

The Evening Times Star

VOL. XVI, No. 196

PAGES ONE TO TEN

ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1920

TWENTY PAGES—ONE CENT

LAST PUBLIC SESSION OF THE LEAGUE COUNCIL

All Treaties to Be Published, or Not Binding. Financial Conference in Brussels Postponed to Await Report on Indemnity—U. S. Will Be Asked to Send Representatives.

Rome, May 20—The council of the League of Nations held its last public session here yesterday.

"We are passing through difficult hours," continued Mr. Bourgeois, "but amid the social passions there is the voice of right and justice in solidarity."

The Greek representative read a telegram sent to President Wilson asking him if he were disposed to convene an assembly of the League of Nations on November 15, preferably in Brussels, without prejudice to the scene of future meetings.

With a view to guarding against the perils of what is termed "secret diplomacy," a clause in the league covenant requires both the registration and publication of all treaties concluded by any states parties to the covenant.

The council of the league studied the creation of a legal section of the permanent secretariat in which treaties would be secured and inserted in the official journal of the League of Nations, perhaps contemporaneously with the issuing of a copy of the text to the press.

All the treaties will be subsequently bound in book form for sale, thus the public will have a complete collection of all the international agreements.

A financial conference originally fixed for May will take place in June at Brussels. The delay is due to the difficulty of the financial conference.

The council of the league adopted a programme of work to be done, including the questions of reparations, war debts and debts contracted abroad by each country during the war.

Each state will present a report on its respective foreign debt, internal taxes, currency, amount of international loans, foreign exchange, internal debts and regulations regarding imports and exports.

The Allies must notify the president of the financial conference at Brussels of their decisions regarding the war indemnity claims from Germany.

The council came to the conclusion that it would be unable to do much with regard to typhus in Poland, except perhaps sympathetic resolutions and appeal for financial assistance, the members of the council not feeling able to bind their governments on financial matters.

A special report will be addressed to the United States that it send representatives to the financial conference at Brussels.

ASKS EXPORT SUGAR EMBARGO AT ONCE

Says 45,500,000 Pounds Exported to Europe in Last Four Months.

New York, May 20—Armin Riley, chief of the department of justice, today announced that he had telegraphed to Washington, recommending an immediate embargo on export of sugar.

He requested authority to halt the sale of sugar to non-essential industries. Riley said that 45,500,000 pounds of sugar had been exported to Europe in the last four months and confecturers had received vast amounts.

STECHEK AND ZWYSZKO TO WRESTLE IN MONTREAL. Montreal, May 20—It was announced today that Joe Stecher and Wladek Zwyszko have both accepted an offer of a \$10,000 purse made by the Canadian Hockey Club. This world's championship wrestling bout will take place in Montreal in the near future.

ADVERTISERS, PLEASE NOTE THIS! Starting this Saturday, May 22, and continuing throughout the summer months, The Times will issue on Saturdays at 12 o'clock noon. Advertisers, in order to ensure of prompt change of ads, should have their copy in this office not later than 3 p. m. on Fridays.

Other days copy should be in our office not later than 4:30 on the day previous to publication. Ads. received later than these closing hours cannot be guaranteed insertion. Your co-operation in this connection will be appreciated.

FINES IMPOSED ON TRADE UNIONS

Inability to Pay May Mean Bankruptcy of Organizations.

Copenhagen, May 20—Three trade unions which were found responsible for the strike which paralyzed Denmark's export trade for nearly two months have been fined by the permanent court of arbitration on industrial disputes.

It is improbable the unions will be able to pay the fines after the great expense incurred during the strike, and the court may order their funds seized and declare the unions bankrupt.

HUGE PROFITS ON STEEL MAKING

Estimate of Economist of the Railroad Unions in the United States.

Washington, May 20—Prices of basic iron and steel products have increased 800 per cent, since 1914, according to W. J. Lauck, consulting economist of the railroad unions.

In a brief filed with the railroad labor board, he estimated the profits of the larger steel companies during the war at \$750,000,000 or a levy of \$80 on every American family.

The brief declared that the per ton profit of the United States Steel Corporation increased from \$4.69, prior to the war, to \$14.81 in the period 1916-19. He asserted that labor costs increased only 41 per cent in the same period.

PILING HIGH GERMAN DEBT

Billions of Marks Each Month—Elections to Be Held in June.

Berlin, May 20—Germany's floating debt has increased by three billion or four billion marks a month, Gustav Bauer, minister of finance, told the national assembly yesterday.

