

CHARGES AGAINST ASYLUM OFFICIALS FAIL

GOVERNMENT TO BE ASKED FOR \$20,000,000 FOR SHIPBUILDING

U. S. DECREE EXTRACTS FANGS OF "BIG FIVE" WHO MUST GIVE UP ALL BUT MEAT BUSINESS

New Prohibitive Bill Will Involve Reorganization of an Industry With Assets of More Than a Billion—Public Will Profit by New Measure.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The decree under which the group of packing houses operate in the United States known as the "big five" are forever enjoined from doing any other line of business than handling meat and meat products was filed today in the District of Columbia supreme court.

It was submitted by Attorney-General Palmer, who said it "removes the menace of control of unrelated industries by the big five, and confines their activities in future to the business of distributing meat and its by-products."

The decree involves reorganization of an industry with assets of more than \$1,000,000,000 and affects 37 corporations and 49 individuals. Attorney-General Palmer, in a statement commenting on the effect of the decree, said: "Under the decree entered today the chief executives of the big five, and their subsidiaries and principal stockholders are compelled to sell preferably to live stock producers and the public."

Must Sell Holdings.

"All their holdings in public stockyards,"

"All their interest in stockyard railroads and terminals,"

"All their interest in market newspapers,"

"All their interest in public cold-storage warehouses, except that which is necessary for their own meat products,"

"They are barred forever from the retail meat business,"

"They are barred forever from dealing in 'unrelated lines' of groceries and products,"

"They are required to abandon forever the use of their branch houses, route cars and automobile trucks, comprising their distribution system for any other than their own meats and dairy products,"

"Moreover, the decree provides that jurisdiction is perpetually retained by the court for the purpose of taking such further action or relief as may be necessary in the circumstances to carry out or enforce the decree."

STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WANT INCREASED WAGES

Must Have More Money by May 1.

POSSIBLY BEFORE

Mass Meeting Saturday Night To Discuss Situation.

Higher wages will be demanded by street railwaymen on May 1 or sooner. The matter was discussed at the regular meeting of the union Thursday night. A special meeting has been called for midnight Saturday, so that the full membership may be present to discuss the question.

The men claim that they have no wage clause in their present agreement with the company, and will seek to have one inserted providing for higher wages than at present.

Last year the maximum wage was 35 cents an hour. The men asked 40 cents, and went on strike to obtain that amount. The company claimed it could not meet the demand unless higher fares were allowed. The city council passed a bylaw increasing the fares, and the men were given the higher wage.

The higher fare bylaw was later declared illegal and the company had to revert to the old scale of fares. It is intimated that the men's wages would be decreased also, but this was not done, several cars being taken off the system instead.

Now the men want the maximum increase over 44 cents, and it is difficult to imagine what situation this will create.

Being unwilling to comply with the smaller demand last year it is fair to presume that the company will not be willing to meet the new wage demands. If they do not it is also fair to presume that the men will strike, as they did before. The city council will be unable to step in and save the situation by raising the fares as it did last year.

In the event of a strike there is a possibility of the Ontario Railway Board being called in to operate the road until a settlement is made. No. 1 committee of the council is also considering asking the Legislature to authorize higher fares in the hope that such action would prevent trouble.



"You used to call me your very own. Don't you love me any more?" Samuel: "Yep. With reservations."

MORE THAN 100 MARRIED PERSONS IN ONTARIO ARE SEEKING DIVORCE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The largest list of divorce applications since confederation is before Parliament for consideration at the present session. There are 118 in all, and of that number 69 of the applicants are from Toronto. In fact, with the exception of ten from Montreal and other parts of Quebec, the applications are entirely confined to Ontario. One of the reasons for this is the fact that the western provinces now have their own divorce courts. In the matter of sex, the applicants are pretty well divided.

At no session hitherto has the number of divorce applications been anywhere within proportion with the number this year.

\$20,000,000 WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE BUILDING OF SHIPS

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne Says This Amount Will Be Requested From Parliament.

