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ISSUES CHALLENGE TO PHILIP POCOCK TO PROVE STATEMENTS REGARDING L. & P. S. FARES

A. B. Ingram, Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Railway Board, Will Give \$100 To Any London Charitable Institution Providing Mr. Pocock Can Disprove Railway Board Official's Statement.

The following communication was handed in to The Advertiser office today by A. B. Ingram, vice-chairman of the Ontario Railway Board, and acting manager of the London Street Railway.

The London Free Press of the 21st ult., publishes a statement of what I said in regard to the fares on the London and Port Stanley Railway and the fares charged on the electric railways that are under the jurisdiction of the province of Ontario, as follows:

"Mr. Ingram contended that the fares on the London and Port Stanley Railway were higher than the fares charged on any electric railway under the jurisdiction of the province of Ontario. Under the Dominion charter the fares on the Port Stanley line are 2.875 cents per mile, whereas a line operating under a provincial charter are limited to two cents a mile."

"For many years on certain days the return fare from London to Port Stanley was 30 cents. Sir Adam Beck went to Ottawa and secured legislation which enabled him to charge 50 cents return."

In answer to the above statements made by me, Mr. Philip Pocock, vice-chairman of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission, states in the London Evening Free Press of May 31, 1920, that:

"With reference to the statements of Mr. Ingram, which were given to the public that the L. & P. S. is charging higher fares than are other electric lines, Mr. Pocock pointed out the inaccuracy of the statement."

"Summer rates for Port Stanley are 50 cents return, a distance of 12 miles, for less than one cent per mile. On the line from Chatham to Erie Beach, a distance of about 12 miles, the return fare during the excursion season is 40 cents, according to Mr. Pocock."

"The fact is," said Mr. Pocock, "we are charging 20 per cent less on the regular rates on the L. & P. S. than are being paid on the C. N. R. and the C. P. R. electric lines. These are charging the steam rates of 3.45 cents a mile, while we are only receiving 2.875 cents a mile. While the M. C. R. and the P. M. R. are, when selling tickets that cover transportation over our line charge 3.45 cents a mile, they only pay us our regular rate of 2.875 cents."

Mr. Pocock also pointed out that the fare charged on the electric line between St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, a distance of 12 miles, is 50 cents return.

Now, Mr. Pocock, I have quoted both statements in regard to the London and Port Stanley Railway fares, and my statement in regard to fares charged on electric railways that are within the jurisdiction of the government of the province of Ontario, and to show you that I believe my statement to be correct. I am willing to give \$100 to any charitable institution in the city of London, if you can prove they are wrong. In case you fail to do so then you bind yourself to give \$100 to any charitable institution you may select in the city of London.

Mr. Pocock will please note, in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to this, that this is a dispute as between the working fares charged on the London and Port Stanley Railway and the fares charged on the electric railways that are operated under the jurisdiction of the government of the province of Ontario.

This dispute to be decided by any county judge or other independent person whom we may agree upon.

The Advertiser endeavored to get in touch with Mr. Pocock in regard to the foregoing statement, but up to the time of going to press it was impossible to locate him.

RUSSIANS ESTABLISH TRADING BUREAU IN BRITAIN'S CAPITAL

Dealings Will Be Virtually On a System of Barter.

London, June 2.—While the secrecy which has surrounded the mission to London of Gregory Krassins, Russian Bolshevik minister for trade and commerce, is being maintained, several newspapers here have reported on the progress the soviet envoy is making. It is generally accepted he has received official permission to establish a Russian trading bureau in this city. Some papers go further and declare he has secured a lease on premises in London, but where these are, have not been revealed.

This bureau will work in co-operation with the board of commerce and the department linking the board of trade with the foreign office, according to the Daily Mail, but other reports in connection with the mission indicate that the bureau's dealings will be based on a virtually a system of barter, in which grain, oil, timber, and flax being offered for railroad rolling stock, agricultural machinery, textiles and other commodities, much needed in Russia.

