

GREEKS EXPECTED TO REFUSE TO AGREE TO ALLIED PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT NEAR EAST QUESTION

American Representatives Submit Views at London Conference—Greek Premier To Be Member of Commission To Investigate Conditions in Thrace and Smyrna.

London, Feb. 26.—Armenian representatives were heard this forenoon by Allied representatives gathered here for the Near East conference. Later questions affecting Armenia and Kurdistan were taken up with Turkish delegates to the conference. While it was generally expected the representatives of the Turkish Nationalist Government would agree to the proposals for a solution of the Near Eastern question, it was forecast the Greek answer would be in the negative. It was stated by the foreign office, however, that M. Katoeopoulos, head of the Greek delegation, would be appointed member of the inter-Allied commission which will conduct an investigation of conditions in Thrace and Smyrna and that Greek delegates would be invited to attend the conference. It was stated that the inquiry would be made did not imply that the Greeks would be compelled to evacuate territories they occupy. Greek occupation of strategic points along the Dardanelles, it was said, would not be affected, necessarily. Moreover, the Turkish position on the fate of Thrace and Smyrna will not be determined by the commission, but will be settled by the Allied governments after a study of its report.

KEEN CONTEST EXPECTED IN WARD FOUR ELECTION TO BE AUTHORIZED NEXT WEEK BY MAYOR LITTLE

Many Candidates Expected to Aspire for Council Seat Made Vacant by Moorhead's Death.

Although the definite date of the municipal election in Ward 4 to be held on March 19, 1919, is not yet known, it is generally expected that there will be a keen contest for the position. Mayor Little is expected to announce the necessary formalities of authorizing the election early next week, possibly Monday.

The necessary advertising will be done within six days after that and nominations will then be made at the city hall. The election will be held on the three days previous to the election day which is authorized by the mayor. If this is done Monday the voting will take place March 19. The railway voters act was made effective in London by the council recently. As a result railway employees living in Ward 4 will be entitled to vote on the three days previous to the election if they expect to be out of the city that Saturday. They will vote at the city hall. Other voters will cast their ballots at the customary places. Several strong candidates are mentioned as possible aspirants to the position. Mr. J. H. Sweeney, a member of the Labor Representation Committee last night, is the only one definitely in field. His fight against the request to "serve" charge of the City Gas Company is expected to give a strong lead with all classes of voters. There is even talk of allowing him to be elected by acclamation.

HEAVY STORM IS SWEEPING OVER LOWER ONTARIO Colder Weather Is Prediction For Sunday.

MILD IN THE WEST White River Reports Temperature of 38 Below Zero.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—All lower Ontario is today being swept by one of the worst storms of the season. Interfering in some towns and cities with rail and street traffic and promising to delay the steam service before the end of the day. Colder weather is promised for tomorrow with clearing skies. In Northern Ontario the thermometer took a sharp drop. White River reported 35 degrees below at 8 a.m. In Eastern Ontario and Quebec it is fairly nippy today, but in Western Canada the weather is comparatively balmy. The Maritimes report fairly mild weather.

I. O. F. IS ORDERED TO COMPLETE CONTRACT

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 25.—The Independent Order of Foresters of Toronto, Canada, was ordered by the supreme court yesterday to complete a contract to purchase about 2,000 acres of land at Newark, Cal., and pay \$205,000 outstanding principal with interest accumulating \$40,000.

ADVISES MILITARY MEN TO GET BUSY

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR A. C. MACDONELL, who told the Canadian Military Association to combat the talk that the possession of a militia force meant militarism.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—A resolution condemning the proposal now before the Ontario Government to impose a tax of 12 per cent on the production of electrical energy in this province was passed at a meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association here this afternoon, attended by 150 members. Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, was present, and took part in the discussion on the proposed impost. Only two men spoke against the resolution, Sam Carter of Guelph and J. V. Buchanan of Ingersoll, who advised a conference with Premier Drury and an attitude of sympathy and co-operation toward the terms.