CALLS FOR 62 SHIPS

Admiral Jellicoe's Report Is Likely To Be Tabled Within a Week.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—By Canadian Press.—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, stated today that the government would ask Parliament for a vote of \$20,000,000 to complete government mercantile marine shipbuilding program.

The minister of marine stated that the government shipbuilding program called for a total of 62 ships. Of these, 30 had already been launched, while a number of others were being built.

Mr. Ballantyne would give no information with regard to the government's naval policy.

"Will the Jellicoe report be tabled soon?" he was asked.

"Admiral Jellicoe's report is now being printed," he answered, "and I think it will be tabled as soon as it is out of the hands of the printer. It may be brought down to the House within a week."

The naval policy and the new franchise bill, were he said, the two most important matters to be brought before the House at the present session.

NO CHANGE IS CONTEMPLATED IN VACCINATION LAWS OF ONT.

STATES DRURY TO DEPUTATION

Provincial Cabinet Members Listen to Arguments Against Any Alteration in Present Measures—Premier Intimates Present Laws Hard To Enforce Without Creating Endless Friction.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—No change in the vaccination laws of Ontario is contemplated in the near future, Premier Drury assured a deputation of more than two hundred physicians who waited on the provincial cabinet at Queen's Park last night, asking that the present laws be enforced. The members of the cabinet listened with more or less interest, to a learned dissertation upon the scientific merits of vaccination, after which the prime minister made his statement.

"If you can show us a way of enforcing the law without creating endless friction and placing countless people in the light of martyrs, we are quite prepared to do as you ask," he declared.

The deputation was introduced by Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, provincial officer of health.

DRURY DENIES FRICTION.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Beyond what other emphatic denial to rumors of friction between himself and Hon. H. Grant, minister of education, Premier Drury declined today to comment further on his announcement yesterday, declining the offer of the Masses Foundation to appoint a commission on education.

"The matter has been in the hands of Mr. Grant throughout," said the premier, "and he has acted with my full knowledge and approval."

PROF. WRONG SHOWS WHY CANADA CANNOT YIELD HER PLACE IN LEAGUE TO SUIT U. S.

Noted Educationist Presents Forceful Argument in Letter To N. Y. Times.

POINT CONCEDED ONCE

Dominion Will Accept No Limitation Not Applicable to Others.

New York, Feb. 27.—The New York Times this morning prints a letter from George M. Wrong, professor of history in the University of Toronto, in which Canada's position in regard to the League of Nations is clearly set forth and forceful argument is presented in support of the contention that the Dominion cannot yield her place to satisfy any demands of the United States Senate.

Professor Wrong, after stating that public opinion in Canada is keenly aroused in respect to the objections to Washington to Canada's vote as a separate nation in the League of Nations, remarks that the world at large has but slight grasp of the relations of Canada with Great Britain.

The latter reviews the political growth of the Dominion toward a full national life, which culminated in the experience of the great war and the latest step toward the organization of a Canadian diplomatic system.

"When this is achieved," says the professor, "the representatives of Canada will negotiate directly at foreign capitals with foreign governments and Canada's national life complete in domestic affairs will be complete, too, as respects other nations."

Right Was Granted.

"Canada went into the war of her own motion, and not through any action from Great Britain. Her representatives sat in the conference at Paris. During the conference Canada raised the issue of her own independence."

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RT. HON. E. S. MONTAGU, Secretary for India, who states in a letter to a London paper that if the Turkish Government were turned out of Constantinople there would be trouble in India.

FRENCH TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN AFTER A CLASH WITH TURKS

Contingents Extricated After Hard Struggle in Marsh.

WOUNDED ARE LEFT

American Red Cross Takes Charge of Those Left Behind.

London, Feb. 27.—Official dispatches on the situation at Marash, in the vilayet of Aleppo, Syria, where French troops have been having a severe struggle with Turkish forces, announce that the French have succeeded in extricating their contingents after very hard fighting. The French evidently withdrew last night, leaving behind them their wounded, which will be cared for by the American Red Cross.

