LABOR CALLS A MASS MEETING TO TACKLE THE BIG PROBLEMS

Circulation Last Week
264,370
Daily Average, 44,061

The London Advertiser

LONDON, CANADA—THE HOME OF UNBROKEN PROSPERITY.

HOME EDITION
Weather—Fair and cold.

55TH YEAR. No. 22314 | THE LONDON ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 7, 1919. | 112 COLUMNS | PRICE TWO CENTS.

GIANT TRANSPORTS NO LONGER TO BE USED TO RETURN CANADIANS

CZECHO-SLOVAK FORCES ARE NEARING CITY OF CRACOW

GREAT LABOR MEETING IN CITY TO DISCUSS PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Trade Union Member Going Beyond Council Chambers To Take Part in Public Affairs — Prominent Citizens Will Be On the Program.

The greatest outpouring of the aspirations and problems of labor and the common people London has known will occur when the trades and labor council stages its big mass meeting on Saturday, February 15.

It is believed by those not antagonistic to labor that the council has decided to hold this meeting in the general welfare of the community, when a free discussion of the problems that face working men and women will be invited, and several prominent citizens interested in the labor movement will be heard.

ALIEN PROBLEM UP.

The alien problem is likely to be dealt with both from the standpoint of the returned soldier and the union worker.

"I consider it a fine thing that labor is going to take a part in affairs beyond the meetings of its trades council and its locals," stated a man who holds a leading position. "We want to hear labor's claims stated publicly, and we want to understand labor. It will be a safety valve and a valuable factor in forming real public opinion.

FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY.

"The London Trades and Labor Council has declared against the red element getting into a place of domination, and there is a feeling of the responsibility that sits upon labor today."

It is expected that the Great War Veterans will be represented at the meeting, and that the alien labor question will be given fair discussion.

DUSSELDORF BUSINESS PARALYZED; EVERY PERSON JOINS IN "WALKOUT"

Public and Private Servants Quit Work as a Protest in Retaliation Against Spartacan Terrorism.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The whole city of Dusseldorf has "walked out." Officials, clerks and other employees in the service of railways, postoffices, telegraphs, telephone and service lines, bankers, lawyers, physicians, school teachers and other people engaged in professions have quit work. The employees on all public service lines are striking in keeping with the threat to the executive council of the communistic government to call a general strike of all bourgeoisie classes if their demands were not granted.

Theatres and restaurants were forced to close, as they are without service. Big industrial plants have shut down, as office forces everywhere have joined in the walkout. This unique protest is the first of its kind to be applied on a big scale as a retaliation against Spartacan terrorism.

PROFIT-SHARING PLAN SUGGESTED AS SOLUTION OF RAILWAY PROBLEM

Govt. Ownership and Private Operation by One Corporation Recommended.

DIVIDE EARNINGS EQUALLY

Rates Would Be Automatically Reduced When Profits Reached Certain Amount.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Railroad interests today proposed Government ownership and private operation by one large corporation, co-operatively organized and sharing profits with employees as their solution of the railway problem. Testifying before the Senate interstate commerce committee on behalf of the four leading trainmen's brotherhoods and other employees' organizations, Glenn E. Plumb of Chicago recommended that the Government acquire all railroad property at a price fairly representing the property valuation and intrust the operation to a corporation to be directed jointly by employees, officers and the Government. Earnings would be divided equally among employees, and the Government, and rates would automatically be reduced when profits amounted to more than a fixed rate.

OLD EMPLOYEE MUST BE REINSTATED OR OTHERS WILL QUIT

Ultimatum to That Effect Served on Dominion Coal Company.

New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 7.—The Dominion Coal Company has been served with an ultimatum expiring tomorrow, by the managers and clerks of their seven stores, to the number of 150, to the effect that the men will walk out unless F. J. Stephenson, late superintendent of the stores, with a record of 22 years with the company, is reinstated. Mr. Stephenson was recently replaced by W. C. Hicks, formerly of the Hudson Bay stores.

STRIKING TEXTILE WORKER MURDERED

Shot by Unknown Assailants at Lawrence, Mass.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 7.—Deggio Ventino, a striking textile worker, was shot and instantly killed here shortly after midnight by unknown assailants. Two shots were fired from an alleyway as the victim was returning home on Common street after attending a strikers' meeting.

WOULD PROCLAIM SIX-HOUR DAY, FIVE-DAY WEEK

Canadian Labor Leader Makes Proposition at Berne Labor Conference.

