

FOUR MILLION CHILDREN IN POLAND IN NEED OF BREAD SAYS CHICINNATI RABBI

Speaker For Jewish Relief Fund Tells of Conditions in War-Stricken Countries of Europe—Will Address Rotarians Today.

Rabbi Dr. J. H. Schickel of Cincinnati, Ohio, spoke on behalf of the Jewish relief fund at the Jewish synagogue last night. He visited the war-stricken people in Poland during the recent conflict, accompanied by Dr. A. H. Silver of the American committee of public information, and described conditions as he found them.

Poland alone had four million children who had not on an average one loaf of bread per week. The inhabitants did not know what shoes were. In certain towns with a population of twenty thousand food had been promised by the American war relief committee. When a train pulled into the town the population gathered around, but to their horror the train contained clothes instead of food. The weather at that time was like that in Canada in the winter-time. The walls that went up were pitiful to hear when the people saw that they were not to get food after all.

The people of Jerusalem were prosperous prior to the war, but now they were in a condition similar to that of the people of other war-stricken countries. They lived in the cellars of the walls of the old city. There was only poor ventilation and no escape for the sewage. They had only the ruins that the Turks left them.

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want of food. Children at the ages of 5, 6 and 7 were as weak as the children in this country at the age of two years. Many had never tasted milk.

Distribution Committee. There was a joint distribution committee of the Jewish relief committee. It was composed of men from England, Canada and the United States. The money raised from the campaign in Canada would be sent to England if the rate of exchange between Canada and United States did not improve. Dr. Schickel explained. Sir Edmund

STREET CAR MEN TO ASK AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 50 PER CENT

Decide To Demand An Addition of 21 Cents An Hour To Present Wage Scale—Decision Reached At Mass Meeting.

Street railwaymen will ask an increase of 21 cents an hour in their wages, they decided at a meeting last night Saturday.

At present, the men receive from 32 to 44 cents an hour. The increase, if granted, would give them 60 cents to 65 cents. At the beginning of 1919 they were receiving from 32 to 38 cents, and were granted a nine-cent increase in the spring. If this further increase is met it will mean a total increase of 30 cents within a year.

Decision to ask for an increase was made at a meeting of the union last week. No decision as to the amount was made at that time. This will be left for a mass meeting Saturday night, when all members of the union could be present. The matter was fully discussed, and it was

REPORT SAYS LONDON MAY GET HAMILTON CIGAR MANUFACTORY

HAMILTON, Feb. 28.—This week nearly a hundred employees of the Pessan Cigar Company quit work. They demanded reinstatement of two discharged employees, claiming they were let out for assisting for a wage increase. An apology was also exacted. The firm claimed the two men were let out for taking liquor on the premises.

NO SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR OBSERVING LENTEN PERIOD

Rev. T. G. Roy Deals With History of Lent.

In the Talbot Street Baptist Church on Sunday morning, Rev. Thomas G. Roy, pastor, presented a paper on "The Scriptural Basis for Observing the Lenten Period." Mr. Roy spoke of Lent as being a prolonged fast. The word Lent had its origin in the word meaning the lengthening of days. This period of fasting occurred in the time of the leavening of bread, and came to be called Lent. Formerly Lent was observed very rigorously and imposed severe penances, but the rigors have been mitigated through the passing years with the result that it was considered a devotion today.

Going into the history of Lent, the speaker said that there was no Scriptural basis for the observance of Lent as such. Indeed, Christ made no special provision for such an observance; nor did the early Christian churches practice it. The first Lenten observance of the Christian era was the fast before Easter, which was very short, but very severe. It was not until the thirteenth century that Lent began on Ash Wednesday.

Mr. Roy spoke of Lent being a period given over to the deepening of the spiritual life. As such it had value, provided it was accompanied by an honest desire on the part of those observing for a deepening of their lives, and was not made a formal thing. The weakness of it lay in the danger of its emphasizing periodic religion—a religion that demanded that he live on a higher spiritual level and be more devoted at one time than another. Another weakness lay in the fact that the emphasizing of mechanical rather than vital. If religion meant anything, it meant the transforming of the life and the honest endeavor to live every day upon the highest level possible.

Back of Lent, however, was the fundamental idea of the necessity of taking the time to give oneself to the deeper, higher Christian life, that we might be able the better to serve God and our fellow men.

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Walker was the treasurer of the relief committee, he said.

