

ONTARIO PARLIAMENT WINDS UP SESSION

DRURY MAKES IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT IN LAST HOURS OF LEGISLATURE

After-Midnight Sittings Have Characterized Assembly Just Closed—Shevlin-Clark Company Refused License To Cut Timber On Government Areas—Premier Declares Substantial Guarantees Must Be Given To Safeguard Public Interest.

Toronto, April 30.—Ten minutes before 5 o'clock this morning the second session of the Ontario Legislature came to a close, except for the formal prorogation ceremonies by the lieutenant-governor, which will take place later. The session opened on January 25, and has been open for 62 working days. It has been notable for the long sittings. Fourteen times the House sat till after midnight and three times till 6 o'clock in the morning. In all 262 bills were introduced. Just before the adjournment of the House this morning, Premier Drury announced that he wished to make a statement. The Government had received an application from the Shevlin-Clark company for a license to cut timber, but it was not in the public interest, he said, that the license should be given. The Riddell-Latchford commission had advised that the issue of licenses for certain berths had been made without proper notice to the public. In view of this the Government would not grant this company a license to cut timber on any berth until the company gave an agreement which would safeguard the public. The leader of the Conservative opposition, Hon. G. H. Ferguson, said it was remarkable that the premier should have chosen to make such a statement in the dying hours of the session.

Drury's Explanation. "The case is in court," said Mr. Ferguson. "Are you trying to coerce them? Are you trying to drive them out of the country?" The premier said that the statement was in accordance with recommendations made by his counsel, Hon. N. W. Rowell. The matter was not debatable. "That I will move the adjournment," said Mr. Ferguson. "You cannot shut me up that way. Don't drive this company to the wall. Don't shut them out. It is strange that this announcement comes on the tail of a visit to the Parliament buildings of Mr. Callahan and Mr. Backus." The attorney-general said these men had not been consulted at all. The premier said the Government was not trying to dictate terms to the company, but wanted to "facilitate the order of the court." Charles McCrea, Sudbury, said that the action of the Government proposed to take would shatter the foundations of the lumber industry in Northern Ontario. Peter Heenan, Labor member for Kenora, said the view expressed by Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McCrea was unfortunate, he said.

MASKED BANDITS MURDER WOMAN

Mrs. Cassese of Orange, N. J., Choked to Death.

South Orange, N. J., April 30.—Four masked bandits today held up an automobile in which Mrs. Celeste Cassese of Orange was returning from a visit to a sick friend. When she screamed, one of the men leaped into the tonneau and choked her to death. Meanwhile the others covered her chauffeur, Michael Seltio, with revolvers. When Mrs. Cassese lost consciousness they paid no more heed to her, but bound Seltio to the steering wheel, rifled his pockets and fled. Although unable to free himself, Seltio held his head continuously against the button of the electric horn, finally attracting the attention of nearby houses, who notified the police.

FREEMAN'S JOURNAL OFFICE IS RAIDED

Shot Is Fired at Police Auxiliaries While Near Plant.

Dublin, April 30.—Disorder reigned in this city for several hours last night following the firing of a shot at police auxiliaries near the offices of the Freeman's Journal. Auxiliaries later raided the newspaper's plant, alleging that the shot had been fired from an upper story of the building, but today's issue of the Journal stated no arrests were made and that no evidence was obtained to support the charge that the person fired the shot was in the building. Pedestrians declared the shot was fired from the sidewalk on Townsend street, near by.

U. S. SUBMARINE IS REPORTED AGROUND

New London, Conn., April 30.—United States submarine O-11 was reported aground off Montauk Point early today. Capt. Frank D. Warren, commandant of the submarine, was on duty here, immediately sent for assistance the big naval tug "Albatross." A later report said the "Albatross" was held up by heavy fog. The crew is composed of 3 officers and 45 enlisted men under command of Lieut. Carr.

WET WEATHER DELAYS SEEDING IN ONTARIO

Many Fields of Fall Wheat Are Under Water.

FRUIT PROSPECTS

Promise of Excellent Yield of All Kinds of Small Fruits.