Berne, Thursday, Feb. 6.—Gustav Francq, the Canadian labor leader, proposed to the international trade union conference today that it claim a six-hour day and a five-day working week throughout the world.

The conference was completed today by the arrival of four British and four Italian delegates. Mr. Bunning, a delegate from England, announced that the trade unions finally had decided to participate in the conference and had appointed three committees to prepare an international labor charter.

CANADIAN COMPANY TO BUILD VESSEL FOR FRENCH FIRM

Montreal, Feb. 7.—It was announced yesterday that the Canadian Vickers Company, Montreal, have just closed a contract with an important French group for the construction of one 8,300 dead weight tons cargo steamer, for the coal and nitrate trade between France and Chile. The vessel will be delivered completely ready for service in June this year.

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, 26; lowest, 16.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 12.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 7—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate westerly winds; fair today and Saturday; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	40	34	Clear
Calgary	40	—4	Clear
Winnipeg	0	—14	Clear
Port Arthur	10	0	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	22	14	Cloudy
Parry Sound	26	16	Cloudy
Toronto	31	18	Clear
Kingston	30	24	Snow
Ottawa	28	10	Fair
Montreal	14	10	Cloudy
Quebec	26	16	Cloudy
Father Point	28	24	Cloudy
Halifax	32	22	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The pressure distribution has not changed since yesterday.

The temperature continues very low in the Western Provinces, and moderating from Ontario eastward.

CZECHO-SLOVAK FIGHTERS ARE NEAR CRACOW

Polish Forces Compelled To Withdraw When Greatly Outnumbered.

Warsaw, Monday, Feb. 3.—In heavy fighting in the last few days in Northwestern Galicia, Czecho-Slovak forces have advanced to within nineteen miles of Cracow, despite strong resistance on the part of the Poles. The Czechs have the advantage of greater numbers and better training and the Poles have been obliged to withdraw troops from Eastern Poland to join the fighting in Galicia. The Czechs are reported to be arresting a great number of civilians.

Manifestations occurred in several towns and villages today against the Polish committee in Paris in the belief that it was responsible for the failure of the Allies to intervene in the fighting between the Poles and the Czechs.

The above dispatch was filed from Warsaw on the same day the armistice was signed between the Poles and the Czecho-Slovaks. Under the terms of the armistice the opposing forces were to occupy the positions they had held on January 22.

FORMER SOLDIER ATTEMPTS LIFE OF DEPOT AGENT

Calabogie Stationmaster Has Narrow Escape When Bullet Grazes Arm.

Renfrew, Feb. 7.—Stationmaster Walker at Calabogie, on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, about twenty miles from this town, had a narrow escape late yesterday afternoon, when William Wardell, who lives about five miles from the station, entered the waiting-room and fired at Walker point-blank with a 44-calibre rifle. The bullet passed through the sleeve of a sweater Walker was wearing and scorched his arm. Wardell hastily reloaded the weapon, but on his second attempt it missed fire. Walker pursued the man for some distance, but Wardell took to the fields, and made his way into a bush and disappeared.

Wardell, who is about twenty years of age and 5 feet 6 inches in height, is a former soldier, but did not see overseas service.

URGES SHOEWORKERS TO BE CONSIDERATE OF OVERSEAS LANDS

People of Europe Cannot Be Expected To Buy U. S. Goods Now.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Pierce C. Williams, commercial attache of the United States at Paris, urged members of the New England Shoe and Leather Association today to be considerate of England and other countries which might declare embargoes on certain goods manufactured in the United States. He declared that England, France and some other countries after the four years of war could not afford to buy from the United States to any extent, and that in England it was necessary that industries be kept in operation in order to offset threatened labor trouble.

"Protests against embargoes," he said, "will make it appear as if we were selfishly attempting to gain more money by forcing out goods upon a people who are unable to buy."

Elizabeth Asquith To Become Princess

Daughter of Former British Premier Engaged to Rumanian Prince.

London, Feb. 7.—The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Asquith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Asquith, to Prince Antoine Bibesco, councillor at the Rumanian legation, has been announced, according to the Daily Mirror. Prince Bibesco was formerly first secretary to the Rumanian legation at Washington.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR THE MURDERER

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 7.—A systematic search of the district in which Deggio Ventino, a striker, was fatally shot, was begun by the police at daybreak. The shooting was the first fatality of the strike, which began Monday to enforce a demand for 54 hours pay for 48 hours work.

STUDENTS VOLUNTEER TO FIGHT ROYALISTS

Lisbon, Feb. 6.—A battalion composed mostly of students and employees of business houses, has left Lisbon to fight the Royalists in the north. Several warships left the capital today for northern waters. All wagons and horses are being mobilized.

