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ORDER CUTS LONDON FARES; CARS WILL STOP

Britisher Board Train Caught Between Battle Lines

CITY PLEA GRANTED BY RAILWAY BOARD

Modern Clothes Become Hamlet

Associated Press Despatch.
Birmingham, England, Dec. 11.—Hamlet in modern costume has been such a success in England that Faust is to be tried next. Nephews will be seen in a dinner jacket.

CARS GO TO BARN WHEN ORDER COMES

No Operation Under Reduced Fares, Railway Company States.

London stands an excellent chance of doing its Christmas shopping on foot this year, as all street car service may be suspended within the next few days as a result of the hearing before the Ontario railway and municipal board today, when, on behalf of the city of London, D. L. McCarthy, K.C., made application for an order in accordance with the decision of the appellate court restoring the old rates of seven and nine tickets for 25 cents.

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"Apart from that dividend the earnings of the road have gone back to the city as a bonus in regard to the operation. We have come to the stage where under present conditions it is impossible for us to continue at a five-cent fare, and therefore it is much more impossible to operate at the old rate of seven and nine tickets for a quarter."

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FORMER YORK MEMBER REMANDED FOR WEEK

J. A. M. Armstrong and Bank Manager Are Arraigned in Court.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—J. A. M. Armstrong, former M. P. for North York, and H. H. Coffey, former manager for the Imperial Bank at Schomberg, were arraigned in court today on charges of theft which were arraigned in county police court this morning, and were remanded for a week. Crown Attorney Moore has not yet completed his investigation into complaints received against the two accused.

Mr. Armstrong is out on \$50,000 bail, but Mr. Coffey has been unable to secure bondsmen.

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MEANS CARS STOP

"We Cannot Carry On," Declares R. G. Ivey, in Opposing the Move.

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Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 28.57.
Today—8 a.m., 28.47.

Ready For the Christmas Rush



LONDON POSTAL STAFF ON THE JOB.
Preparing Christmas mails for the Canadian northwest, a party of London postal workers is here shown ready in the sorting-room of the postoffice to handle an immense volume of mail in rapid time. Postmaster T. C. Duncan has substantially increased his staff for the anticipated Christmas rush.

completing a surprising amount of work in their dexterous manner of handling parcels with the speed of a conjurer. The picture shows circular brackets which hold hundreds of mail bags destined to all parts of the country. These men will guide your gift to its destination without fail before Christmas Day.

CLAIM PROBE NEEDED INTO RELIEF ACCOUNTS

Rumor of Demand For Investigation Into Manner Money Was Disbursed.

Among supporters of the new broom that is about to sweep clean at the city hall, reports were current this morning of a demand for an investigation into the manner in which relief has been disbursed during the past year or so.

The claim is made that some of the relief money, or money charged to the relief account, was not properly so labelled and that a probe of these amounts would furnish material of the most sensational character.

Nothing on the part of those who know nothing in detail of the allegations there is said to be a tendency to launch an impartial inquiry that would satisfy the mind of whatever part of the public is troubling about it.

PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA WANTS TO FIGHT DUEL

Associated Press Despatch.
Vienna, Dec. 12.—Friends of Dr. Michael Hainisch, president of the Austrian republic, are doubtful whether they can persuade him to refrain from engaging in a duel with Alfred Guertel, former minister of finance, who is reported to have characterized the president as an old fool.

FRANC AT LOW MARK.

Paris, Dec. 12.—A frenzied rush to buy foreign stocks listed on the Bourse caused a further sharp decline today in the franc, which during the morning reached the record figure of 27.12 to the dollar.

STOCK BROKERS REAP GOLDEN HARVEST IN RUBBER DEALINGS

One Firm in Old London Has Amassed Profit of Million Pounds in Last Few Months—Several Decide To Retire After Making Fortunes.

Canadian Press Cable.
London, Dec. 12.—The news comes tonight that several prominent rubber brokers have decided to retire, having reaped fortunes. One firm is believed to have amassed a profit of a million pounds in the last few months and is credited with handling as much as two and a half million shares in a single day.

An instance of a huge over-subscription was offered when a rubber company issued two-shilling shares for £250,000, and the amount was subscribed thirty times over. The opinion expressed a fortnight back that many folk spend a portion of the Sabbath thinking of rubber has been confirmed, for the last three Mondays have witnessed scenes on the rubber market resembling a rugby football match.