Toronto, April 30.—Canadian Press.—Make "old Ontario" land dry. This is the universal demand in many parts of the province, particularly from the farmer and market gardener, likewise the city dweller with gardening propensities. Any barometer or weather prophet not using his vote and indicating influences for stopping the excessive importation of rain is exceedingly unpopular these days in all circles. Throughout most of the lower part of the province the crop situation, while by no means gloomy is sufficiently serious to cause the farmers considerable apprehension. Many fall wheat fields are inundated and have the appearance of rice marshes. From 50 to 75 per cent of the areas and most of the root crop fields are still unseeded and in many cases unplowed. Rain has fallen almost incessantly in many parts of the province for nearly a week, making reasonable agricultural operations impossible. The season, however, is still young and there are great hopes that with an early dry spell of some days' duration there will be occasion for much optimism in regard to grain and root crops. Fruit trees, as a rule, blossoming well, and there is promise of a good yield of small fruits, although some of the more venturesome varieties were badly nipped by frost a few days ago. Present indications are for a bumper hay crop. The weather, although wet has been mild enough in most parts of the province to give the young live stock full benefit of the excellent early pasturage.

DAVIS GIVES UP ALL HOPE OF SETTLING PRINTERS' DISPUTE

Matter Now Left in Hands of Employers and Local Unions.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—Hope for a settlement by national agreement of disputes between printing trade unions and employers over wages and hours was abandoned by Secretary Davis after a series of separate conferences with both sides. Union representatives left the city without having been requested to return. Lack of an organization of printing employers authorized to sign any national agreement was given by Secretary Davis as his reason for abandoning his attempt to replace the local agreements between the men and employers, which expire May 1. Settlement of disputes is now in the hands of the various employers and the local unions, the secretary said.

PARLIAMENTS FOR ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND ADVISED

London, April 30.—Canadian Associated Press.—The Times today devotes an editorial to the bill providing for the relief of the British Parliament from undue pressure of business by establishing local bi-cameral legislatures for England, Scotland and Wales, with powers generally similar to those of the new Irish parliaments, which it is hoped to set up presently. The bill, which was introduced by the Right Hon. Murray McDonald, member for Falkirk, has, the Times says, conscientiously faced the problems of reform arising from the present system under which the electorate rule the value of their vote has shrunk in proportion with the growth of the country's population and affairs, and sectional interests intrude more and more upon the consideration of questions of national welfare.

G. T. R. SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

London, April 30.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company has called a meeting of shareholders for May 12, at which reports will be heard from President Howard Kyles and other officials regarding the proposition of the Canadian Government to take over the control of the railway in the immediate future.



"STALLED" ON THE PIPE LINE ROAD



Pavement cannot be laid too rapidly for some of the motorists who use the Pipe Line Road. Recently D. Oatridge of Brick street was stalled when attempting to navigate this particular portion of the Pipe Line inside the city limits, and he took the photograph of another party in similar circumstances to commemorate the event.

LONDON'S BUILDING TOTAL FOR 4 MONTHS OVER HALF MILLION DOLLARS; RECORD FOR THE CITY

Thirty-Eight New Dwellings Started in City During Past Thirty Days—Exact Figures Stand at \$503,390—Total for April Alone \$246,175.

For the first time in its history, London's new building has totalled more than half a million dollars within the first four months of the year. The exact total booked up by Building Inspector A. M. Piper today when he closed his books for April was \$503,390. The total during April, 1920, was only \$211,510 while the total for the year at the end of April was just \$284,080. The chief permits in the last day's rush were: George Procter, one story addition, 576 Oxford street, \$1,200; H. Thurlow, one story stucco, York street, \$3,000; M. Tufford, one story frame addition, 18 Glenwood avenue, \$1,500; E. Pearce, one story frame dwelling, \$2,200; A. Agranove, store front, Dundas street, \$3,500; S. Baker, one story dwelling, 183 Burn street, \$3,300; Thomas H. Jones, two, one and a half story brick veneer dwellings, Beaconsfield avenue, \$3,800.

STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WILL REMAIN AT WORK

Company Refuses To Sign Agreement For 50 Cents An Hour.

MEN WILL MEET AGAIN Pending Further Negotiations Car Service Will Not Be Interrupted.

Although a deadlock occurred at the conference between the Street Railway Company and its employees Friday afternoon, there will be no interruption of service next week. The mass meeting of the men, which was to have been held tonight, has been postponed, as the executive is not ready to report yet. The men will hold a meeting some time during the week. Their present wage agreement calling for 48 cents an hour and a division amongst them of one month's surplus, expires Saturday night. They will continue without an agreement until they have considered the situation at a mass meeting. The executive of the conference Friday asked the company to sign a new agreement for 50 cents an hour. The company would not agree to this. They insisted that the new agreement should only require a wage scale of 45 cents an hour without any bonus from each month's surplus. This is slightly less than the men have been receiving for the past year. The agreement would not enter into an agreement on these terms. An additional clause, which the company sought to introduce into a new agreement, would provide for a termination of the agreement upon 30 days' notice from either party. Representatives of the employees were not inclined to look with favor upon this proposal.