PROPOSAL TO TAX HORSEPOWER IS CONDEMNED BY ASSOCIATION

Hydro Meeting Passes Resolution Objecting to Government's Plan.

The chief objections to the proposed tax outlined in the resolution were stated as follows: That the report of the committee of the Legislature was based on inaccurate information; that it was a violation of municipal rights; that the whole hydro-electric system was based on contracts, and if those contracts were not kept the millions of dollars put into the enterprise by the municipalities would be in jeopardy; that a large amount of power developed at Niagara Falls was being exported to other parts of the province; that the power not exported would have to carry the whole weight of the tax, and that the proposal to place the hydro system under a department continued on Page Three.

BOARD TO DEAL WITH ARMAMENT LEAGUE COUNCIL DECIDES TO APPOINT TEMPORARY COMMISSION.

Paris, Feb. 26.—The council of the league of nations took up the question of disarmament today. The council will ask the powers which signed at St. Germain the convention relating to control of traffic in arms and munitions, to ratify this convention, declaring that until this is done no progress can be made in this direction. It was decided to nominate a temporary commission to consider a reduction in armaments. This body will be composed of prominent public men, together with technical experts and representatives of labor and of industries and some members of the military and economic commissions. Rene Viviani, former prime minister of France, has been asked to accept the chairmanship of this commission. A recommendation by the assembly of the league of nations that an organization be set up to verify military information supplied by its members, as provided for in the league of nations, cannot be carried out without an amendment to the covenant of the league. The council has decided to leave to the permanent military commission of investigation this subject further. The council still is guarding as a close secret its deliberations on the American note regarding disarmament.

ARE YOU AWARE?

The time a solution on the Advertiser Puzzle is awarded has no bearing upon its winning a prize. The prizes will be awarded solely upon the merits of the solution received, irrespective of when they were registered. Those submitted up to the close of the contest on March 19 will have exactly the same standing as those already registered. Remember also, that the amount remitted for your subscription has no relation to solution winning the prize. The larger your remittance, however, the greater will be the amount you will receive if you win one of the first five prizes. Contestants who have sent less than \$10 have the privilege of increasing it to that amount. Those who send any time up to the 15th, those who send a letter explaining the solution that already sent in may submit other solutions under the same conditions as the first. If you are not yet familiar with the details of the Contest, call or send a self-addressed envelope for full particulars, prize list, etc., to The Contest Manager, 110 Dundas street, West. Contest Office is open evenings from 7:30 to 9:30.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns for location, temperature, and weather conditions for various cities including Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal.

FARM LAND VALUES IN 1920 HIGHEST IN CANADA'S HISTORY

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(Canadian Press).—The average values of farm land in Canada were higher in 1920, as also were farm wages, but values of farm live stock and of wool showed a considerable decrease, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual report for the year in question.

The average values of occupied farm land in Canada, including improved and unimproved land, together with all classes of farm buildings was \$48 per acre, as compared with \$46 in 1919, \$41 in 1918, \$35 in 1917, \$36 in 1916, \$35 in 1915. Average farm wages increased over the preceding year. The average value per head, all ages, for horses in Canada was \$106 as against \$113 in 1919; cattle, \$59 against \$70 in 1919; sheep, \$10 as against \$15 in 1919; swine, \$23 as against \$25. The approximate values of farm live stock in 1920, with 1919 values in brackets, was: Horses, \$361,328,000 (\$435,070,000); cattle, \$361,800,000 (\$278,981,000); sheep, \$37,283,000 (\$40,402,000); swine, \$83,155,000 (\$102,308,000). The total value of descriptions of live stock for 1920 amounted to \$1,041,246,000 as compared with \$1,296,602,000. The total value of farm poultry in 1920 was \$37,916,000.

MILK PRODUCERS ARE GETTING ONLY FAIR RETURN FOR MONEY

"Alderman Watkinson Ought to Have Better Knowledge of What He Is Talking About," Says One Agriculturist—How Prices Down, But What About Bacon to Consumer?