Convocation of the newly elected German Reichstag on June 16, ten days after the elections will be held, will be asked by the government according to the Tagblatt. It is considered necessary to call a session of the Reichstag before the allied-german conference at Spa, the newspaper says, because it is possible the elections will result in an altered coalition government.

SAYS PREDICTION OF BREAD AT 25 CTS. UNJUSTIFIED

Washington, May 20—Lack of transportation prevented the liquidation of a large part of last year's wheat crop in the United States and threatens delay in movement of the crop soon to be harvested, said grand dealers from the southwest and northwest yesterday.

This was at a conference called by Julius H. Barnes, head of the United States Grain Corporation, to discuss plans for meeting the situation to result from termination of government control on June 1.

Dealers said that cars for movement of grain must be furnished on a preferential basis if distress was to be avoided in the wheat belt.

The wheat director said he was not alarmed about the country's future bread supply. Predictions of 40 flour and 25 cent bread, he said, were without justification.

RUSH OF EMPTY CARS TO THE WEST

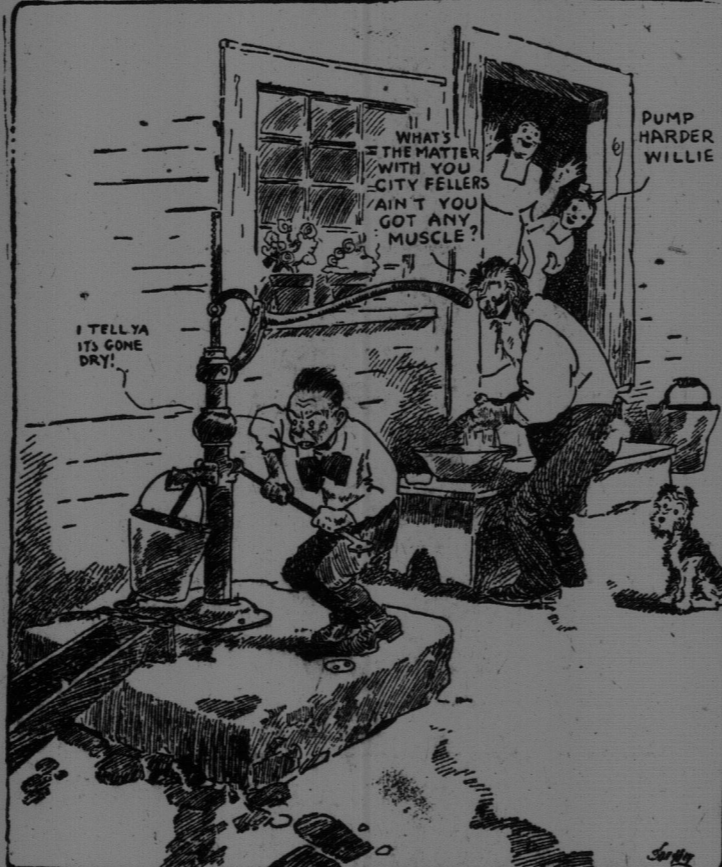
Effort to Relieve Situation Which is Becoming Acute.

New York, May 20—In an effort to move eastward vast supplies of food and fuel held in the west because of lack of railroad equipment the Pennsylvania railroad today began speeding westward along trains of empty box gondola cars.

All out-going freight has been halted by the Pennsylvania for forty-eight hours. It is expected that during the day other roads also will place short time embargoes in effect.

The car shortage, coupled with labor disturbances on the railroads, is rapidly creating an acute situation here, it was said by business men, who asserted that building operations were being seriously affected. Announcement was made by the merchants' association yesterday that some additional manufacturing establishments had been forced to close because of lack of raw materials and others would close perhaps every day from now on unless something drastic was done to relieve the situation.

Several cars of Canadian eggs are reported moving from Ontario points to seaboard for export to Great Britain.



Willie helps Uncle Ed. on the farm, but gets hold of the wrong handle. —Do away in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PRE-BUDGET ORDER DOES NOT ESCAPE TAX

Delivery Constitutes Completion of the Bargain.

Ruling on Some Questions Raised by the Budget by Canadian Commissioner of Taxation—Further Comment by Montreal Gazette.

Ottawa, May 20—R. W. Breadner, Canadian commissioner of taxation, was probably the busiest man in Canada yesterday. From early morning till late afternoon he was busy in his office inquiring as to how certain taxes would work out.