DEMANDS LIFTING OF EMBARGO AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA

Paris, June 2.—Lifting the embargo of Russia and cessation of peace are indispensable conditions for the resumption of commercial relations between that country and Allied nations, Gregory Krassins, Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, has notified Premier Lloyd George, according to the London correspondent of the Excelsior.

SELECTION OF SOUTHERN DELEGATES LIKELY TO DELAY BIG CONVENTION

Chicago, June 2.—Claims of contesting delegates from Florida and Georgia continued today to occupy the attention of the Republican national committee. Every effort was being made to speed up consideration of the cases so that the committee might pass on to the claims from ten other states which have not yet been heard. The prospect of night sessions to clean up the slate before the convention meets next Tuesday seems to be growing.

Political forces are gathering slowly here, and while the pre-convention circle has its usual line of gossip and prediction, no political leader has recognized importance has up to this time been willing to attack his name to a definite prediction of whom the convention will name as its candidate or when it is likely to do it.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Grand—The P. B. L.
Allen—Alice Joyce, in "Dollars and the Women."
Lewie—Edith Bennett, in "The Woman and the Sultana," and "The Mother of Her Children."
OTHER EVENTS.
Recital, London Conservatory, 8:15 p.m.
Order of E. eastern Star, Ruth Chapter, No. 25, 8 p.m.

SECRETARY MORRISON OF U. F. O. WILL HAVE HIS SALARY DOUBLED

Executive Decides To Uphold Right To Circularize Farmers.

TO DISCUSS FRANCHISE Civil Service Superannuations Not Considered at Today's Meeting.

Toronto, June 2.—The U. F. O. directors held a meeting today at the Labor Temple, the full executive being present. It was decided to double the salary of Secretary J. J. Morrison, and to uphold the right of the executive to circularize the farmers throughout Ontario. This decision is an endorsement of the action of Secretary Morrison in sending out the circulars to the various clubs. Civil service superannuations and the Warren letter were not discussed. A motion picture clause 10 of the franchise act will be discussed.

RAIN IS NEEDED TO SAVE TIMBER AREAS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Forest Fires Raging in All Parts of Province.

St. John, N. B., June 2.—(Canadian Press)—Unless rain comes soon, a large part of the timber areas of the province of New Brunswick and a large number of homes will be added to the list of losses already suffered through forest fires. The blaze is in every county, the province now except Albert County. Along the International Railway in the St. Quentin district, the fire continues to spread with much consequent damage. New fires have broken out in Westmoreland County and large forces are engaged in fighting the flames.

HEAVY RAINS ARE PUTTING OUT FIRES IN QUEBEC AREAS

Quebec, June 2.—The provincial department of forestry declared this morning that the general situation throughout the province has greatly improved since last night, in localities where exists forest fires. In most districts they are dying out, under the heavy downpour of rain. It is impossible to state, as yet, the extent of the damage done, as the fires are scattered far and wide and are not distinguished, but reports will be sent to the government shortly as to the losses. The pulp wood sections has not been much affected, though reports were received today that a fire was still being fought at Montcalm, near the Abitibi, or Northwest Quebec section.

TURKS EXPECTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Couriers With Text of Treaty Reach Constantinople.

Constantinople, June 2.—Couriers bearing the full text of the peace treaty reached Constantinople Saturday, and the cabinet council was immediately held, at which the ministers might hear a reading of the treaty. Turkish officials express confidence that an extension of time will be granted them for consideration of the treaty. Damad Ferid Pasha, the grand vizier, is one of London's best-known philanthropists.

Minister Gets Woman's Trunk In a Mistake

Presbyterian Assembly Likely To Be Delayed As Result.

Ottawa, June 2.—A trunk belonging to Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which opens its sessions here tonight, has been lost. It contained valuable assembly papers. It was to have come up from Montreal, and a trunk did arrive which looked like the one owned by the clergyman, and was delivered to Chalmers church, where the meetings are to be held. However, Dr. Campbell's trunk would not open it, and when the lock was forced it was found to contain a woman's wearing apparel. The trunk with the assembly papers were evidently shipped to the place the woman's trunk should have gone, but railway officials tonight were unable to find out where that might be. The mixup may cause some delay in the proceedings of the assembly.