John Bull: "Now, What in 'Ell Can Sammy See in 'Er?"

Advertiser Illustrations

THIRD CANADIAN DIVISION IS DUE TO REACH ENGLAND TODAY

Toronto, Feb. 7.—A special cable to the Toronto Star from London today says:

The 3rd Canadian Division was due to arrive in England today. Demobilization may be affected by the strike in London and Southwestern Railway system. It is possible that military drivers and stokers may be forthcoming to convey the division to Bramshott.

Anticipating the return of the division, several thousands of Canadian soldiers arrived in London, having been granted eight days British leave with orders to report on return to Bramshott and Witley.

OLD ORDER IN GERMANY GONE FOREVER DECLARES EBERT IN OPENING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

German Chancellor in Address at Weimar Says the New Empire Will Be One of Justice and Truth—People Are Determined To Rule.

Weimar, Feb. 6.—The old order in Germany has gone beyond recall, and the people are now determined to rule themselves, declared Friedrich Ebert, the chancellor, calling the National Assembly to order here this afternoon.

"We will call on the old German spirit of Weimar," he said. "We will be an empire of justice and truth."

The chancellor opened the proceedings of the Assembly at 3:15 o'clock. He was received with applause as he advanced for the ceremonial. In opening, he addressed the assemblage as "ladies and gentlemen," a form of address never before heard in a German legislative body.

The chancellor's speech was an earnest appeal for unity and untiring labor.

Herr Ebert said he hailed the decision of German Austria to bring about "that national unity of the German race which alone can afford a guarantee of a flourishing economic life."

The Assembly, 397 members of which were present, adopted the old standing orders of the Reichstag as temporary rules of procedure. The Assembly will meet again tomorrow.

Waitresses Attend Meeting of Trades and Labor Council

Montreal Meeting Welcomes Presence of Female Delegates.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Traditions were upset last night at the meeting of the trades and labor council when among the delegates were two women representing the waitresses' union. Their presence was welcomed by President Foster, who said that it was the first time in the history of the Montreal council, as far as he was aware, that women had attended as delegates.

JOHN H. ROBERTS LEAVES MONTREAL

Famous Temperance Advocate and Reformer Begins Lecture Tour.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Feb. 7. — The engagement between John H. Roberts and the province of Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance, of which he was secretary, has terminated, and Mr. Roberts left last night for Vancouver en route for New Zealand, where he will begin a lecturing engagement.

Mrs. S. J. Carter, president of the Dominion Alliance, in referring to the matter today said, "Mr. Roberts' engagement as paid secretary of the Quebec branch of the alliance finished on May 1, last. He continued as honorary secretary until Monday last when his resignation to take effect on February 5 was received and accepted."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Feb. 7.—Arrived: Steamer Saxonia, from Liverpool.

DRAFT OF LEAGUE CONSTITUTION IS HALF FINISHED

Commission Has Reached Complete Accord On Vital Subjects.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Substantially one-half of the draft of the constitution for the society of nations has been covered by the commission dealing with this question, it was officially announced today. In approving a number of additional articles of the draft the commission reached an accord, it is said, on certain questions of the greatest importance concerning the positive functions of the league. The acceptance of these additional articles was provisional.

The commission has appointed a general secretariat consisting of M. Cluhel, Lord Eustace Percy, of the British foreign office, and Mr. Shepherdson.

Premier Venizelos of Greece, Premier Kramarz of Jugo-Slavia, M. Dmowski of Poland and M. Diamondy of Rumania, sat as members of the league of nations commission representing their respective nations.

VESSEL IN DISTRESS

Steamer San Seeferino, 900 Miles Off Halifax, Calls for Assistance.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 7.—According to a wireless message which has been picked up here and along the cost, the steamer San Seeferino is in distress about 900 miles from Halifax and requires assistance. The message stated that she had broken her rudder head and required a tow. She gave her position as latitude 41.50 north, and longitude 45.47 west.

The San Seeferino is thought to have been bound to England from Tampico. She was reported as leaving London on December 26 for Tampico, and of passing Sand Key on January 14. She evidently reached Tampico and is on her way back with a cargo of oil. She is owned by the Eagle Oil Transport Company of London.

Smaller Vessels to Replace Monster Liners in Bringing Home Canada's Soldier Boys

Difficulty in Securing Necessary Transports Is Reason Given For Change in System—30,000 Men a Month Will Continue To Return, But Sailings Will Be More Frequent.