Mr. Breadner made several important rulings. For one thing he said that delivery constituted the consummation of a bargain. That is, if a man ordered a suit of clothes, a couple of weeks ago and if the suit was delivered only this morning, the buyer would be responsible for the entire tax on it. This, of course, applied to every other taxable article.

Moreover he said that the one per cent tax which wholesalers must add to their invoices must be paid by the retailer to whom the goods are sold and not absorbed by the wholesaler. That is, every wholesaler must show on his invoice and also collect the full price of his goods, and also the one per cent tax.

Montreal, May 20—The Gazette says: "A very favorable impression has been created in financial circles by the budget speech. According to the minister of finance not only will there be no fresh loan this autumn but the government will be able to raise sufficient revenue to meet current expenditure and also to make substantial reductions in the national debt which in the current fiscal year is expected will be reduced by \$74,000,000. Undoubtedly this will tend to strengthen the interest in the market for the Victory Loan issues."

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Steptoe, director of water.

Synopsis—The area of low pressure which since the early part of the week has covered the Canadian west, is now moving slowly toward the Great Lakes. Showers have occurred almost generally in Ontario and more locally in Nova Scotia. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Mostly Fair. Maritime—Moderate variable winds, a few scattered showers but mostly fair today and Friday. Not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, mostly fair today and on Friday. Not much change in temperature.

New England—Cloudy tonight and Friday. Moderate south to southwest winds.

Stations. 8 a. m. Yesterday, Night. Highest. Lowest.

Table with columns for Stations, 8 a. m., Yesterday, Night, Highest, and Lowest. Includes locations like Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, etc.

CANADIAN RAILWAY OFFICIALS

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

S. J. Hungerford, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

C. A. Hayes, who it is understood will be appointed by Canadian National Railways with S. J. Hungerford as their representatives on the joint board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway, under government ownership.

QUET EARLY TODAY AFTER KILLING OF 12

Battle of Private Detectives and Miners.

Mayor of Matoon Among Those Who Lost Lives—Shot by Detective, Who Is Killed by Police Chief.

Matoon, W. Va., May 20—With 100 deputy sheriffs armed with rifles patrolling the streets, and detachments of the state constabulary expected to arrive at any moment, the situation in this mining village, the scene of the killing of twelve private detectives and citizens, was quiet early today.

Deputies rushed here last night by Sheriff Blankenship, had the situation well in hand at daybreak, and they made no effort to disperse gatherings of citizens at the Norfolk and Western Railroad station, where the state troops were expected to leave their trains when they arrived.

Last night's shooting, in which Baldwin-Feltz, detective, clashed with citizens and the Matoon police, resulted, according to authorities, from action of the detectives who evicted several miners from Stone Mountain Coal Company houses yesterday. Two Stone Mountain Company miners were seen recently when it became known that an effort was being made to unionize them. The miners said that the detectives were sent to dispossess families of workers who have been dismissed.

A shot, said by the authorities to have been fired from the coat pocket of Albert Feltz, a detective, and which ended the life of Mayor Testerman of Matoon, was started the battle. An instant after he fired, Feltz, according to authorities, was killed by "Sid" Hatfield, chief of police of Matoon.

The shooting then became general and when the battle ended, seven detectives, and three other persons had been wounded. Feltz, it is said, had a warrant for the arrest of Chief Hatfield, on a charge that he had taken a prisoner from detectives some time ago.

The mayor was reading the warrant when he was killed.

SCHEME TO MEET THE FRENCH DEBT

Amortization Project by Investing Yearly in Securities.

Paris, May 20—A bill designed to bring about amortization of the French national debt has been introduced in the chamber of deputies by several members. It provides a sinking fund to be established by means of yearly purchases of securities on the stock market by the government. The securities would be held for some definite period and the interest used to purchase additional securities.

The authors of the bill say that an annual purchase of securities of 1,000,000 francs would permit amortization of the debt of 200,000,000 francs within thirty-nine years. Under the proposed law, an appropriation of 1,000,000,000 francs would be made in every year's budget from 1921. The bill also provides that so soon as the securities had reached a total value of 200,000,000 francs, the whole amount would be used in redemption of the national debt.

HE DID ALL HE COULD TO PREVENT FALL OF ANTWERP

Brussels, May 20—The minister of national defence has issued an army order giving the findings of the court of inquiry in the case of the fall of Antwerp in 1914. The order declares that Gen. De Guise, who was then military governor of Antwerp, exhausted all means at his disposal in defence of the fortress and conforming to the military laws when he capitulated.

