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Tomorrow—Unsettled.

ASQUITH IS STILL STRIVING TO BRING INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Legislation Is Postponed While Negotiations Are Continued.

TROOPS ORDERED TO BE PREPARED

Many Miners of the Scottish Collieries Are Returning to Work.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 25.—The discussion of the minimum wage bill for miners has again been postponed. It will not be continued until tomorrow, as negotiations are still proceeding between the mine owners and the miners under the guidance of the Premier and the members of the cabinet.

Glasgow, March 25.—A general breakaway of the miners from the strike movement seems probable in Scotland, where 1,000 men resumed work in the pits at Bellhilly, Lanarkshire, this morning. In other pits also there was a considerable resumption of work.

New York, March 25.—A cable to The Herald from London says: Peace or grim war is the question to be decided today at a joint conference at No. 10 Downing street between coal miners, mine owners, the Prime Minister and representatives of the Government, which is to consider the acceptance of the bill now in Parliament acknowledging the principle of the minimum wage.

Mr. Asquith is determined to peremptorily refuse to incorporate as the minimum scale of wages five shillings for men and two shillings for boys in the bill, as requested by the miners. He realized that this would be a surrender to socialism, and would lead to industrial chaos and demands from all other unions for similar legislation. He also fears it might bring about a revolution.

The King Concerned. King George is seriously concerned over the misery growing out of the miners' strike, and is deeply touched by the undesired hardships and sufferings imposed upon millions of workers in other trades. He is willing to assist the Government in every way to settle the industrial war, which if continued will bring nearly all the workers of England face to face with starvation.

London, like other cities in England, is feeling the pinch severely. The hotels and great business houses are running on a short coal supply, and the railway schedules are a farce. Coal is \$15 a ton, and provisions are soaring toward famine prices. If the strike lasts another week, many industries now only crippled, will be paralyzed, and legions of workers added to the millions already unemployed.

May Use Strong Measures. Realizing the portentous gravity of the crisis, Mr. Asquith and his fellow members of the cabinet, it is said, have determined that if the unions fail to reject the peace proposals, they will employ the most drastic measures. With this end in view the Ninety-Third Highlanders and other regiments have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to go anywhere at a moment's notice.

While the miners are being rebuked by the public for their obstinacy, the mine owners in Wales are not escaping condemnation because they refuse to concede anything. Mr. Lloyd George has been working night and day to induce his fellow countrymen to assume a reasonable attitude, but both sides apparently are adamant.

Welsh Holding Out. The English mine-owners are anxious to settle the war. The Scotchmen have been whipped into line. It is possible that the trouble in England and Scotland may be adjusted at today's conference, and if the Welsh owners continue obstinate they will be left to shift for themselves without military protection, which they are counting on.

The Government is willing to surrender office to its opponents rather than interfere with the rights of the employer and employee to decide upon scales of wages.

If the conference fails, bloodshed probably will follow, adding to the horrors of the present appalling situation.

Later. London, March 25.—The conferences of Premier Asquith and the members of the British cabinet with the mine owners and miners respectively, lasted throughout the day, but if any progress toward the solution of the deadlock had been made, it has not been up to the present sufficient to justify the resumption of the round table negotiations between the owners and the miners.

NO VOTE ON THE CITY HALL SITES Committee Will Make the Decision—Minds Are Nearly Made Up. "There will be no vote on the city hall sites." This was the statement made by Aid. Coles, chairman of the city hall committee, to the Advertiser today. He further added that the committee will go ahead and select the location at an early date.

"We are waiting for some information," he continued, "when we obtain it we shall be in a position to do something, and not until then. You might say that we simply report progress."

The whole committee are of one mind on this subject, and it is very doubtful that any change of opinion will be made.

MIXED MARRIAGES NUMEROUS IN ONT.

More Women Than Men Married Outside Their Church During 1911.

DEATH IN PROVINCE

The Ravages of Tuberculosis Throughout the Province Shows a Steady Decrease.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, March 25.—Mixed marriages were numerous in Ontario in 1910, according to the report of the registrar-general issued today. Of 3,586 Roman Catholic bridegrooms, 655 married Protestants. Of 3,765 Roman Catholic brides, 844 married Protestants. Apparently more women than men married outside their church. Thirty-one of the men who took Roman Catholic brides did not lay claim to any particular faith, and two Roman Catholic bridegrooms were wedded to Jewesses.