Mr. Golberg, manager of the Canadian Relief Fund, with headquarters in Toronto, had given assurance that 100 per cent of the Canadian fund would go to its destination in the stricken countries. The appeal in this city was for \$25,000. The campaign in the Dominion was for \$1,000,000. The slogan of the Jews was "Humanity has no creed."

It was explained that the money raised would be for the purpose of assisting the Jews, but the lives of all who can be saved would be, whether Jew or Gentile.

This was the critical time in Eastern and Western Europe. People were going back to their homes. They needed assistance to reconstruct their countries. People in this country did not know of the suffering that was on in the devastated countries of Europe. If they did the money wanted would be forthcoming without murmur, concluded Mr. Golberg.

Dr. Schickel will address the Rotarians at their luncheon in the Tecumseh House today.

It is considered certain that the company will refuse to meet the new schedule. It claimed in the spring that it was not able to meet the raise demanded then, and it is not likely now to be prepared for a 21-cent increase.

What would happen in the event of a strike is a matter of conjecture. Several opinions have been expressed at various times. The most common was that the Ontario Railway Board would be asked to operate the road until it determined its financial condition.

APPEALS FOR HELP FOR SPREADING OF GOSPEL IN FRANCE

Representative of McCall Mission Speaks At Dundas Centre Church.

Missionaries from China, Japan, India and Africa have visited the city on many occasions to plead for aid in spreading the gospel in those countries, but it is unusual to say the least, that such an appeal is made in behalf of missionary work in a country such as France. Rev. W. H. Brokenshire spoke in the Dundas Centre Methodist Church on Sunday morning in the interests of the McCall Mission, which has carried on missionary work throughout that country for the past 50 years.

Mr. Brokenshire said it was hard for the people of this country to realize the conditions in France. Canadians usually thought of the French as light and frivolous. They did not realize that under all the frivolity of the surface lay a great character of idealism which was the backbone of the French people. The general belief of the people of this country, France was not a Roman Catholic country, for out of a population of 50 millions, only 10 millions professed to belong to that church when the last census was taken.

The work of the McCall Mission was not destructive. It was not seeking to undermine the Roman Catholic Church to serve the other 75 per cent of the population, which had broken away from the church with few exceptions. It was a mission of the heart, of the spirit, of the soul. In all of France there were less than a million Protestants of all denominations, including Huguenots. The people were, however, the best kind of material for the work, because of their open-mindedness, honesty and love for the truth.

He outlined briefly the history of the McCall Mission. In telling of its inception, he said that immediately after the heart-breaking Franco-Prussian war came the Communists of France, originating in Paris. These Communists compared to the bolsheviks and anarchists of today, because of their hatred of all authority and things religious. They murdered priests by the hundreds.

When they were at the height of their activities an English preacher by the name of McCall took it upon himself to visit Paris and to distribute religious pamphlets, printed in French, throughout the suburbs of that city. The streets of the Communists were eagerly received and read, and as it was aimed to him, the people had been tired of the religion of superstition and were hungering after the truth of the one God who created the world. He decided to devote his life to ministering to these people. Returning to England he gathered up his belongings and with his wife moved to Paris, against the advice of his friends, who feared for his life. The four married groundswells he met with success from the first. It was little dreamed then that the movement would become known all over the world.

During the fifty years of its existence the work had steadily grown and now the gospel was being preached throughout the French provinces. Many features had been added. Institutions were operated where children were being looked after during the absence of their mothers, who were often the breadwinners. Boys and girls were taken care of after school, their playing, studying and religious worship were supervised. Sunday and Thursday schools were opened. Young people's societies and associations, boy scout organizations, sewing circles and others were organized and operated.

The gospel was spread throughout the towns and villages by means of gospel motor cars which visited the numerous fairs and by means of which many of the people heard the gospel for the first time. Many parts of France were covered by a network of canals through which chaplains were operating, handling many hamlets which could not be reached by other means. The McCall mission was thoroughly international and worked hand in hand with all the Protestant churches throughout the country.

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FEAR OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN SESSION DOGS UNION REGIME

Real Work of Parliament Commences Today.

CRONYN TO SPEAK

London Member Will Move Address in Reply to Speech From Throne.

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—(By Canadian Press.) The real work of the Commons will begin tomorrow with the moving of an address in reply to the speech from the throne, when the House opens tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. In the meantime most of the Ontario Quebec members made the best of their holiday from Thursday to Monday to return to their homes. Those who came to Ottawa, however, were here over the week-end. The absence included the chief whips of both parties.