Brokers literally struggled en masse to reach jobbers in particular shares. Every Tuesday, too, there is the spectacle of a sudden dwindling of custom. Whether this Monday excitement is supplied on borrowed money will doubtless be revealed toward the end of the year when the banks draw in their leashes.

In commenting on the rubber situation on the old London stock market, a local official of the Dunlop Rubber Company stated today that the reason for the phenomenal increase in the price of both the crude and manufactured article during recent months is that the demand, especially in America, has reached unprecedented proportions.

The demand has almost exceeded the supply because the owners of the plantations in Ceylon, Brazil, Java, the Congo and other parts of Africa have refused to strip their trees in order to keep up with the greater demand. They aim to conserve their supplies in order to obviate an absolute rubber famine. Hence, because of the increasing divergence between supply and demand, prices have soared sky high.

Workmen Are Saved By Priests

Five Churchmen Pray and Dig Among Ruins Where Death Lurks.

MAN DEAD, 5 RESCUED

Believe Two Men Still Entombed Under Wreckage of Home.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 12.—Walking literally into the valley of the shadow, dauntless in the face of duty, five Roman Catholic priests braved immediate death with firemen and doctors last night to administer the last sacrament and give aid to eight workmen buried in the collapse of a brown stone residence under repair on 47th street, just off Fifth avenue.

Once they were called on to close the eyes of a dead man, and for hours they stood by the side of two others, alive but hysterical, and with only their heads above the mass of fallen timbers, plaster and bricks.

Though five of the eight were rescued almost immediately—all of them with the aid of a priest, who was first to enter the wreckage—three others were pinned, one dead and two alive, within the building for more than six hours.

Two more men were believed to be entombed in the cellar.

After several hours of frenzied labor, one living workman and the dead man still had not been rescued. The third imprisoned with them, Joseph Bianco, was taken out six hours after the crash, and rushed to the hospital, critically injured.

A priest, described only as Father Caldwell, rushed into the building a few moments after it collapsed and found him picking away bits of debris as he prayed by one of the workmen. Within a few moments he had been joined by Father Joseph McKenna of St. Malachy's church, the actors' chapel, and the Rev. Bernard Meade of St. Patrick's.

They added in the rescue of the first five. Last night two others, the Rev. Edward Dargan of St. Patrick's and Father James Carey, who chanced to be a guest at his home, donned fireman's helmets and went into the wreckage. They were in imminent danger.

Firemen were afraid to remove the debris until the remaining walls of the building, which tottered as each beam was lifted, had been braced. For hours they scooped away bits of brick and mortar with their hands, unable in any other way to free the men imprisoned.

The weary people two years ago followed a great hope into the southern republic where they expected to prosper on the fruits of the land, and now they are homeward bound, longing to renew the more conservative life in the land where once they lived.

Their failure is best told in the halting Spanish of a boy, "We like Mexico," he said, "but nothing will grow—and my father says we must eat."

How they were, best told with crop failures and famine was explained by a half a hundred downhearted members of the religious sect who changed trains here yesterday on their journey to Manitoba. They predicted that more of the people will follow from the valley to which they said they were lured by roseate promises of abundance in a colonization enterprise. Several groups of Mennonites have passed through here recently on their way to Canada.

JAPAN DEEPLY STIRRED BY WAR IN MANCHURIA

By RUSSELL KENNEDY.
Special Cable to The Advertiser and The Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

Tokyo, Dec. 12.—Opposition groups both in and outside the diet are marshaling their forces against the government's Manchurian policy. They are flooding the papers with views, so that the issue is rapidly becoming a burning question.

It is noteworthy that the press generally, with the exception of two papers, which were suppressed this morning for articles allegedly inflammatory, counsels caution, arguing that hostilities do not warrant the attitude that Japan's interests are threatened.

BRITISH COAL SUBSIDY MAY REACH \$105,000,000

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 12.—A supplementary estimate of £5,000,000 for the coal mining subsidy, making a total voted of £13,000,000, was adopted by the house of commons. Viscount Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, moving the vote, explained that 90 per cent of the subsidy had gone directly to wages.

Over a hundred coal fields are now owned by the government, and the subsidy is being used to keep them open. He estimated that the total cost of the subsidy would approach £21,000,000.