London, Feb. 7.—(Canadian Associated Press).—The Canadian Associated Press learns that in order to secure the greatest dispatch in the handling of troops on their arrival in Canada, it has been decided that the monster ships will no longer be used. It is stated that while this facilitates the handling of troops on their arrival in Canada and prevents delay there, it greatly increases the difficulties here in finding the necessary transport.

The number of ships is limited, and great competition is taking place to secure them among different parts of the empire and the United States. Even when the Canadian authorities have secured ships there are labor troubles and other difficulties which often means that the ships are not dispatched on the arranged dates.

It is suggested, therefore, that the question of arrivals in Canada should be considered, not by results of any one week, but on the average for a month. The Canadian Associated Press is assured that the steady homeward flow of thirty thousand monthly after February will be maintained, but it is impossible to parcel this number into regular weekly sailings of 7,500.

HORSE RACING TO BE REVIVED THIS SPRING

Government Ban Will Expire Soon Unless Further Action Ensues.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—It is believed here that the sport of kings will be resumed during the coming season. The race tracks of the Dominion have been in complete disuse ever since the Government on June 7, 1917, put the ban on race track betting and deprived the sport of its main charm. This action was taken for the purpose of conserving the financial resources of the Dominion for war purposes and the ban was to remain in for six months after the cessation of hostilities. It will therefore be lifted, if further action is not taken, about the middle of May, which is about the normal time of the spring racing.

NEW TERMS TO FORCE GERMANS TO THEIR KNEES

Threat of Chancellor Ebert Will Bring Allied Action.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The Allied premiers, who will meet this afternoon at the supreme inter-Allied war council, probably will fix new terms to be imposed upon Germany, whose tactics of obstruction and recrimination are said to have reached a climax in a threat made at Weimar by Chancellor Ebert that Germany would break off negotiations with the Allies.

GERMANS REFUSING TO GIVE PASSPORTS TO ALLIED DELEGATES

Arrogant Conduct of Germans Means Drastic Action Must Follow.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Le Matin draws attention to the arrogant conduct of Germany, which it says, among other things, is refusing passports to delegates of the allied armistice commission at Spa, who were to have gone to Berlin to draw up a list of sequestrated allied property. The Matin attributes this to the allusion on the part of Berlin that there are grave dissensions among the Allies and to the German Government's triumphs over the Spartacans. Le Matin says that the Allies, however, will not permit the enemy to take advantage of their leniency. The supreme war council at Versailles will take all necessary steps to impose the will of the Allies upon Germany.

MALE NURSES IMPALED ON SHARP STICKS

Ukrainians Charged With Utmost Cruelty to Captured Prisoners.

Warsaw, Monday, Feb. 3.—The Poles and the Ukrainians continue fighting in the region of Lemburg, and the Poles are keeping the enemy in check. In the last few days the Poles have retaken some of their prisoners. Among the prisoners recaptured were 60 male nurses who, according to reports from Lemburg, were impaled on pointed sticks by the Ukrainians. Four of the nurses are reported to be dying in a Cracow hospital.

DECLARES STRIKING RAILWAY ENGINEERS ARE IN MINORITY

Responsible Trade Unionists Urged To Oppose Strike Movement.

London, Feb. 7.—Greatly perturbed at the growth of what they call anti-officialism among members of the union, Chairman Brownlee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, has written to the Pall Mall Gazette, saying that the recalcitrant element constitutes a minority. He urges responsible trade unionists to oppose to the utmost the unofficial strike movement.

PRICES OF FLOUR AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS WILL DESCEND IF U.S. GOVT. WHEAT BILL PASSES

Cost to Consumer Would Be Fixed by the Law of Supply and Demand—Government To Lose Difference Between Purchase and Sale Prices.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Members of the House agricultural committee today expressing the opinion that the price of flour would be lowered and that the cost to the consumer of other principal foodstuffs would decline should Congress pass the bill for carrying out the Government wheat price guaranty approved last night by the committee.

The bill provides that while the Government would carry out its promise to the farmer of $2.26 a bushel for the 1919 wheat crop, the price to the consumers would be fixed only by the law of supply and demand. The Government would lose the difference between the purchase and sale price and the bill proposes an appropriation of $1,000,000,000 for this purpose. The bill gives the president power to continue food administration's grain corporation to carry out the guarantee or to create a new agency.

Members of the committee pointed out today that testimony submitted at the hearing on the subject developed a general forecast that under the law of supply and demand a probable price would be about $1.25 a bushel. This, members said, would result in cheaper flour and would serve to bring down the price of other foodstuffs.