U. S. TRADE FELL OFF IN APRIL BY MANY MILLIONS

Washington, May 20—Exports for April decreased \$185,000,000 while imports fell off \$90,000,000, as compared with the trade figures of March, so it was announced today by the department of commerce.

STRIKERS IN FRANCE RESUMING WORK

Paris, May 20—Decision by the miners union in the departments of Nord and Pas de Calais to resume work today has been ratified at a meeting of miners held in the south of France. The railway workers in the south of France and employees of transportation companies at Marseilles have also decided upon an immediate resumption of work. Early quotations for Liberty bonds indicated new low records for those issues in the course of the day.

Non Report. Some of the obscure specialties, notably Stromberg, Carburetor and Fisher body, were forced down five to almost ten points in the early reversal, Crucible losing four and American Woolen three. On a vigorous rally which set in before noon under lead of oils and food shares many stocks rose to four points over yesterday's closing prices. Prominent in the rebound were Mexican Petroleum, United Fruit, Cuban American Sugar, Corn Products, Baldwin Locomotive, American Car and such high grade rails as Union Pacific and Reading.

Liberty bonds continue to weaken, but offerings were on a much smaller scale. Call money again opened at 7 per cent.

MONTREAL MARKET. Montreal, May 20—The local market became somewhat uninteresting after a fairly strong opening, but towards the end of the first hour this morning it began to show signs of rallying. Sugar opened at 92 1/2 and lost a point and a half in the early trading. Brompton dropped to 99 after opening at 100, but gained a half a point later on. Dominion Steel lost two points to 68 1/2. Smelters gained a half point over its opening at 29 1/2. Dominion Glass was a strong pointer at 69 1/2.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter, "I saw you at the Good Roads luncheon yesterday."

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "whenever I hear about anybody going to talk about good roads I try to be there."

"I tell you, when we get my government in power down here we'll show you gits 'n' tories a wrinkle or two. Of course," went on Hiram, "we got some wooden heads yid. Now I seen some of 'em around the store at the Settlement the other night. The supervisor he'd posted up what money was spent in the district an' who got it—'n' two or three fellers was settin' around there figgerin' it out an' wonderin' what Bill Smith done fer that two dollars he got—'n' why some other feller got anything at all. Some of 'em same fellers wouldn't turn out in winter to break the roads or do a thing to keep the freshest from washin' 'em away. But we jist got to go ahead in spite of 'em gab-hounds an' holler fer good roads. An' Dr. Doolittle has time to come out to the Settlement I'll look after him myself. He's got the right idee. Good roads is money, every time."

BUY NO SUGAR TILL THE PRICE TAKES A DROP

Announcement by Association of Makers of Jams, Jellies and Preserves.

New York, May 20—The National Preserves and Food Products Association announced here today that its members will stay out of the sugar market until the price of sugar comes down from its high level. The association claims to represent 80 per cent of the manufacturers of the country who make jams, jellies and preserves.

REFUSE TO PAY MORE; STREET CARS DON'T RUN.

Quebec, May 20—(Canadian Press)—As a result of the refusal of the municipalities of St. Roumald and St. Joseph de Lewis to agree to an increase in the fares of the Lewis County Railway in their territories, the company has decided to suspend electric street car service to and from those municipalities beginning today.

NATIONAL FUND FOR THE AID OF LARGE FAMILIES.

Paris, May 20—Establishment of a national fund for large families has been approved by the French stability Commission. It will be raised by taxes on bachelors and on heads of families who have reached a certain age and have fewer than three living children.

AGAIN SHORT OF MILK IN HOMES IN NEW YORK

New York, May 2—Milk deliveries in Manhattan and Long Island City were almost completely shut off today by the strike of milk wagon drivers which threatened to spread into the Bronx and Harlem sections. The few deliveries made were to hospitals, orphanages and similar institutions.

IN WALL STREET. New York, May 20—(10:30 a. m.)—Heavy liquidation of stocks was resumed at the weak opening of today's session. The urgent character of the selling was accepted as further proof of the effectiveness of the policy of credit deflation adopted by the federal reserve board with the co-operation of banks in all parts of the country. Initial losses in the various groups of industrial and special issues ranged from one to three points. United States Steel, which suffered severely in yesterday's break, forfeited only a fraction. Ralls also resisted pressure, although Canadian Pacific yielded, two and three-quarter points. Early quotations for Liberty bonds indicated new low records for those issues in the course of the day.