Marriages in 1910 totalled 24,036, and the statistics show that the marrying age is from 20 to 29 for men. During that year 4,471 women married between 15 and 19; 9,802 between 20 and 24; and 5,194 between 25 and 29.

Of all the deaths in the province 20.8 per cent were children. At present in Toronto it is estimated four babies die per day.

The death rate from tuberculosis shows a steady decrease. In 1881 the death rate per 100,000 population was 121; in 1891, it was 112; in 1901, it was 102, and in 1910 it was 102.

The marriages in 1910 exceeded those of 1909 by 375, the total for 1910 being 2,237. This leads Dr. McCutcheon to observe as follows: "In our opinion all licenses to marry should be advertised in a local newspaper. This would have the effect of checking clandestine marriages."

DEFINING DUTIES OF TARIFF BOARD

Another Dispute in the Senate Over Make-Up of the Measure.

CARTWRIGHT'S PLAN

Sir Richard Wants Report on Financial Status of Factories When Tariff Is Increased.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 25.—The Government and the Liberals in the Senate, under the leadership of Sir Richard Cartwright, are still fighting over the duties of the new tariff commission. There was another dispute this morning.

Amendments to the tariff commission bill, suggested by Sir Richard Cartwright were discussed. Hon. Mr. Loughheed said that the Government was prepared to accept some of them but not others. For instance, it did not think that it should accept the amendment providing that where the commission reports in favor of a tariff increase on any industry it shall report on the number of factories, cost of building and equipping them, employees, capital, if there has been stock watering or combines in the industry, list of shareholders, and dividends for ten years.

Loughheed Objects. Hon. Mr. Loughheed said that the commission would not be allowed to report in favor of tariff change. It would only report on the conditions. Then there was danger in inquiring into the financial status of corporations and industries, and publishing that information to the world. There was nothing in the law at present which authorized any Government commissioner to go into a factory and make a report on its financial status. "I want to know your financial status," in every industry there were bound to be many factories, and each with its own financial status. Some might be good and some bad. He did not see that their financial status had anything to do in deciding if a tariff can be framed for the benefit of Canada.

Sir Richard Cartwright said he thought the financial status of companies had a good deal to do with the question. He thought from experience that some companies sought tariff bonuses to enable them to pay dividends on watered stock.

Progress was reported on the bill.

BAIL FIXED AT \$1,000

Frank Snyder Will Appear for Trial at June Sessions.

Frank Snyder, an ex-member of the city police force, appeared before a charge of obtaining \$76 from George Wadsworth through false representation. After hearing the evidence submitted Squire Chittick remanded him until the June sessions.

Bail of \$1,000 in the form of two bonds of \$500 each, furnished by the defendant's father and Mr. J. M. McEvoy, his counsel.

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"No, sir, gents, money ain't everything in this world. Them millionaires has their troubles just the same as the rest of us. Sometimes I kind o' pity 'em, pore fellers, always thinkin' of how to make more money and never gettin' enough. There's something higher in life than—"



BERRY AT CAPITAL TO WATCH G. T. R. BILL

Head of Conductors' Order Is Working for Reinstatement of the Strikers.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, March 25.—With the object of seeing that the bill for increasing the financial powers of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, which is before the House, does not pass until the company has been obliged to carry out its agreement made at the time of the settlement of its strike, for the reinstatement of those who took part in it, Mr. S. N. Berry, of Toronto, vice-president of the Order of Railway Conductors, is in town.

FIRST CHURCH CALLS REV. DR. FLANDERS

St. John, N. B., Pastor Is Sought by Important Local Congregation.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of the First Methodist Church held on Saturday evening it was decided to extend a call to Rev. Dr. C. A. Flanders, B. A., D. D., chairman of the New Brunswick Conference, and at present pastor of the largest Methodist Church in St. John.

