

BRITAIN SENDS GUNBOAT TO RUSSIAN COAST

Second Winter Hits London With Three-Inch Snowfall

BRITISH SEND GUNBOAT TO PROTECT FISHERMEN NEAR RUSSIAN WATERS

Harebell Receives Orders To "Use Force If Necessary"—Report Another Trawler Seized by Soviet—Agent at Moscow Instructed To Enter Strong Protest and Demand Release of Crew.

CLAIM RIGHT TO 12-MILE TERRITORIAL ZONE

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, May 10.—A British gunboat, the Harebell, has been ordered to Murmansk to prevent Russian interference with British vessels outside the three-mile limit, with orders to "use force if necessary." Ronald McNeill, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, announced in the House of Commons today.

The under secretary said the government understood that another English trawler, the Lord Astor, had been captured by a Russian gunboat while fishing ten miles off the Murmansk coast. The British agent in Moscow, he added, had been instructed to enter a strong protest and to demand the release of the Lord Astor's crew.

An agency despatch yesterday telling of the seizure of the Lord Astor said the Russians claimed the trawler had been fishing within the Russian territorial limits.

RUSSIA SENDS REPLY. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Moscow, May 10.—Russia's reply to a British note protesting the seizure of English fishing vessels, was handed to the British mission here by M. Litvinoff last night.

The Soviet note defends Russia's right to a 12-mile territorial zone along the Murmansk coast, the seizures, pointing out that international law does not limit such zones to three miles.

Britain, the Russians point out, has a nine-mile zone at Ceylon. Russo-British dispute over this question of zones is of twelve years' standing.

The note says: "Formerly Britain was willing to submit to international arbitration of the question, now she is not."

Fishing is the only means of subsistence open to the population of Murmansk, the Russians declare.

DECLARES DE VALERA SHOULD GIVE UP GUN

Press Asserts Peace Overture a Sham Unless Arms Surrendered.

Associated Press Despatch. Dublin, May 10.—The Freeman's Journal, commenting on the apparent collapse of the peace negotiations, says: "If De Valera does not surrender his gun, his overture is a sham and an imposition. He says this is impracticable. Has he lost control? If so, it is more obvious than ever that a so-called peace without the surrender of arms would be no peace, and De Valera's signature would bind nobody."

EXPECT MANY CHANGES IN FIELDING'S BUDGET

Financial Circles Look For a General Lowering of the Tariff.

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, May 10.—With the budget just one day off, the general opinion in financial circles is that the document that is to be brought down by Finance Minister Fielding will show a very large number of changes.

These are likely to include a lowering of the tariff in different directions. It is not thought, however, that in any one instance will the change be of a severe character, and with the improvement that has come in the operations of most Canadian companies, they should easily be able to meet any situation which would be created by the contemplated changes.

According to interests close to Brompton Pulp and Paper Company, during the past month earnings, after depreciation, have been running at a rate of approximately 10 per cent on the common stock.

With the improvement that has come in addition, it is claimed, that the company should be able, after taking care of all expenses, to show close to 10 per cent of the common for the current year. While this amount was not earned in the earlier months, the average should be established by the high rate which should be possible during the summer months.



LONDON HAS TWO WINTERS IN ONE YEAR. This isn't the Yukon or Siberia, or even Thessalon, Ont., where they had snow-plowed streets on Easter Sunday. It is London, in Western Ontario's "banana belt," and to be precise the location is Dundas street, just east of Adelaide. The picture shows how the spot looked when The Advertiser staff photographer passed it this morning on his usual matutinal stroll. Three inches of snow fell last night.

CITY TREASURER SAYS BUNNELL BILL PASSED

Council of 1922 Agreed to the Expense Involved in Street Railway Report.

City Treasurer James Bell states that ex-Mayor Wilson is correct in his declaration that the city council of 1922 passed for payment the Bunnell report bill of expense, aggregating \$1,100 or so.

This came over from 1922, and is charged against last year's council expenditures with other items," explained the treasurer. "This was passed in the estimates by this year's council, and, of course, is included in the tax rate. The people will pay for it this year."