LEGALITY TEST OF LIQUOR ACT

Quebec's New Dry Law To Be Challenged Before Courts.

Montreal, April 29.—The constitutionality of the new Quebec liquor act will be challenged before the local courts early next week, as soon as it has been put into force, according to reports, which stated that a fund of \$500,000 is already subscribed by the wholesale liquor merchants and distillers agents for the purpose. It is claimed the new act conflicts with the common law of the Dominion, and will not stand the test of the courts.

GERMANS ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE "INNOCENCE" OF MEN PROCLAIMED

Berlin, April 30.—The Reichstag yesterday accepted the second reading of the amendment to the statute covering the trial of war criminals. The amendment directs the state's attorney "to give the widest publicity" to cases where subsequent information has established the innocence of men, the names of whom were on the original lists furnished by the Allies, and also those who may be acquitted at their trial. The amendment was proposed on behalf of alleged war criminals "in view of the wide publicity of their names in enemy countries." The third reading of the amendment was postponed owing to the objections of the Communists.

AUSTRIA MUST AID IN SOLVING HER PROBLEMS

Granting of Foreign Credits Will Depend On Action Taken.

DEMAND OF LEAGUE

Financial Commission Insists On Internal Revenue Reforms.

Vienna, April 30.—Immediate formulation and presentation of a comprehensive plan for internal revenue reforms which will demonstrate the Austrian republic's willingness to solve its economic difficulties, has been demanded by the financial commission of the League of Nations. The granting of foreign credits to the republic would be contingent on the merits of the plan presented. Leaders of the three great Austrian parties were summoned to a secret conference, and reading of the demand created consternation. It is asserted that it threatens to bring to a crisis a situation which the government has thus far skillfully avoided. It is argued that public utility rates and various forms of taxation have already reached the limit, while proposals for the abolishment of subsidies on breadstuffs, meats, fats, milk and sugar are bitterly opposed. It is feared that such a step would send prices so high as to threaten serious disturbances.

WEIGH SCALES CLERK 24 YEARS ON DUTY

James Dean Celebrates Anniversary at Local Market Today.

HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES

London District Grain Was World Famed At One Time.

James Dean, clerk of the city weigh scales, has served continuously at the local market for 24 years, and today is celebrating the anniversary of his appointment. His many friends both from London and rural districts visited him this morning to congratulate Mr. Dean on his 24 years' service. Despite the many changes occurring about the market square since he took over his duties, the clerk's office which was completed 71 years ago, remains as of old. Mr. Dean was in a reminiscent mood when interviewed by an Advertiser reporter today. He states that his office has been the scene of hot political battles scores of times, when district farmers congregated between sales, and remember when 100 loads of hay was a common sight on the market in one morning. Perhaps the most unusual incident related by the genial clerk is that concerning an educated horse owned by a farmer, who frequently sold loads of hay on the city market. His animal was so trained that when the farmer was being weighed he would lean against the tongue of the wagon, thus adding about 100 pounds to the weight. Two or three times the farmer "got away with it," but the clerk finally forced the owner to unitch his horse when hay was to be weighed, and Dobbin was disappointed.

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WITH PRICE OF LIVE HOGS THE LOWEST IN SIX YEARS, WHY NO REDUCTION IN PORK?

Butcher Answers Question by Stating That London Housewives Demand and Insist On the Very Best Cuts—As Long As This Condition Exists, Pork Is Bound To Be Expensive, No Matter What the Price of Live Hogs.

Live hogs were quoted at \$10.75 per cwt. on London market on Friday, this being the lowest for six years. The price of dressed hogs was from \$15 to \$16 per cwt. This at first sight appears to be good news for the housewife, and visions of succulent chops at low prices were no doubt beginning to arise, but, according to a talk which "The Advertiser" had with a leading butcher in the city, any benefit which may accrue from this drop in the cost of hogs will not filter through so quickly as might be supposed. First of all, it was pointed out by the butcher, that the fall in price to this low figure might only be of a temporary nature, and, therefore, that it might not affect the retail price of meat to any extent. "But of course," he said, "if this scale continues the retail price is bound to come down; competition will compel retailers to reduce prices in order to keep their trade with the public."