A message from the same source mentions the reports of massacres of Armenians in the Marash section, but does not substantiate the statement from Armenian quarters that the number slaughtered was several thousand.

The situation in the Marash area was discussed during yesterday's debate on the Turkish question in the House of Commons, when Premier Lloyd George was asked about a report that had reached the Armenian delegation in London that 20,000 Armenians had already been slaughtered and that large Turkish forces were menacing Mersina.

ONTARIO HOSPITAL CHARGES FALL COMPLETELY THROUGH

Judge Macbeth Exonerates All and Sundry in Connection With Probe—Finds No Evidence of Neglect.

Judge Talbot Macbeth, commissioner in the Ontario Hospital investigation gave out the following statement regarding the inquiry at noon today:

"The investigation at the Ontario Hospital, London, has been adjourned to the 26th inst., when the statements will be taken of a few persons who were not present on the 26th inst., as to some matters of minor importance. I expect that the inquiry will then be closed, and all evidence taken and my findings announced. I have no doubt that the report to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, the reports of the proceedings which appear in the daily press would give to the public an erroneous opinion of the facts disclosed in evidence. The charge of widespread thieving in connection with the institution broke down completely. The investigation of the neglect of duty on the part of patients resulting in wrongs to patients, or ill-treatment of patients by attendants. No discrimination against returned soldiers has been shown."

The accounts of the daily proceedings which appeared in the Advertiser from day to day came directly from the investigation.

Closing Session.

After, to say the least, was the winding up of the investigation into the Ontario Hospital charges on Thursday afternoon. First, R. Beamish, the chief, examined by the witness-stand, and then Harry Lawder, the complainant, and the witnesses who corroborated his evidence. Dr. W. H. Robinson, superintendent of the institution, next went on the witness-stand and gave a flat denial of charges that were made against him. He was not even examined by Major G. N. Weekes, counsel for Lawder; in fact, the major and his client left the room before the afternoon session was concluded.

Donald Swanson, who had been the plaintiff's counsel for some days, and who had cross-examined many of the witnesses very closely, was unable to present as he had been forced to do for Ontario in connection with a court action.

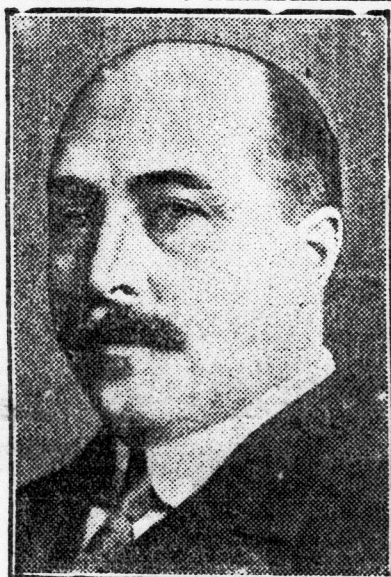
H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, attending the investigation on Thursday, and he and W. W. Dunlop, inspector of prisons and charities, have returned to Toronto, it is understood.

BIGGS SAYS THAT HE HAS NOT DESIGNATED ANY CERTAIN ROUTE

Minister of Public Highways Pronounces Report "Erroneous."

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works and highways, this morning branded as "erroneous" the report in this morning's newspapers that he had designated the Toronto route as that to be followed on the London-to-Windsor section of the provincial highway, in reply to a question from F. M. Briscoe, mayor of Chatham, as to the accuracy of the statement.

Mr. Biggs today sent out a telegram of denial.



HOWARD G. KELLY, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, who is likely to be selected as chairman of the board which will operate the Grand Trunk system pending the completion of the transfer of control to the Government.

FRENCH RAILWAY STRIKE SPREADS; PREMIER URGES ARBITRATION

French Cabinet Considering Bill To Requisition Motor Cars.

