

THE WEATHER:
SOUTH WINDS, FAIR, WARM.
SATURDAY—UNSETTLED.

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GOOD NEWS
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THREE CENTS.

Crown Charges Smith Cashed Coupons On Profit Bonds

CHURCH UNION BILL NOT TO OPERATE FOR TWO YEARS

Private Bills Committee of House of Commons Carries Amendment To Postpone Effectiveness of Measure Until Present Litigation Is Settled in the Courts.

EFFORTS TO FIND COMPROMISE FRUITLESS

William Duff Substitutes Amendment, His Action Being Supported by Chairman McGivern Notwithstanding Vigorous Protests—Boys Declines To Argue With Western Member, T. W. Bird.

VOTE STANDS 27 TO 23 FOR AMENDMENT

Ottawa, May 23.—By a vote of 27 to 23, the private bills committee of the House of Commons today carried an amendment to postpone the operation of the church union bill until after the present litigation before the courts is settled.

The efforts of the sub-committee to find a compromise on the church union bill were fruitless, Chairman Boys of that sub-committee reported to the private bills committee of the House of Commons when that body resumed its sittings this morning.

The sub-committee, Mr. Boys reported, had held two meetings with representatives of both advocates and opponents of the bill, but had been unable to reach any compromise. His report further stated that those opposing union, moved Wednesday, which provided for suspending the act till after a decision by the courts, referred not only to the pending action in Ontario but to any other action that might be taken in the courts of any province.

DUFF SUBSTITUTES AMENDMENT.

When this report had been read, William Duff of Lunenburg withdrew his earlier amendment and substituted another. The substitute amendment proposed to insert in the bill a new section declaring that it should not come into force until July 1, 1926, "and not then" unless the courts had finally decided in the action now pending in the supreme court of Ontario that the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada had the power "under its constitution and rules" to agree to union, and unless the courts had also finally decided that parliament can constitutionally pass the bill.

Trade Treaty Is Ratified

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, May 23.—Premier Mussolini and M. Barre, the French ambassador, yesterday exchanged ratifications of the Franco-Italian trade agreement which became operative immediately. This is the first trade treaty Italy has concluded on the basis of her new customs tariff and it is regarded as of prime importance, France now being Italy's best customer.

INDUSTRIAL AREA PROVIDES SPLENDID ASPHALT SAND

London's industrial area can at least produce an exceptionally fine quality of asphalt sand, and the city engineers, taking advantage of all natural facilities, has obtained permission from the council to take sand out of the area to use for his asphalt work, charging the paving account with the sand and thus creating a fund that would in time enable earth to be placed in the holes made when a level surface was needed in that particular part of the industrial area.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—South-west winds, fair and warmer.
Saturday—Southerly winds, unsettled, with occasional rain; thunderstorms in some localities.
A shallow depression, which was in Montana yesterday and moved quickly south-eastward and developed into important storm, now centered in Iowa, while a pronounced high area with a most unseasonable cold wave, has come into the Western Provinces from the north. The weather this morning is fair and warmer in Ontario and Quebec.

TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	64	46	Cloudy
Calgary	52	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	36	Cloudy
Port Arthur	58	38	Cloudy
Toronto	60	36	Clear
Kingston	52	42	Fair
Ottawa	64	38	Fair
Montreal	66	44	Clear
Quebec	56	38	Cloudy
Father Point	46	34	Cloudy
St. John's	46	36	Cloudy
Halifax	44	36	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 55; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 36.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m., 29.67.
Today—8 a.m., 29.67.



C. M. BOWMAN
of Southampton one of the most prominent businessmen of that district, former M.L.A. for North Bruce and for years Liberal whip in the legislature, is dangerously ill at Battle Creek, Mich. Relatives were called from Owen Sound last evening.

FRANCE FACES REAL PROBLEM

Ministerial Situation Grows More Complicated as Poincare's End Approaches.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, May 23.—The ministerial situation in France grows no clearer as the first of June approaches, bringing the resignation of the Poincare government nearer. Not only will the Socialists not accept office, but it is by no means certain that they will agree to vote a Bourgeois budget.