Just what may transpire in the session on a continuing basis of a matter about which there is at present much conjecture. Members on their arrival at Ottawa were all seeking information rather than imparting any. Many of them seemed to be of the opinion that the session is that of leadership and continuance of the unionist party.

There is still the expectation that these questions will be discussed in a Government caucus very shortly, but at the time of his departure after the opening of the session, Mr. Mackenzie King, said that no date had been set for a caucus of Government supporters. He said that it would not be held this week. The Liberals are holding their first caucus of the session on Tuesday morning, when it is stated there will be a general discussion as to policies to be followed.

There is a fear in some quarters that there may be a defeat of the Government on one of the questions which are to come before the House, but the average member appears to feel that the Government will weather the session. However, with the passing of a franchise act, as announced by speech from the throne on Thursday, it is expected that a new election might follow soon after the dissolution of the House.

In the Commons tomorrow the address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by Hume Brown of London, and seconded by R. McGregor.

Expect Warm Debates.

It is anticipated that as the session progresses it will bring on some warm debates. G. Parent of Quebec has given notice that he will ask whether the Government intends abolishing the board of commerce or giving it sufficient powers to deal with the interest which at present appear to be challenging its authority. The answer to this question, it is expected, will provide material for further drives against the Government on this score later.

The franchise act is being awaited eagerly, as also is the bill incorporating the Government's mercantile marine and naval plans. On the former it is certain that there will be hot fight, but the contents of the proposed bill are, so far, being very closely guarded.

The Rutherford racing and betting report is also to come before Parliament this session. A motion based thereon is expected to be in effect to govern most, if not all, of the spring racing meetings which have been advertised. The report of Dr. J. G. Rutherford, the commissioner, is understood to recommend cutting down both the number of tracks and the total days of racing allowed in each district.

Confere In Washington. The departure of Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization, for Washington, and the knowledge that Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways, was waiting in that city to meet Sir Robert Borden on his arrival from England have raised anew the gossip as to the contents of the Union Government and the leadership. It is expected that the subject will come before a caucus to be held very soon, but the date of that gathering has not yet been set, and in some circles it is anticipated that the subject will not be discussed until the return of Hon. J. A. Calder from his conference with the premier and Dr. Reid.

The latter is returning to Ottawa after spending some weeks in Florida for the benefit of his health. The members are fairly free in discussion of the leadership, and the feeling seems to be growing that Sir Robert Borden will not again don the mantle of leadership, but that he will remain in the background of the party at present. It is anticipated that if a choice is made of a House leader, the choice will be the one likely to succeed Sir Robert, whenever his resignation does take.

Charging Incision. Members of Parliament, who are outside of the House, are charged with the prime minister with incision, and also with having acted as he did in connection with the present situation. Some of them claim that Sir Robert has already chosen the man to succeed him, but they are not sure. It is in the circles that the name of Sir Robert is his choice to succeed him was Hon. J. A. Calder, formerly the king-pin of Saskatchewan Liberals, who are now conferring with him in New York.

Other contenders for the premiership it is now stated, are narrowed down chiefly to Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, and Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, but there is also Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell, president of the privy council, who is considered. In the case of Mr. Meighen

it is felt that, while he is the logical man for the post, he has too many men against him for past alleged offences of omission and commission.

Refused To Consider. The return of Sir Thomas White is hardly being hoped for by his friends. He has refused to consider the idea, it is stated, even if he were assured of the premiership, though, had he been a member of the Government at the time of retiring, he would have been the successor.

Should an election be precipitated by the defeat of the Government on any one of the questions coming before the Commons, the situation would be even more interesting. Either Sir Robert Borden would have to return or a successor be chosen on the spur of the moment, or the formation of a new government would have to be left to the parties defeating the Government. The call from the government general might be given to Hon. W. Mackenzie King to form a government and go before the public for their approval.

COMMUTERS' RATES TO STAND FOR MONTH, SAYS BOARD ORDER

MONTREAL, Feb. 29.—G. T. Bell, passenger traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, received a telegram on Saturday from Hon. B. E. Carvell, chairman of the board of railway commissioners, instructing him to keep the rates on commutation and trip tickets in effect until the conclusion of the present investigation into the tariffs in this regard now being carried on by the railway commission.

Similar orders of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and instructions have been passed on to the other railways, notifying them that the old rates must stand. This is taken to mean that there will be no increase in commuters' rates for at least a month.

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