Just what will develop in view of this is difficult to determine. The present council has twice filed the Bunnell bill from the Hydro-Electric Commission, claiming that as no moneys were available, and that the council did not authorize the undertaking, the citizens should not be called upon to pay.

Ex-Mayor Wilson, who was a member of the 1922 special transportation committee, argues, however, that the council did pass a resolution authorizing the expenditure of a "reasonable" amount for this purpose, and he holds that Ald. Gordon Drake moved the same.

Represents King In Selling Liquor

Victoria Judge Rejects Argument in Case Against Soldier.

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, May 10.—Argument that Staff Sergeant Wm. Kemp, of the 7th Battalion, represented the King when he sold whiskey in the sergeant's mess, and that no offence was committed because the King can do no wrong, has been rejected by Judge Gayley in a recent court case.

TURKEY TO SEEK ENTRY INTO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Lausanne, May 10.—Turkey soon will apply for membership in the League of Nations, Hassan Bey stated during the morning session of the Near East conference at which a commercial convention was discussed.

North-End Child Is Burned In Fall On Electric Heater

Little Lewis Welshman, Attracted by Glowing Heater, Toppled Over On It and Was Seriously Burned.

Lewis Franklin Welshman, the nine months old son of Fred C. Welshman, 16 Christie street, who was severely burned Tuesday by a fall on an electric heater, is expected to recover.

The child's mother stepped out in the yard for a few minutes to hang some clothes on the line and in the meantime the youngster, apparently attracted by the electric heater, reached out for it.

Won't Support Sir Adam In East Middlesex Fight

Prominent Liberals of That Riding Scout Thought of "Hydro Knight" Running as Fusion Champion.

Despite statements credited to one prominent Liberal of East Middlesex that Sir Adam Beck would make an ideal Liberal and Conservative candidate in East Middlesex, other Liberals of that riding, equally well known, voiced their opinion today that they could not support the "hydro knight" unless he entered the race under the crimson banner.

Even then they would suspect his sincerity of purpose, they add. "What would be his motive?" they question. "We would not know where he was standing in that event. At the last election he was heralded as an Independent. Now he would be coming as a Liberal (if we are to support him). It would appear as though it would be another case of the 'man with coats of many colors'."

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Organizers who have spent the last few days through the rural subdivisions as well as the suburban sections of the constituency report unbounded enthusiasm and every willingness on the part of Wellington Bay's followers to get behind the nominees' t party convention.

Strong deputations are journeying into London from every section of the riding next Saturday afternoon and the liveliest session in many a year is anticipated.

Scarcely a day passes now but witnesses the introduction in ridings, far and near, of a "Beck for the legislature" movement, but his local supporters assert today that if the "father" of the hydro enterprises is going to enter the provincial arena he should do so in his home town where he first carried the Conservative standard.

PREFER RAILS UNDER PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Brotherhood Official Claims Workers Dislike Government Control.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, May 10.—Speaking before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today, Wm. Doak, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said railroad labor does not favor federal ownership control for operation of lines.

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Organize Society For Good Roads

Dawson City Residents Form Farthest North Organization of Land.

Canadian Press Despatch. Dawson City, Y. T., May 10.—The Dawson Good Roads Association, the farthest north organization of its kind, has been launched here, with George Brimston, president, and many of the best known men in the territory on the executive. An effort will be made this summer to have a new overland road constructed, giving direct connection between White Horse, Mayo and Dawson.

C. N. R. COMMENCES WORK ON NEW PORTLAND DOCK

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, May 10.—The work has begun at Portland, Maine, of tearing down the Grand Trunk wharves Nos. 7 and 8, preparatory to the erection of two piers and sheds to cost the C. N. R. \$500,000.

MAY SNOWFALL SETS PRECEDENT IN CITY'S HISTORY

Bureau Records Three Inches of Beautiful Fell During Night.

BAROMETER RISING

Gardeners Believe, Although Frost Present, No Serious Damage Will Result.

Three inches of snow fell during the night, according to the official records of the local weather bureau. Never before in the memory of the weatherman has such a storm visited this city, and so it is safe to say that 1923 has added another record to a list already long.