It is a traditional practice of the party while voting the different articles of the budget in detail to reject it as a whole as a mark of protest against the existing social and political situation. The Poincare government will not amount to much if it refuses to vote the budget. Meanwhile, M. Herriot and former Premier Poincare, the Republican Socialist leader, continued to keep in touch with the existing government. After a talk with Premier Poincare, at which the Russian question as well as reparations and the German political situation were gone into, M. Poincare told Le Matin with regard to the public state of mind in Russia:

"We must make what I will call a 'humane gesture,' but let no one be mistaken; it will not be a gesture of weakness. We must enable the German democracy to regain the upper hand, but to the French good-will with regard to a corresponding German goodwill."

"Berlin must not misunderstand our attitude. If the Reich does not understand, so much the worse for it, so much the worse for us also."

Death Sentences Are Demanded

Soviet Prosecutor Asks Extreme Penalty For Ex-Officials.

Associated Press Despatch.
Leningrad, Russia, May 23.—One of the most remarkable trials since the establishment of the soviet republic, which has been in progress for ten days before the supreme court, and which has attracted foreign judges, court officials, lawyers and persons connected with the operation of the new economic policy, is now drawing to a close.

The public prosecutor in a scathing speech lasting ten hours, demanded death sentences for 27 of the accused, including eleven former judges and court officials, and heavy terms of imprisonment for the others.

ITALIAN CARABINIERES ENGAGE CUSTOMS AGENTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, May 23.—A skirmish between Italian carabinieri and Jugo-Slav customs agents, who had entered Italian territorial waters, during which the Italians fired a number of shots, four of which lodged in the Jugo-Slav customs boat, was reported in a despatch from Zara today.

The Jugo-Slavian customs boat followed into Italian waters a number of fishermen going toward Zara, the agents in the boat firing upon the fishermen. The Italians, upon seeing the Jugo-Slavian customs boat, fired into the air, but the Jugo-Slavs continued the chase, whereupon the carabinieri fired at the boat, which fled.

CAPITAL INCREASES.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 23.—Authorized capital of \$26,972,500 is represented by the elected president of the Royal Society of Canada at its concluding session here. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, W. T. Miller, Toronto; secretary, Charles Courville, Ottawa; treasurer, C. M. Barbeau, Ottawa.

EMIGRANTS ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CANADA

British Union Official Advises Workmen To Get Facts First.

VISITED DOMINION

R. B. Walker Declares Contracts Essential to Safeguard Workmen's Interests.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, May 23.—Tom Richardson, one-time labor member of parliament for Whitehaven, who has been in Canada for the last five years, has signalled his return to this country by an attack on the present emigration policy. He said it "was not only criminal, but a positive act of cruelty to send our people to Canada at the present time in the expectation that they would find employment." He added that there were thousands of unemployed in the Canadian cities, while the Canadian farmers were unable to find a market for their produce. Of the emigrants who went on land, 75 per cent were failures.

Richardson's statements have been answered in the Daily Herald by Harry P. Hodges, a British Columbia journalist, now visiting this country. He said that the National Union of Agricultural Workers, who has just returned from a trip to Canada, says his advice to would-be emigrants is not to go to Canada until they have a job there guaranteed for twelve months. Walker admits that the opportunities for observation in Canada were limited, but he says he was in touch with John Bruce, James Simpson and other leaders of Canadian labor, who were united in opinion that emigrants were being sent to Canada when they could do better in their own country.

"The different governments," said Walker, "seem utterly incapable of coming to any agreed plan which really works. The need is all the more imperative for labor in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain to organize between them a definite plan and send out from different headquarters information on which prospective emigrants can act without hesitation."

PASTOR EXONERATED IN FATAL ACCIDENT

Simcoe Jury Advises Watchman Be Placed at Dangerous Crossing.

Special to The Advertiser.

Simcoe, May 23.—The coroner's jury that was empanelled on Thursday, 15th instant, to inquire into the death of George Coverdale, Cayfield, and Alexander Mitchell, of Cayuga, in the level crossing accident at the North Simcoe station of the L. E. and N. R. on that day, met this night. In their findings they exonerate Rev. W. Almack, who was driving the automobile, and the train crew of the radial car from all blame. The finding places the blame on the watchman, who was found to be asleep at the time of the crossing. A watchman was appointed to watch this crossing, to be on duty from 6:50 a.m. until the last car passes at night. A copy of the verdict was forwarded to the railway board.