BOY PARRICIDE TRIES TO BURN SELF ALIVE

Laurel, Del., June 2.—Ollie Morris, a 19-year-old youth, who murdered his aged father by cutting his throat, tried the commit suicide by setting his coat afire.

Morris was confined in a steel cage. Both Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Mitchell were away. Their wives were started by Morris' cries of fire. When they reached the cage Morris was naked. What clothes had not been burned he had torn off. His bedclothing was mostly destroyed, and when the fact that he intended to commit suicide, but that the pain was more than he could stand.

Evidently he had been burning several minutes before screaming. His back was cooked, his hair singed, and his left hand almost burned bare of flesh. Morris claims he was smoking a cigarette and fell asleep, but this is not believed. His burns are thought to be fatal.

HON. HARRY MILLS SAYS GEN. HOGARTH HAS PUT IN HIS RESIGNATION

Port Arthur, June 2.—To a representative of the Canadian Press, Hon. Harry Mills, minister of mines in the Ontario cabinet, stated he had heard the resignation of Gen. Hogarth, M.P., for Port Arthur read at a cabinet meeting last week in Toronto. He suggested that the matter be referred to the premier or any cabinet minister for confirmation, adding: "It will come out in due time."

VATICAN DENIES REPORT.
Rome, June 2.—Reports published last week that A. J. Balfour, former British secretary of state for foreign affairs, had proposed the admission of the Vatican to the league of nations, are denied in an official statement printed by the Observatore Romano, organ of the Vatican. It is also said that "no other person" has made any such proposals.

GETTING RID OF HIM



S. A. CONTROLS EAST END HALL

Orange Lodges Must Make Arrangements With the Salvation Army.

Orange lodges seeking the use of the East London town hall will make arrangements with the Salvation Army, which now uses the building. The city some time ago granted the Salvation Army the use of the building without charge in proper condition. The city did not wish to divide the control of the building, and therefore decided that any other bodies desiring the use of the hall should make application through the Salvation Army, as it is now responsible for the hall.

The Orange lodges affected formerly used the old Exeter Street Baptist Church, but this is now required by the congregation, owing to burning of the newer edifice.

OTTAWA SPECULATORS TOOK UNFAIR PROFIT OF \$2,640 ON SUGAR

Commissioner Murdoch of the Board of Commerce Makes Statement.

Ottawa, June 2.—That \$2,640 unfair profit was made on 660 bags of granulated sugar and more than \$3,000 when the 40 bags of brown sugar are included, was stated by Commissioner Murdoch at the conclusion of this morning's hearing into the alleged unfair profits taken by speculators on two cars of sugar purchased by the Ottawa wholesale firm of Provost & Allard, and through H. B. Marshall, an Ottawa broker. "Speculators," said Commissioner Murdoch, "I go further, I call them parasites, and I think they ought to be removed from the realm of business. It's an outrage to modern civilization to have returned soldiers forced to come home and complain they have been charged inflated prices. This is one of thousands of cases going on all the time."

The hearing was marked this morning by the exonerations of Mr. Marshall from complicity in the deal. On evidence in charge informed the detectives the 40 bags of brown sugar are included, was stated by Commissioner Murdoch at the conclusion of this morning's hearing into the alleged unfair profits taken by speculators on two cars of sugar purchased by the Ottawa wholesale firm of Provost & Allard, and through H. B. Marshall, an Ottawa broker. "Speculators," said Commissioner Murdoch, "I go further, I call them parasites, and I think they ought to be removed from the realm of business. It's an outrage to modern civilization to have returned soldiers forced to come home and complain they have been charged inflated prices. This is one of thousands of cases going on all the time."

PROFITEERING COSTS UTICA FIRM \$55,000

Penalty Imposed for Conviction On Eleven Counts.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 2.—The John