Dr. Flanders will be asked to succeed Rev. Richard Whiting, who is going shortly to Winnipeg. Dr. Flanders is one of the most eminent men in the Methodist Church in Canada, and every effort will be made to secure him for London.

In New Office.

The office of Mr. J. Grant Henderson at the city hall is now fitted up, and he was able to occupy it for the first time today.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.

Forecast. Toronto, March 25—8 a.m.

Today—Northerly winds; fine today.

Tomorrow—Unsettled; not much change in temperature.

The following are highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 54 34 Clear

Calgary 54 32 Clear

Winnipeg 42 22 Cloudy

Port Arthur 42 22 Clear

Park Sound 34 14 Clear

Toronto 34 14 Clear

Ottawa 34 14 Clear

Quebec 34 14 Clear

Father Point 28 12 Clear

CITY OF LONDON BILL IS UP IN THE LEGISLATURE WEDNESDAY

May Be Some Opposition to Certain Clauses of Water-works.

[Canadian Press.]

The city of London bill will come up in the private bills committee of the Legislature on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Mayor Graham, Chairman Pocock, of the water commission, Ald. Richter, and possibly one or two other aldermen will go down to assist in piloting the measure through the committee. Of course, City Solicitor Meredith will be present.

HEAD OF BITUMINOUS MINERS SAYS SITUATION IS SERIOUS

But Still Has Hopes of Averting a Great Coal Strike.

[Canadian Press.]

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—Both the police committee and the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America at a meeting here today decided to take absolutely no action in the coal situation at present. Mayor Graham, Chairman Pocock, of the water commission, Ald. Richter, and possibly one or two other aldermen will go down to assist in piloting the measure through the committee. Of course, City Solicitor Meredith will be present.

HARDING MOTOR CAR COMPANY MAY REMAIN IN THIS CITY

A Hitch Has Occurred In the Agreement Made With Newmarket, Ont.

An interesting rumor was circulated at the city hall this morning to the effect that the Harding Motor Car Company, who were to leave London for Newmarket on a \$20,000 inducement offered by that town, may stay in the city after all. There is some hitch in the Newmarket arrangement, and until it is settled the company will remain in this city.

Mr. Fred Harding stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that they had not yet completed arrangements with Newmarket, and that their 1912 model car would be built in London. When questioned as to the truth of the report that the firm would remain in this city, he stated that although they might not go to Newmarket, two other towns were offering them big inducements, and they might decide upon one of the latter.

WOODSTOCK LIBERALS TO VISIT LONDON

Have Been Invited by the Liberal Club of This City.

About thirty members of the Woodstock Liberal Club are to visit this city on Wednesday evening, having been invited to Hyman Hall by the London Liberal Club.

A big turnout locally is looked for as a euchre party, followed by the serving of refreshments, has been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors.

EXPERT IS GOING OVER PLANT OF STREET RAILWAY FOR CITY

Company Is Said To Be Willing To Sell Out at \$150 Per Share But Water Commissioners Believe They Can Get It for \$125 Per Share—Will City Buy the Road?

There is an expert from New York going over the London Street Railway Company's plant at the present time, checking up the valuation of their holdings, with a view at some future time of making an offer on behalf of the city to buy the line. He will investigate at the same time, the power proposition, and will submit in connection with it a detailed report. The gentleman in question arrived from the east on Sunday night, and today went over the line. It will take him some days to prepare his report, and it will be submitted to those interested. The expert was brought here by the water commissioners.

It will be remembered that some time ago experts went over the line. It was stated by the company that the stock was worth \$150 per share on the valuation, and an option or agreement of sale was entered into. Some doubt was expressed that the stock was worth that money, and an independent expert was secured, and he commenced his work today. It is impossible to say what he will report. His name is being withheld at the present time.

City To Buy the Road. "The city will be up against the proposition to purchase the road in a very short time," said a gentleman in close touch with the whole business. The franchise has but 13 years more to run, and it cannot be expected that the company will expend large sums of money on new equipment, larger cars, and more track. There will be constant difficulty between the city and the company, with the results far from satisfactory. Under existing conditions, it will be much easier for the city to come to an arrangement with the company now than at any other time. Experts have gone over the line. They have put in a valuation, and the figures are today in the hands of certain people in the city. The latest expert is now going over the figures to verify them. On this document will depend what action will be taken. It is time the city of London did something to improve its condition, and nothing, to my mind, would do it better than the purchase of the company's plant. We would be earning money for the city, and I am confident that the city taxes could be materially reduced by the purchase of the London street railway."