Publicity as Cure for Germans Who Break Regulations

Coblenz, Feb. 6.—The names of all Germans convicted of violations of army regulations in territory occupied by Allied forces are being published in German newspapers, together with the address of each, the offence charged and the fine or sentence imposed. Publicity was decided upon as being likely to prevent an increase of minor offences, such as selling liquor, or imitation liquor, to soldiers.

By a new order which has been published for the guidance of civilians, the sale or gift of any substance containing alcohol, or any preparation susceptible of being used for the purpose of making alcoholic beverages, excepting light wines and beer, is forbidden. This regulation is supplementary to a previous order forbidding the sale or gift of alcoholic drinks, with the exception of light wines or beer.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT CAME TOO LATE FOR MORNING SERVICE

Subways in London Will Give Normal Service Tonight.

London, Feb. 7.—The settlement between the board of trade and the strike committee of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen was so late last night that it was impossible for the tubes to give even a skeleton service this morning, and once more hundreds of thousands of Londoners were obliged to travel to business by bus, motor trucks, street cars on or foot.

The subway companies hope to have a fair train service in operation during the day and to be able to handle the homeward bound crowds tonight. All depends on the powerhouse employees, but it is expected that they will return to work before nightfall, in which event the London district railway will also be running.

The situation in the southwestern suburbs of London was relieved greatly today by the return to work of the motormen on the Southwestern Railway electric system. There was also a full service on the electric lines of the Brighton Railway.

LONDON'S ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS MAY STRIKE LATE SATURDAY NIGHT

London, Feb. 8.—In expectation that electric light would be cut off last night there was a great sale of lamps and candles here during the day, but at 6 o'clock in the evening it was announced that the electrical trades union strike had been postponed. It is understood that the latest plan is to call out the engineers in London's sixty power houses at midnight Saturday. The Electric Power Engineers' Association, a sort of aristocracy among electrical workers, says that the members would stand by their work and would insure a reasonable supply of electricity.

While a majority of the newspapers is against the strikers the Westminster Gazette, one of the most influential journals here, says that "the Government picked industry to pieces for the war and must put it together again for peace."

GEN. SAM STEELE IS LAID TO REST WITH FULL HONORS

Funeral Was Attended by the Representatives of Every Branch of Army.

SERVICE AT CHURCH

Many of Noted Leader's Comrades Pay Last Tribute of Respect.

London, Feb. 7.—With full military pomp, the funeral service of the late General Sir Sam Steele was held yesterday at Putney. The ceremony was attended by representatives of every branch of the Canadian army. A Canadian band headed the procession from the deceased soldier's house, playing en route "Abide With Me," and "Nearer My God To Thee." The casket, upon a gun carriage, was surmounted by General Steele's cap. It was borne into the church by non-commissioned officers of Strathcona's Horse, and the Northwest Mounted Police. The honorary pallbearers were Major Generals Foster and Thacker and Brig.-Generals Bell, Dyer, Embury, McBrien, Rennie and Ross. The chief family mourners were Lady Steele, Captain Harwood Steele, a son, Captain Frank Harwood, brother-in-law, and the Misses Flora Gertrude Steele.

Many Wreaths Sent.

Despite the bitter weather and the extreme difficulty of traversing London owing to the railway strike, the church was filled. Representative detachments attended from Strathcona's Horse and the Mounted Police, also a composite battalion of British Columbian and Manitoban infantry. The service was conducted by Canon Rivington, vicar of Putney, and Col. Almond. Major Gordon, Winnipeg, delivered an address. The hymns included "Fight the Good Fight," "The Sands of Time" and "Abide With Me." The service concluded with the dead march and "O Canada." Among a number of magnificent wreaths was one from Lord Dundonald, who wrote, "God Bless My Dear Friend. We can ill spare such as him." Another beautiful wreath came from the Canadian headquarters staff.

DECLARES PENALTIES FOR PROFITEERING ARE INEFFECTIVE

French Minister of Justice, Says Food Shortage Is Cause of High Prices.

Paris, Feb. 6.—During the debate on the bill introduced in the Chamber of Deputies today by Louis Nail, minister of justice, imposing severe penalties on profiteering middlemen, Deputy Pierre Laval, Socialist, said the measure had been introduced "simply in an effort to quiet popular recriminations." He declared it would prove "wholly ineffective," saying the cause for high prices was "insufficient foodstuffs in France to meet the demands of consumption."

M. Nail defended the bill and demanded an immediate discussion of the work of the food ministry.