Ald. F. R. Watkinson's project to establish a municipal milk depot in the city is not causing the ghost of a flutter in the dovecotes of the local dairymen, in most cases the milk producers are the distributors as well, and maintain that they are only receiving a fair return for their labor, and for the risks involved in carrying on their business. "Ald. Watkinson or any other critic of the farmer were to go through the routine of getting up at an unseasonable hour in the morning, in all weathers, winter and summer, milking the cows and straining and putting up the milk in its various containers, and then delivering and tramping many weary miles to the city, and then to the door of the consumer, the milk would be worth more than it is now. It is the fact that the distributor suffers considerable loss in the price of the milk, and that the price of this by-product must be added to that of the cheese-milk. The same thing applies to cream." Another thing which this milk producer pointed out is the fact that the distributor suffers considerable loss in the price of the milk, and that the price of this by-product must be added to that of the cheese-milk. The same thing applies to cream.

INDIAN WOMEN TO FORCE VOTE FOR THEMSELVES

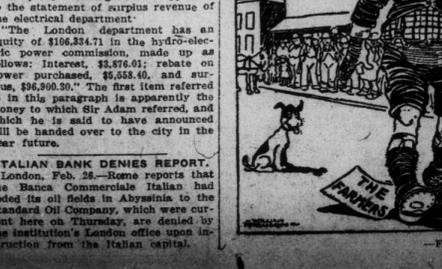
Oldtown, Maine, Feb. 26.—Indian women of the Penobscot tribe today asked the court to obtain the right to vote in the tribal elections and share the conduct of reservation affairs. Alderman Watkinson's project to establish a municipal milk depot in the city is not causing the ghost of a flutter in the dovecotes of the local dairymen, in most cases the milk producers are the distributors as well, and maintain that they are only receiving a fair return for their labor, and for the risks involved in carrying on their business.

HYDRO COMMISSION OWES CITY \$100,000

Check Will Be Handed Over Shortly, Says Sir Adam Beck.

Much local interest is being evinced in the report from Toronto that Sir Adam Beck has agreed to a settlement with the city yesterday that the Hydro Power Commission would shortly be paying to the city of London a check for \$100,000.

IT'S ALWAYS EMBARRASSING TO BE THE FIRST ONE OUT IN THE NEW STYLES.



CARRYING OUT WILL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

HON. J. W. DEV-FARRIS, who has introduced a bill in the Legislature to make changes in the liquor laws of the province.

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NEW YORK SINN FEINERS FAIL TO PREVENT GIBBS FROM SPEAKING

Noted British War Correspondent Delivers His Message.

New York, Feb. 26.—By Canadian Press.—The civilized code of law and order scored a decided victory over anarchy and lawlessness, as demonstrated by an organized party of Sinn Feiners, who endeavored to break up a lecture on the Irish question, given by Sir Philip Gibbs, British war correspondent, at Carnegie Hall tonight. It was the third time Sir Philip had been subjected to public abuse since his arrival here. Rev. Francis P. Duffy, chaplain of the 8th United States division, took the platform five minutes after the inception of the disturbance, and temporarily quelled it. Besides the outbreak in the hall, women picketers paraded outside displaying anti-British posters and distributing Sinn Fein propaganda. After Sir Philip had concluded reading excerpts from statements made by the late James Redmond on conditions in Ireland during the anti-British demonstration, Sir Philip remarked: "Murderers." "Long Live De Valera." "Down with the rotten empire." "Go back, you Hunny." and "Long live the spirit of 1776," were among the epithets hurled at the speaker. When Cardinal Logue's statement of denunciation of the Dublin murder of Sir Philip was told they "had no faith in him, either."

AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN MEDICOS AND OSTEOPATHS

Bill Will Be Presented to the Government for Ratification. Local osteopaths stated this morning that so far they had received no information of the reported agreement between the Ontario Medical College, the University of Toronto, and the Ontario Association of Osteopaths, whereby the osteopaths operating in the province are to be accorded the same status as homoeopaths, and a bill prepared embodying an agreement for presentation to the government.