A Big Sum This. The capital stock is valued at \$552,000 and the city would have to pay the bonds in addition, which amount to \$575,000.

The total cost would be in the neighborhood of \$1,127,000. The figures may be reduced somewhat, but it is thought that this figure will about purchase the plant.

The question of Niagara power will be settled in the meantime. It was definitely announced some time ago, that the company would install a steam plant. This action was taken at a meeting of the directors in February, and since that time plans for the building have been under way.

It was stated today that the company were negotiating with an electrical firm for machinery to handle Niagara power. This does not necessarily mean that the London Street Railway Company will take Niagara power, but it shows that the city has still a chance to secure the company as customers, it is claimed.

Through the company holds the stock, and is said to be willing to sell at \$150 per share, it is said the water commissioners believe they can buy it for \$125.

JACK BINNS

Is going to tell London boys how to make their own wireless outfits.

Binns dislikes publicity. He hates to be heroized. He rarely writes for this reason.

But Binns believes that the future progress of wireless depends on the number of amateurs who take it up and experiment with it.

He wants to create, by means of his articles in the London Advertiser a THOUSAND BOY WIRELESS OPERATORS.

IT'S EASY, BOYS! FOLLOW THE LEAD OF JACK BINNS. THE LESSONS IN THE LONDON ADVERTISER WILL BEGIN NEXT WEDNESDAY.

FARMERS ARE IN GREAT NEED OF HELP IN THIS DISTRICT

Delay In Opening Up the Immigration Office Causes Criticism.

Immigration Officer John Riggs is having troubles of his own these days. He is literally swamped with requests for help, which he is absolutely unable to furnish.

Farmers by the score have called upon him, but Mr. Riggs has not yet been able to make arrangements for securing any help from the men who are coming out, and many farmers fear that owing to the delay in opening an office here, it will be of little use to them in solving their help problems this season.

All the help that Mr. Riggs has at his disposal at the present time are a few Russians and Poles. As these men are unable to speak a word of English, it would be useless to send them out on a farm. He expects to have no difficulty in placing them, however, in local factories where numbers of their countrymen are employed.

Many farmers are beginning to advertise for men, and fancy prices are offered. All state, however, that it seems impossible to get anybody.

HERRING GULLS ARE SEEN ON THE RIVER

A Flock Have Made Their Headquarters at Foot of Dundas Street.

A number of gulls were to be seen at the forks of the Thames at the foot of Dundas street today. It is not unusual for one or two of the birds to make their way here for a very short time, but it is not often that they are here as were about the river at noon. Mr. W. E. Saunders states that the gulls are of the species known as the Herring Gull.

NEW DEPOT FOR GALT The Canadian Pacific R. R. to Establish One Down Town. [Canadian Press.] Galt, March 25.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased the property from R. Scott & Son, Main street, occupied by the Victoria Wheel Works, and will spend \$100,000 establishing downtown station facilities there. A brick and glass building 290 feet in length will be erected.

PORPOISES SCATTER SUBMARINE MINES

And Captains Are Worried When Passing Through the Dardanelles.

London, March 25.—The London Times has the following dispatch from its Constantinople correspondent: "According to reports from consular sources, five of the contact mines recently laid down in the Dardanelles, are missing. Several others, according to accounts as many as eight, have exploded."

"The usual rumors concerning the activity of secret agents are current, but there is reason to believe that the mischief was done by a particularly lively school of porpoises, which are hardly likely to have been pressed in to the Italian service."

"The news caused considerable anxiety in shipping circles here."

LAMP EXPLODED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Appleton, March 25.—A lamp which exploded in the home of Mr. W. Sutherland while the family were sleeping set fire to the house. The noise made by the explosion, however, aroused Mr. Sutherland, and after some very hard work he was able to extinguish the flames before much damage was done.