LEADERS ARE DISMISSED

Executive of Union Issues Appeals To Men To Stick To Posts.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Railroad men at the eastern station in this city ceased work at 7 o'clock this morning, and the strike situation became worse at the northern station. Railway service to suburban points was still further diminished with the exception of the lines on the right bank of the Seine to Versailles. Railroad workers at Nice have struck, according to reports.

Decision was reached by the French cabinet this morning that the minister of public works would ask the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon to discuss a bill authorizing the requisition of automobiles if railroad traffic is interrupted by the strike.

Governmental intervention in disciplinary measures taken by the Paris Lyons and Mediterranean Railway Company toward its employees is opposed by Premier Millerand, who arrived here yesterday and at once plunged into consideration of the strike situation.

Urges Arbitration.

Delegates of railway workmen's unions conferred with the premier yesterday afternoon relative to some action which would bring about a reconsideration of the dismissal of a workman named Chapuis, and once plunged into consideration of the strike situation.

In the meantime the railway company has dismissed several strike leaders in addition to Chapuis.

The executive of the National Union of Railwaymen issued an appeal to the railroaders asking them to remain at their posts and not to follow the strike. "It is in no way credible," says the appeal in conclusion, "that after a five years' struggle against the enemy the railroad men would be the promoters of civil war."

AERO CLUB ISSUES CHALLENGE.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Aero Club of America called a challenge to the Aero Club of France for the International aviation trophy, which will be contested for in France in September.

OTTAWA POLICEMEN GET INCREASED PAY

General Advance of \$250 Per Year Made To Constables.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—A general increase of \$250 a year to all members of Ottawa police department was announced by the police commissioners last night. This increase will total approximately \$15,000 for this year. Chief of Police Ross' salary will now be \$3,750. The deputy chief, inspectors, detectives, sergeants and constables will benefit accordingly. A first-class constable, under the increase will be entitled to over \$1,600, which compares favorably with the salaries paid in Montreal and Toronto.

FLU SITUATION UNDER CONTROL

Dr. Downham Thinks Situation Is Greatly Moderated.

Noticeable improvement of the influenza situation was reported by Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, today. He thinks this is general throughout all the district affected by the epidemic. Ban on the schools and churches of Westminster is being removed next week, and other places where the epidemic was experienced report that the disease is dying out.

A special meeting of the board of health will be held Tuesday. This is for the purpose of considering further measures in regard to the influenza situation.

SUICIDES FOLLOWING ATTACK OF INFLUENZA

Montreal Groceryman Took Life While Mentally Deranged.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—An attack of influenza was shown to have been the cause of the death of Thomas Dugal, aged 29 years, whose body was found hanging from a beam in the barn. Dugal, who conducted a small grocery store, was recovering from a severe attack of influenza, during which he had a high temperature, and was delirious. He was never seen alive again by his family. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide while mentally deranged.

EMBALMED HEART OF POLISH PATRIOT IS REMOVED TO WARSAW

Geneva, Feb. 27.—The embalmed heart of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Polish patriot, which has been kept in a bronze urn in the little chapel of Chateau Raperswill, near Zurich, since 1857, will be returned to Poland. It will be kept at Warsaw.

When Kosciuszko died at Zug in the Swiss canton of Solothurn, in 1817, his heart was removed and retained there, while the patriot's body was taken to Gracov for burial. The heart remained at Zug until 1857, when it was taken to Raperswill, where it was given a special place of honor in the Polish museum. It has been the shrine of countless Polish pilgrims since that time.

New York Faces A Famine In False Teeth

500 Members of the Dental Workers' Union On Strike.

New York, Feb. 27.—New York faced the possibility of a false teeth famine today, when 500 members of the Dental Workers' Industrial Union struck for a 41-hour week and a 50 per cent increase in wages. Strikers' officials claimed that some of the members worked 70 hours a week.