NINE APPLICATIONS FOR DIVORCE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

Senate Committee Continues to Hear Evidence.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Senate divorce committee is continuing to sit, though the Senate adjourned from last night until Tuesday. To date nine applications have been disposed of, and several others have been put through various stages of committee hearing. It is expected that the first batch of applications will be ready for attention by the Commons committee on miscellaneous private bills by about Thursday or Friday next.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT SNORING AT THE HELM, CLAIM OF WESTERN ONTARIO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Tobacco Experimental Station at Harrow a Disgrace—Government Issues Bulletins on Care of Farm Machinery, Yet Refuses to Build Sheds to House Valuable Apparatus—Farm Bulletins Not Worth Paper Written On.

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Like Solomon, He Must Judge Who Is Mother

Judge Marsh Has to Decide Which of Two Women Shall Have Clara.

Detroit, Feb. 26.—If Judge Philip W. Marsh elected to be a second King Solomon? Two mothers will appear before him today to settle the disputed parentage of 6-year-old Clara. The child is now in the children's hospital recovering from wounds said to have been inflicted by her mother, Cecilia Labowitz, one of the litigants in the case. King Solomon, confronted by the similar dilemma, ordered the child to be severed into two parts, and a party given to each mother, whereupon the real mother, by revealing her real motherly instinct, and she was awarded the child. Mrs. Altona All, 411 Jones street, contends Clara is her child, and that she was induced to let Mrs. Labowitz take Clara because she had promised to give the child a fine American education. Mrs. All is now the wife of a restaurant owner at 1715 Cass avenue. Her husband is believed to have been so far seen to bear out the statement that Clara is Mrs. All's child, it is said.

THOUGHT METHODIST MINISTER A RABBI

Montreal Judge Reserves Decision in Annulment Case. Montreal, Feb. 26.—Mr. Justice Brown yesterday heard evidence in the annulment case on a petition in which Bertha J. Spiegel sought to have her marriage with N. A. Agashkin annulled on three grounds: first, that Rev. P. S. Spaulde, the officiating minister, was not a Methodist minister, and second, that she was being a Jewess; second, that she was a minor when married, and had not her parents' consent; and third, that she was induced to believe by her husband that she was being married by a rabbi. The first pretension was at once dismissed on the recent privy council judgment in the Tremblay-Despatie case, and counsel for the petitioner abandoned the first ground. Bertha J. Spiegel said she believed at the time that Mr. Sproule was a rabbi, and that she was being married by a rabbi, and could not distinguish any difference between the Jewish and the Protestant marriage ceremony. The court reserved judgment on the second and third grounds.

UNEMPLOYED BENEFIT SWINDLER WANTED

Montreal, Feb. 25.—A swindler, who is wanted in Boston for an "unemployed" scheme, which he worked there recently with marked success, would seem to bear some resemblance to a man named Treadwell, who was recently in this city organizing a mammoth carnival for unemployed benefit and who later disappeared with a large sum of money which had been collected for the proposed carnival. A similar scheme has just been worked in Boston and the police are of the opinion that Treadwell is responsible for both.

SNOWPLOWS ON JOB

Small Attendance at the Local Market in Consequence of Storm. Unless conditions are much worse by the afternoon, London's first February blizzard will have done little more than provide a change of scenery. Mr. Wright, fleshy flakes borne on a keen east wind had not piled up in sufficient quantities by noon to interfere with the city's business activities. Street cars maintained their usual schedule after the first few runs had been accomplished. Sweepers were out early in the morning and had the streets cleared for the rest of the day. By 6 o'clock, constant attention was necessary, as the wind drifted the snow over the high sidewalks, and the snow was too deep to clear. Some of the older and more feeble vehicles had to exert themselves to make headway in the larger areas created the night. Telephone and other lines of communication were all in working order. The snow was too deep to clear. Some of the older and more feeble vehicles had to exert themselves to make headway in the larger areas created the night. Telephone and other lines of communication were all in working order.