors at today's session fixed the date for the holding of the plebiscite in the Allenstein and Marienwerder districts, for determining the boundaries of Poland with regard to east and west Prussia. The council, however, decided not to make the date public until the results of the plebiscite are known.

Working out of the advisability of insuring the allied forces there had been considered with Marshal Foch, the allied commander-in-chief.

POLES DEFEAT BOLSHIEVIKI

Warsaw, May 21.—Polish troops counter-attacking Bolsheviki forces on the northern sector of the battlefield have driven the Soviet armies back 12½ miles, nearer Krzyzewozki, according to an official statement issued here today.

The statement declares that on the middle Beresina River, the Bolsheviki were repulsed when they tried to force their way across the river.