FORMER CROWN PRINCE TAKES FARMING COURSE

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, May 23.—Former Crown Prince Frederick William and his family have arrived at Potsdam from his estate in Oels, Silesia. It is understood Frederick had intended to be present at the unveiling of a memorial next Monday to the men of the first regiment of guards who fell during the war, but was reminded of his promise to refrain from participating in public demonstrations, one of the conditions on which he was permitted to return to Germany from Holland.

Presumably he will not now attend the ceremony, but it is expected to remain in Potsdam for some weeks.

PROF. McLENNAN HEADS ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, May 23.—Prof. J. C. McLennan of Toronto University was elected president of the Royal Society of Canada at its concluding session here. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, W. T. Miller, Toronto; secretary, Charles Courville, Ottawa; treasurer, C. M. Barbeau, Ottawa.



THOMAS S. LAWRASON,
well-known local implement dealer, who passed away yesterday at the age of 54.

POINCARÉ IMPARTS FACTS TO HERRIOT

French Premier Gives Valuable Information to His Probable Successor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, May 23.—M. Herriot, leader of the radical party and potential premier in the new French government, was received by Premier Poincare in conference this morning, and in a two-hour talk was given a general view of how the current affairs of the French government stood and an idea of the responsibilities he will assume if he becomes premier.

The outgoing premier and his probable successor went over all the questions that are to be fore, including the Dawes reparations plan and France's relations with Great Britain. This talk was a continuation of the conference held at the presidential mansion earlier in the week.

The radical leader imparted information concerning such international questions as have an important bearing on the French financial position.

This he got this morning together with a general view of the present status of the most important diplomatic negotiations in which France is engaged.

HEAVY FINE IS IMPOSED ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Associated Press Despatch.
Sydney, Australia, May 23.—The Holland-Australia shipping line has been fined \$1,000 for permitting a prohibited immigrant to land in Australia.

PET OWL DROPS IN WINDOW TO PAY GEORGE TURNER VISIT

Arrives This Morning at His Home and Goes On Tour.

DINES ON SPARROW

Will Be Presented to Public Utilities To Be Placed in Zoo.

When a man loses a guaranteed domesticated Circassian rooster, that can run the gamut of tricks from operating a motorcycle to pecking a coconut, the future looks dark.

It did with George Turner, C. N. R. yardman, whose rooster departed to the wide open spaces just one year ago today.

But George's gloom has fled. He owns an owl. And it's a real owl, that can turn handspins and sit up and beg for its dinner. This morning it flew through the window of George's residence on Central Avenue, and made itself right at home. George was so delighted he went out in the yard and picked a sparrow out of the air as it winged past. Then he tendered the morsel to the owl, which swallowed it at one gulp.

"Sure," said George, "he thought my place was the yardmaster's house, and he was looking for a job."

"Now," quoth John Gilean, C. N. R. depot agent, as George deposited his find in the former's office, "it looks to me like a California mockingbird, and—"

"Get a way closer," George interrupted. "It's an owl from away back. He looks sleepy, but if he ever took it into his head to start a rumpus he'd be nothing more or less than a caged-in dog fight," and then he departed to give his pet a bit of an airing.

Mr. Turner will present the owl to the public utilities to be placed in the Springbank zoo.

Empire Day Celebrated By Children of Schools With Patriotic Programs

Mothers' Clubs Co-operate With Principals and Staffs in Work.

TRAFALGAR OPENS

Official Ceremony Is Carried Out With a Large Attendance.

Empire Day, with all its historical and patriotic glamor, was observed in the public and separate schools of the city today. Special Empire Day programs, with sports, speeches, music and singing, as well as the presentation of prizes for history essays, were carried out.

Mothers' Clubs co-operated with principals and staffs in the schools in putting on programs. The school children have been coached in patriotic choruses. In many institutions outside speakers assisted.

Programs were arranged with the chief aim educational, and of a type that had an appeal to the 10,000 school children here, with every effort to instill patriotic motives, and the thought of common bond of empire and allegiance to country and King in the hearts of pupils in every institution.

Programs were carried out at 29 public schools, 5 separate schools and the Preventorium.