Although he was able to measure three inches of snow this morning, the weatherman admitted today that he was unable to do full justice to the storm. Much snow fell during yesterday afternoon and early evening which melted so rapidly it could not be recorded. If he had remained it is estimated that at least another inch would have been added to the thickness of the blanket.

A veritable blizzard swept over the city shortly after 8 o'clock last night, and before darkness an inch of snow had fallen. The other two inches fell between 8 o'clock last night and this morning. The snow was accompanied throughout the early part of the evening by a driving nor-west.

Citizens who rose from their beds before 8 o'clock hurried from their homes to repair the damage which had been wrought during his absence. Found every particle of green obliterated from the landscape. Even the limbs and buds on the trees were thickly coated in white jackets.

Despite what people in the city might think of the snow, agriculturists and fruitmen are none the less upon it as a blessing. The thermometer registered six degrees of frost last night, and they believe the loss in crops, especially of fruit, would have been exceedingly heavy if the buds had not been at least partially covered. The heavy snow, they state, will provide the winter wheat with a badly needed by field crops. They look upon snow as much better than rain for this purpose.

The mercury sank to 26 above last night. At no time during the night did it go above freezing point. During the space of less than 24 hours the mercury fell 25 degrees.

The weatherman was reluctant to prophesy today. He stated that he was almost sick of his job, for no one could tell this year just what Dame Nature intended to do from one day to another.

He did inform The Advertiser, however, that the barometer was rising, and this indicated the weather was becoming clearer. He thought, too, that it would become warmer.

SNOW DISAPPEARS

Toronto, May 10.—The city was visited by another snowstorm today and for some hours after daybreak resembled a winter morning. During the night the temperature dropped to 27, or five degrees below freezing, but market gardeners and fruit dealers this afternoon expressed the opinion that no serious damage had been done, except perhaps to early lettuce and other small vegetables. The fruit trees have not advanced far enough to be injured by the unseasonable dip in the thermometer.

Light Ste Marie registers as low as 26, Toronto being second lowest in the list of temperatures announced this morning. A few hours of sunshine here caused the snow to disappear, but with a cold wind continuing.

BLIZZARD HITS CLEVELAND

Cleveland, May 10.—More gas was used here yesterday than during the coldest month of the winter, east Ohio gas company officials reported today, because of the untimely May blizzard weather which brought

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T. R. HARRISON, who will enter London, England, on the day of the publication, is of Wood, Gundy & Co., bond dealers.

CHINESE STOPPING ATTACKS AGAINST PARTY OF BANDITS

Attempt To Obtain Release of Captives by Peaceful Means.

RUSH FOOD SUPPLIES

Report All Foreigners Released With Exception of Italian Attorney.

Special to The Advertiser. Washington, May 10.—China has stopped punitive measures against the Shantung bandits, and is attempting to obtain release of Americans and other foreign prisoners by peaceful means, to prevent injury to the captives, the state department was officially advised today.

The Pekin government has also informed the American authorities that supplies and food are being rushed to Shantung for relief of the foreign captives. Presumably the supplies consist of clothing and other necessities, and are to be held awaiting release of the prisoners.

Shanghai, May 10.—All foreign captives held by the Shantung bandits are being released, except Chevalier Musso, the Italian attorney, according to a message from Tsaochang signed by a relief agent named Naill, and addressed to the Asia Development Company.

All the foreign captives held by the Suchow bandits are well "having a wonderful time," and expect to be released soon, according to written messages received from four of them by relief workers near Lecheng, which were relayed here today.

C. P. R. SUBSIDIARY LINE HAS FAVORABLE REPORT

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, May 10.—The 1922 report of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway, controlled by the Canadian Pacific Railway, shows a net income, after taxes and charges, of \$36,416, compared to a deficit of \$6,237, 672 in 1921. The 1922 result is equivalent, after 1 per cent preferred dividends, to 45 cents a share on \$5,206,800 common stock.