More Particular. "But there are many other things to be considered," continued the butcher, "the retail meat trade has very much changed since the war. The people are now much more particular as to what they buy. Before the war the average housewife was on the lookout for the most meat for the least money, but now it is, as a rule, the choicest cuts that are in demand. You see the standard of living has risen considerably since 1914, and what pleased the people then will not please them now. As long as this continues, prices will not go down to their former level no matter what the price of hogs may be."

Prefer Loin Cuts. In illustration of this point the meat salesman stated that loin chops at 45 cents a pound were preferred by most people to shoulder cuts at 35 cents, and that tenderloin at 70 cents a pound was not a popular item.

It is suggested that as in the case of pork, the public would not buy cheap stuff even if it afforded the opportunity.

ULTIMATUM WITH SEVEN-DAY LIMIT FROM SUNDAY IS BEING URGED BY BRITISH OFFICIALS

French and Belgians Oppose Proposal On Ground That the Germans Have Had Ample Time To Comply With the Demands—Supreme Council Will Make Important Decision at London Conference Today.

London, April 30.—An ultimatum to Germany, giving her seven days from May 1 to comply with or refuse the Allied reparations demands was being advocated today by the British representatives to the Allied conference here.

This proposal was opposed by the French and the Belgians on the ground that it was unnecessary, as the Germans already had had sufficient time.

The French held that the default of Germany in her treaty obligations calls for immediate military and economic action, and that the note sending should come afterward. It is understood the Belgian ministers also favored this course.

FEHRENBACH AND SIMONS EXPECTED TO RESIGN SEATS

Paris, April 30.—A Berlin dispatch today quotes the Vossische Zeitung as declaring that the resignation of Chancellor Fehrenbach and Foreign Minister Simons would also be likely to include the minister of finance and the minister of the interior, the newspaper says.

ADVISING GERMANY TO ACCEPT

London, April 30.—Information has been received by the French delegation to the meeting of the supreme allied council at Berlin are urging members of the German cabinet to accept the allied terms, as laid down in the agreement reached in Paris last January. In this agreement the Allies demanded 226,000,000 gold marks in addition to collection of a 12 per cent export tax on German goods. The view was expressed in French circles here today that approval of the immediate occupation of the Ruhr district of Germany would be asked by Premier Briand. A few days of preparation would be required, and the interval between the decision and the orders directing French forces to advance would afford the Germans time to join unconditionally, if they were so disposed. French representatives declared that occupation should take place in any event as a guarantee.

COUNCIL MEETING TODAY. London, April 30.—Prime Minister Lloyd George and Premier Briand held an informal conference early this morning, and later met Count Stora, Italian foreign minister, on his arrival in London.

During their private conversations, Mr. Lloyd George, M. Briand and Count Stora, it is believed, attempted to pave the way to quick decisions at the formal meeting of the supreme allied council, which has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon. It was not expected that the United States would be represented, it

WILL OCCUPY RUHR.

LONDON, April 29.—In the event of failure by France to receive the support of her allies, the French government will proceed alone to the occupation of the Ruhr region, arguing that Germany can easily present new proposals after as before occupation. This was stated by a French member of the supreme council.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 57; lowest, 46. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 39.

TOMORROW—COOL, CLOUDY. Toronto, April 30.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Fresh northwest winds; partly cloudy and cooler, with local showers. Sunday—Cool, and at least partly fair, with temperatures in the 40's.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Stations High Low Weather. Victoria 50 38 Cloudy. Calgary 40 30 Cloudy. Winnipeg 48 32 Cloudy. Port Arthur 48 30 Cloudy. Paris 50 40 Rain. Port Stanley 56 40 Cloudy. Buffalo 50 44 Rain. Toronto 50 44 Cloudy. Kingston 64 36 Fair. Ottawa 78 54 Rain. Montreal 74 55 Cloudy. Quebec 76 45 Cloudy. Pelly Point 56 40 Clear. St. John 50 44 Fair. Halifax 56 40 Fair.

Weather Notes. There are indications that the disturbance which came into Eastern Ontario yesterday from the south will for a time remain almost stationary, and that the weather will continue unsettled in the Lake Region and Upper St. Lawrence Valley.