SUGAR PRICES MAY BE ADVANCED SOON

Abrogation of Sugar Control May Result in Increased Figure.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—By Canadian Press.—An increase in the retail price of sugar may follow the abrogation of the sugar control by the Board of Commerce. Retailers have been pressing their appeal to the board for permission to take a profit of three cents a pound, instead of the cent and a half allowed under the control.

Now that the fixed price is abolished, a rise would seem logical in the retail price.

On the other hand the attitude of the retailers is not clear because it is understood that they have stated that they have never taken a higher profit than a cent and a half a pound before the price was fixed, and in some quarters criticism of the sugar control was accompanied by an assurance that the price of sugar would not necessarily have risen if the control had not been assumed by the board.

SORGHUM HAY FROM CANADA NOT BARRED IN U. S. EMBARGO

Restrictions On Imports Owing to Appearance of Corn Borer.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Sorghum hay from Canada is the only exception made in an embargo imposed today by the department of agriculture against the importation of raw broom corn, Indian corn and certain related plants. This action was taken following the discovery of corn borer in broom corn shipped from Italy to New York.

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, 12; lowest, 2 below.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 4; lowest, 7 below.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate westerly wind, fair, with slightly higher temperature. Saturday—A few snow flurries, but mostly fair and not so cold.

INQUIRY MADE CONCERNING ACCEPTABILITY OF GEDDES AS AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Formal inquiry was made today by the British embassy at Washington at the state department as to the acceptability of Sir Auckland Geddes, now minister of national service and member of the British ambassador to the United States.

ANNA CHAPIN DIES.

New York, Feb. 27.—Anna Alice Chapin, writer, who collaborated in the libretto of "Babes in Toyland" died at her home here yesterday. Mrs. Chapin wrote many books on musical topics, besides novels, fairy stories and short stories. She was 40 years of age, and was the widow of Robert Peyton Carter, who appeared in several plays with Maude Adams.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Allen—"Back to God's Country," and vaudeville.

Loew's—Mary Miles Minter in "Anne of Green Gables," and vaudeville.

Grand—"The Miracle Man," and vaudeville.

Majestic—Norma Talmadge and Eugene O'Brien in "De Luxe Annie."

OTHER EVENTS.

N. H. L. Hockey—Freeston vs. London Juniors, Lyle street rink.

Kilwinning Lodge, 64—Meets at 7:30 p.m.

Grand Army of Canada—Meets at 8:30 Richmond street at 8 p.m.

St. George's R. A. C.—Meets in Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

IRRIGATION WILL AID COTTON PRODUCTION IN MESOPOTAMIA AND SUDAN

Blackburn, England, Feb. 27.—Returning from an investigation of the possibilities of Mesopotamia and the Sudan, Mr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, today reported that the growing of cotton for commerce under a system of irrigation offers excellent prospects. He expressed the belief that America would use all the cotton she grows, and therefore it was urgent that Great Britain should develop cotton-growing within the Empire.

COMMISSION PROPOSED TO STUDY FORMATION OF SOVIET REPUBLIC

Strasbourg, Feb. 27.—Proposals for the establishment of a commission of experts to "study the realization of a proletarian republic of soviet" have been laid before the National Socialist Congress in session here. Reports read at the Congress show the Socialist party in France had increased from 30,000 in January, 1919, to 123,000 in January, 1920.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ASKS OPINION AS TO VALIDITY OF MEASURE

Attorney-General Palmer Sees No Constitutional Objection to Measure.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The compromise railroad bill was returned to the White House today by the department of justice to which it was referred Wednesday for an opinion as to its validity.

The president was expected to act on it today or tomorrow.

Attorney-General Palmer informed the president that he saw no constitutional objection to the measure.

AVIATORS REPORTED LOST LAND SAFELY

Paris, Feb. 27.—Major Vuillemin, pilot, and Lieut. Chalus, observer, who were lost for more than a week in their flight across the Sahara desert, are reported by the French aviation department to have landed safely at Mentaka, a village east of Timbuctoo, on the Niger River.