The report of the Wisconsin Central Railway, operated as the Chicago division of the Soo, shows a net income, after taxes and charges, of \$56,362, compared to a deficit of \$2,765,214 in 1921.

CLUB AT CRUMLIN LIVELY SPOT, SAY POLICE RAIDERS

Saturday Night's Surprise Visit to Businessmen's Club Told Of in Court.

EVIDENCE LENGTHY

Hearing of Witnesses Occupied Police Magistrate All Morning.

The police raid on the Businessmen's Club at Crumlin occupied the attention of the police court during the whole of the morning session, and will be continued this afternoon, William Macdonald, proprietor of the establishment, was charged with keeping a disorderly house.

Evidence as to the character of the house was given by Provincial Inspector T. J. Straton and Sergeant Proctor, and also by Walter Bolton, O. T. A. inspector, who under a search warrant, searched the house early Sunday morning.

Lively Spot. Walter Bolton stated that with District Inspector Putnam, Sergeant Proctor, Inspector Straton and two constables, he had driven to the house on Saturday night, and after being refused admission, broke in the door. He had seen McDonald, he said, in the kitchen, and had proceeded through the hall, where he had seen several people, to the upper part of the house. He found all the bedrooms locked and heard in one room a man and woman talking. No liquor was found in the house, and he had taken no names of the occupants.

Inspector Straton, in a detailed account of the raid, stated that when he arrived at the house, nearly dark, he had been opened and then closed and locked. He broke in the door, and, running across the hall, went upstairs to the bedrooms.

What Officer Saw. In one of the rooms he had seen a man and a woman, nearly dressed, whose names he had taken, together with the names of several other persons who were on the premises. He told A. M. Judd, who represented the prisoners, that he had known of the house for some time, that membership in the club was \$10, and all meals were served at \$2. He denied the suggestion of counsel, that when the prisoners were brought back to London, and taken to his offices in the Royal Bank building, any form of third degree had been used in obtaining statements.

Mr. Judd wanted to know why these people should be taken to the police before they were taken to the fact that the statement had been taken in this manner.

Inspector Nickle, on the stand, asserted that he had known McDonald all his life. He had been on suspended sentence in 1922, when the inspector said, and had been reporting to the police regularly.

District Inspector Putnam was called to the stand and gave evidence substantiating that of the other officers who had made the raid.

HON. F. B. MCURDY DENIES RUMOR OF MEXICAN TRIP

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, May 10.—Hon. F. B. McMurtry has issued an official denial of the report emanating from Ottawa and Halifax, that he is intending to leave Canada for Mexico in order to become associated in an executive capacity with the Northern Mexico Power Company. He declares there has never been any suggestion made that he should assume an executive position, and declares he has no large investment in the company.

"It is also incorrect," he says, "that I am planning to reside in Mexico. I have no intention whatever of residing there, or, indeed, of changing my residence at all."

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Today—Fresh northwest winds; partly cloudy and cold, with snow flurries.

Friday—Fair, with a little higher temperature. The area of low pressure from the westward which reached the Great Lakes on Monday, has since moved very slowly and is still centered in the Ottawa Valley.

Exceptionally cold weather prevails throughout Ontario, and heavy snowfalls have occurred in many localities. In the Maritime provinces, and throughout the West the weather is seasonably mild.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Calgary	68	49	Fair
Winnipeg	54	36	Clear
Port Arthur	52	32	Cloudy
Perry Sound	42	29	Fair
Toronto	42	27	Fair
Kingston	40	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	36	22	Fair
Montreal	36	26	Cloudy
Quebec	64	49	Cloudy
Sherbrooke	46	33	Cloudy
St. John	63	46	Rain
Halifax	52	44	Foggy

Spelling Finals of the Advertiser's Match In the Armories Tomorrow Night

The best speller of all the city schools will be chosen from each of Grades V, VI, VII and VIII, by old-fashioned oral "spell-down."

—200 prizes and 805 certificates will be presented by Mayor Wenige, Brig.-Gen. King, A. E. Silverwood and Geo. Burns.

Judges: Principal Mooney, J. Bevan Hay, Dr. W. J. Tillman.