Trafalgar School.
At Trafalgar street school, the new eight-room institution in East London, special opening day exercises were devised. Though the school has been in operation since the first of the year, there has been no special public event held, and today two events were carried out at the same time—the official opening of the school and the yearly observance of Empire Day.

With B. N. Campbell, chairman, and other members of the board of education, the exercises started at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The school children sang, "The Maple Leaf Forever," and then followed short talks by Mrs. Fred C. Burnard, president of the Trafalgar School Mothers' Club; L. D. McCann, I.R.A. principal of the school, and V. K. Greer, senior public school inspector. Prizes for history essays were then presented to the winning pupils of Grades VII and VIII by representatives of the Women's Canadian Club.

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MAURETANIA HITS 31 KNOTS AN HOUR

Liner Breaks Previous Record After Engines Are Reconditioned.

Associated Press Despatch.
Southampton, England, May 23.—The Cunarder Mauretania, returning here yesterday from Cherbourg, where her turbines were re-banded, was tested for speed over a 23-mile course off the Isle of Wight, and is declared to have beaten her original record established in 1918, just 14 miles with the tide and 14 against, averaging 26.4 knots, but officials say that during the run with the tide she touched 31 knots, which is the fastest speed attained by any mercantile ship in the world. The Mauretania will resume transatlantic service on May 31, sailing for New York.

SIMCOE STORE ROBBED DURING LAST NIGHT

Special to The Advertiser.
Simcoe, May 23.—Thieves broke into the store of Fred Sebring last night and stole a large quantity of groceries. All the tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, tea, shoe polish and much of the cheese, coffee, salt and other articles were taken, also about \$5 in pennies from the till. The store is situated on the corner of the C. N. R. tracks on the highway. Entrance was effected by inserting a crowbar and forcing back the Yale lock. The thief recalls a similar one that took place in the same store on March 6, 1922, for which Bruce Cooper, then on parole with about two months to run, Earl Wesley Young and Lewis Young were arrested and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Entrance on that occasion was effected through the window and articles of the same nature as on this occasion were stolen.

DOMINION DAY PLANS ARE STARTED IN CITY

In a letter to the mayor, Col. Ibobson Leonard, president of the London Canadian Club, asks for the appointment of two delegates from the city council to attend a general meeting of the various organizations for the celebration of Dominion Day on July 1, when the lieutenant-governor of the province will be present.



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of Toronto University was elected president of the Royal Society of Canada at the concluding session of the society in Quebec last night.

BOOTLEGGERS KILLS FOUR ON RESERVE

Shooting Affray Reported To Be Result of Dispute Over Liquor.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, May 23.—According to brief and conflicting reports received here last night three men are dead and a fourth is mortally wounded as the result of a shooting affray on Wednesday at the Saddle Lake Indian reserve, near St. Paul de Metes, about 100 miles from here. The murderer, whose name could not be learned, is still at large.

The prevailing rumor is that the victims, all Indians, were chasing a bootlegger, and it is thought that the shooting was a result of a liquor dispute. An earlier account of the killing said only one man had been slain and one wounded. The slain man was said to be Albert Sinclair, and the wounded man James Poole.

Police have not returned from the reserve, and no communication could be effected with the reserve.

ITALIAN MONARCHS WILL VISIT ENGLAND

Imposing Program Is Being Arranged For Reception of Rulers.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 23.—Following the visit of the Rumanian sovereigns, Londoners are to have another feast of royal pageantry next week, when the King and Queen of Italy become the guests of the British royal family. According to the official program just issued, they will arrive in London at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, be received at the Victoria station by King George and Queen Mary with the customary display of troops and bands, and drive in procession to the palace in full state.

The royal party will drive in state to the City Guild Hall, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and several other members of the British Royal family, to receive an address of welcome and be the guests of the city fathers at luncheon. Wednesday will be the great day for the Italian colony in Great Britain, which numbers nearly 20,000 in London, with many others in the provinces. On that day the royal visitors will have a special reception for chosen delegates of the Italian residents and organization, and are expected to visit the district known as Little Italy, where a half dozen streets are named solely by Italians, mostly of the working class.

Romance and Adventure

are in the new serial story which starts in The Advertiser on Monday.

"THE HOUSE OF FIVE SWORDS"

By Tristram Tupper.

Begin this thrilling story in The Advertiser on Monday.