Non Report. Some of the obscure specialties, notably Stromberg, Carburetor and Fisher body, were forced down five to almost ten points in the early reversal, Crucible losing four and American Woolen three. On a vigorous rally which set in before noon under lead of oils and food shares many stocks rose to four points over yesterday's closing prices. Prominent in the rebound were Mexican Petroleum, United Fruit, Cuban American Sugar, Corn Products, Baldwin Locomotive, American Car and such high grade rails as Union Pacific and Reading.

Liberty bonds continue to weaken, but offerings were on a much smaller scale. Call money again opened at 7 per cent.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVING IN IRELAND

Still Fewer in Number Than a Year Ago

Huts or Blockhouses, With Barbed Wire Defences and Machine Guns to Be Used—Man Killed Last Night in Limerick.

Dublin, May 20—Contingents of British cavalry and infantry are arriving in Ireland, but the total number of troops now on the island is still considerably below that of a year ago. Many men then on duty had enlisted for the duration of the war and have since been demobilized. Soldiers in many places are doing ordinary police work which is a form of duty in which police are exposed to great risks. Government operations are being directed to the maintenance of ordinary law. When cattle are driven from farms, troops are not used by soldiers. Difficultly is the dispute between farmers and raiders, but are trying to punish the cattle drivers and with the aid of cavalry, round up and restore the cattle to their owners. The wholesale burning of police barracks in the recent past appeared to be more wantonness on the part of raiders, since many of the buildings had been abandoned by the police, but now it appears these acts were attributable to the foresight that the British government had anticipated that an extension of military activity was contemplated by the government and that these barracks would be used by soldiers. Difficultly is apprehended in finding lodgings for soldiers in remote districts. Some private houses have been taken over for this purpose, but there are many places where such structures are not available and there is talk of the construction of huts which might be described as blockhouses, probably fortified and protected by barbed wire. It is expected that at least one machine gun will be installed in each of these huts.

General Sir Nevill Macready of the Irish administration, because it is felt the forcible assertion of law is more urgent than any other policy.

The commander-in-chief says he has nothing to do with policy, and is interested only in military affairs. He was sent to Dublin by the cabinet to report on the situation, and now, having been given all the power he believes necessary, he is organizing the military forces and bringing them into co-ordination with the police.

One man was killed and two women wounded in rioting last night in Limerick, where police and soldiers are on duty.

BISHOP FALLON MAKES ANSWER

Further Statement Arising Out of Proposed Legislation re Divorce.

London, Ont., May 20—In connection with the recent utterances of the Canadian Guardian regarding statements made by Bishop Fallon in sermons in London and Woodstock, Bishop Fallon last night gave out a statement for publication in reply, in which he said:

"You are the best people in this province. You are the keepers of its conscience. You are the moral backbone of the nation. You are the ones who are going to argue the point. For ten years your cohorts have stamped up and down this province in organized campaigns against the divorce law. You have succeeded in curtailing our liberty in regard to matters, indifferent in themselves, but which mean the abuse of the law, and the curbing of the enlarging of license in a manner essential to Christian civilization."

"Divorce thus far in Ontario has been a nasty disease for the rich, like the gout. Do you propose to allow it to become an epidemic for the poor, like the measles? You have been nervous about allowing men to live as they please. Have you no fear about permitting men to love?"

"I repeat my original questions. Where are your social reform organizations? Where are your battalions of moral uplifters? Have they been demobilized? Have you any policy regarding easy methods of granting and securing divorces? If so, let us have it."

"If you keep silent, or if you just beat around the bush, then I at least shall conclude that you regard tobacco and beer, race tracks and Sunday newspapers as greater dangers for society than the turning of the marriage treaty into a scrap of paper. Surely you do not propose to strain at the gnat and swallow the camel?"

HON. FRANK OLIVER SAYS THAT WEST WANTS REDUCTION OF TARIFF.

Montreal, May 20—Hon. Frank Oliver, former minister of the Interior in the Laurier cabinet, interviewed here last night, said the western farmer was not to blame for the high cost of living, as he had made no profit out of the inflated prices of wheat. While the Canadian government was selling Canadian wheat to England, France and Germany at \$2.30 a bushel, the Canadian customer was paying \$2.50 a bushel for it.

Mr. Oliver says the west has never specifically supported free trade, but rather wants a reduction of tariff.