NEW MINISTER TO BRITAIN.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 11.—It is expected here that Ernesto Barros Jarpa, retiring foreign minister, will be named minister to England, succeeding Miguel Cruchaga Poveda, who is expected to be the new ambassador at Washington.

CRAWL UNDER COACHES DODGE CHINESE SHELLS

Protest Lodged When Lives of Foreigners Endangered by Fighting.

SEND RELIEF TRAIN

Women and Children Among Refugees Who Hide Between Tracks.

Associated Press Despatch.
Peking, Dec. 12.—Several Britishers and a score of United States citizens, passengers on the international train which left Peking for Tien-Tsin yesterday, were caught in the midst of a battle between the troops of Feng Yu-Hsiang and Chang Tso-Lin, near Yang-tsun, north of Tien-Tsin, last night.

The train also carried 50 Italian marines on their way to the coast after doing guard duty in the capital. The passengers, including some women and children, are reported to have lain between the tracks under the stopped train to escape the rain of shells.

During the night the train was sent back to Lang Fang. A truckload of provisions had arrived there, and it was presumed the passengers are comfortable, although temporarily out of communication with Peking.

The battle was raging furiously at 7 o'clock this morning between Tien-Tsin and Peking, a few miles to the north. The train was caught between the opposing forces when an armored train from Peking, following in its wake, landed 1,000 troops with artillery and opened fire on a train of Chinese. The passengers had alighted from the stalled train with the intention of walking the remaining distance to Tien-Tsin, when the firing began. They raced back to the train and took refuge under the coaches from the bursting shells.

Major-General William D. Connor, the American commander in Tien-Tsin, is said to be trying to get a relief train through with food to convey the passengers to their destination.

The foreign legations there were not testing energetically to Feng, pointing out that the protocol of 1901 gives the foreigners the specific right to occupy Yangtze and four long-distance telegraph communication with the sea open.

Lang Fang, to which the train was sent, is a small town on the border of the Japanese diet; Count Inoué, under secretary of the Japanese navy; M. Bardac, brother-in-law of the French minister to China, and four long-distance telegraph commissioners sent to investigate the plague in Manchuria.

EXETER HOUSE BURNS AS BELL ROPE BREAKS

Town Sleeps On As Home of Bert Harness Is Destroyed.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Exeter, Dec. 12.—When the rope of the fire bell broke, in response to a lusty cry, the government's labor bill today declared that the bill might be considered a war measure "because I consider the Italian nation in a permanent state of war."

The origin of the fire is unknown, as no one was in the house at the time. Mr. Harness and his family were visiting in St. Thomas last night and had notified of the accident by phone today.

The residence, a 2-story brick building, is a total loss, no insurance being carried. The furniture, also completely destroyed, was partially insured.

Several neighbors were awakened, but were able to do nothing to save the house or contents.

ITALY ALWAYS AT WAR, MUSSOLINI DECLARES

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 12.—Premier Mussolini, closing the debate in the chamber of deputies on the government's labor bill today declared that the bill might be considered a war measure "because I consider the Italian nation in a permanent state of war."

The premier said that the law, according to which the government will recognize only the Fascist labor union as competent to deal with disputes between capital and labor, was intended as a preventive of strikes and lockouts, and had dispelled the surplus energy of the nation.

PROVINCE COMPARES FAVORABLY IN REFORM

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—In preparing a report on the reform schools of Ontario for the year ending October, the government inspector, J. J. Kelso, states that in proportion to population, the province compares favorably with any other province or territory in the Dominion.

There are at present in residence at Victoria industrial school 242 boys; at St. John's school 119 boys; at Alexandra school 115 girls, and at St. Mary's school 40 girls—a total of 516.

Wedding On Liner Is Result of Proposal Through Wireless

Associated Press Despatch.
Southampton, England, Dec. 12.—A wireless proposal to Miss Catherine Forbes of Portland, Oregon, on the steamer Leviathan in mid-Atlantic by the Jean L. Stewart of Detroit, who was at Cherbourg, culminated in acceptance and the marrying of the couple. Cruchaga Poveda, who is expected to be the new ambassador at Washington.

"Yes," came back the reply. Mr. Stewart joined the Leviathan at Cherbourg, and while the vessel was coming to Southampton he and Miss Forbes were married yesterday by Captain Herbert Hartley of the steamer. The captain had breakfast served in his cabin and also surprised the couple by producing a wedding cake for their benefit.