

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA A SIGN TO BE CUT IN EDUCATION ESTIMATES IS NOT EXPECTED

TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN GT. BRITAIN AND RUSSIA ARE TO BE RESUMED AT ONCE

Commercial Agreement Between Two Countries Is Signed Today—Russia to Cease Spreading Soviet Propaganda Outside That Country's Boundaries, While Britain Will Observe Neutrality Regarding Internal Russian Affairs—London Newspapers Hold Different Opinions As To New Contract.

London, March 16.—The trade agreement under which commercial relations will be resumed by Great Britain and Russia was signed here this morning by the governments of the two countries.

It was reported the board of trade, after having carried on negotiations with Leonid Krassin, representative of the Russian Bolshevik Government, had rewritten several clauses which had presented considerable difficulty in the past. The principle that Russia will cease all propaganda outside of that country, and that Great Britain will observe neutrality regarding Russian internal affairs, was given due recognition in the clauses which were altered. The fact that the trade agreement was to be signed received in this morning's newspapers the controversy regarding the expediency of such a move.

The Morning Post, in an editorial captioned "The Unclean Thing," vehemently inveighed against the agreement, and argued that its signature would "inevitably involve recognition of the soviet regime, which is blackened by every crime, and the agents of which are actively plotting the destruction of every civilized state."

"Under this agreement," the newspaper continued, "British traders eventually will become receivers of stolen goods."

The Chronicle, on the other hand, approved of the agreement on the ground that "the world cannot longer afford to leave Russia outside the pale of commercial intercourse."

The Daily News declared it expected trade with Soviet Russia would relieve unemployment in Great Britain, saying: "Talk about blood-stained gold is the meaningless rhetoric of blind hatred."

RAILWAYMEN TAKING ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN WARD 4 ELECTION

Nary a Vote Cast Up Until Late Hour This Afternoon—Neither Aldermanic Candidate Making Strenuous Efforts Toward Election.

Railwaymen entitled to vote in the Ward 4 by-election showed little interest in the contest today, when the special poll at the city hall for their benefit was opened. Not a single ballot had been cast up to a late hour. Although the booth will be open until 5 o'clock tonight, it is not expected there will be any rush toward the closing hour. The poll will be open again Thursday from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Any railwaymen entitled to vote in Ward 4 who expect to be out of the city on Saturday, the regular polling day, are entitled to cast their votes at the city hall today. Thursday is the day when the railwaymen's vote will be withheld until the remainder of the polling has been completed Saturday, and Saturday as well as the lists will be checked and action taken against offenders of this kind.

Drowns Herself After Husband Admits Bigamy

Camden, N. J., March 16.—Two months ago, Robert Mountford, of Buffalo, N. Y., is alleged to have confessed to his wife, Mary, a bigamous marriage with Mrs. Mildred Boniface at Hudson Heights, N. Y. His wife threatened to commit suicide and disappeared. Her body was found yesterday in the Delaware River here. Mountford, who is believed to be in Canada, is now sought on a charge of bigamy.

FAVORS PUBLIC DRINKING IN PLACES UNDER GOVT. CONTROL

Victoria, B. C., March 16.—(Canadian Press).—Discussing the question as to whether pure beer or near beer is to be sold in the province under the moderate act, Mr. Speaker Manson, from the floor of the Legislature yesterday advocated the sale of liquor openly and honestly and under proper restrictions rather than under conditions which are capable of evasion and which, he declared, work havoc to the young manhood and womanhood of the country.

Hon. J. W. Deh Farris, attorney-general, declared that the moral feature of the prohibition of the last three years has been the development of bedroom drinking. He said he would prefer to work out a form to permit public drinking in government controlled places to safeguard morality.

The proposal to permit drinking in hotel bedrooms does not meet with the approval of Frank Oliver, premier, who stated that in the face of the great evils resulting therefrom, he would not vote to make it legal to consume liquor in bedrooms.

CANADA TO ACT WITH CAUTION; WILL WATCH FOR RESULTS

Government Officials Decline To Predict On British-Russian Pact.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PAST

Bolsheviks Reported to Have Gold to Make Purchases.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Ottawa, March 16.—Just what effect Britain's new trade agreement with Russia will have toward stimulating trade between Canada and Russia remains to be seen, and officials here hesitate to make any predictions until they have had time to study the agreement and to analyze its terms. It is, however, that any such agreement is bound to result in a certain loosening up of trade. Negotiations between Canada and the soviet have been proceeding in various directions for some time past, but without important results. Russia, on the other hand, Canada wants. On the other hand, Canada has much which Russia desires, and the question of finance has always been an obstacle. The Dominion grant, credits to Russia, Greece, Italy, France and Belgium. The former country absorbed almost the total amount of the appropriation, but has defaulted on her first interest payments. The other countries, which took smaller amounts, have paid promptly. But the credits, which expired over a year ago, were never renewed. And Canada has since been timid in the matter of further extensions to anyone.

Would Furnish Gold.

A story was circulated to the effect that Soviet Russia was ready to bring continued on Page Four.

GERMANY MUST PAY A BILLION IN GOLD MARKS BEFORE MAR. 23

Money Must Be Deposited in One of Three Government's Banks.

EXTEND OCCUPATION

Additional Troops May Move Into Mulheim.

Paris, March 16.—The Allied reparations commission, in its note to Germany demanding fulfillment of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German Government it must pay one billion gold marks before March 23, it was announced today. The money must be deposited in the Bank of France, Bank of England, or the Federal Reserve Bank in the United States, Germany was told.

MAY OCCUPY MULHEIM.

Düsseldorf, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—New French forces have arrived here from sections of Germany organized by the French army, and belief is expressed that their coming may foreshadow the occupation of Mulheim, on Ruhr, a town about four miles east of there toward Essen. Although the Allies recently occupied the rural commune of Hamborn, garrisons have not yet been installed.

METHODS OF COLLECTION.

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SPRING PLOWING



A SNOWPLOW IN ACTION AT REVELSTOKE, B. C.

WILL LONDON ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?

Ald. Wenige Will Move Adoption of Plan This Afternoon

AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion Will Come Before City Council Monday Night.

Adoption of daylight saving in London this summer will be moved by Ald. George A. Wenige at a meeting of No. 1 committee of the council this afternoon. If it secures the approval of this body it will be recommended to the council, and will come up on Monday night for final decision. Canvasses of the aldermen a short time ago showed that they are fairly evenly divided on the question, so that the fate of the measure which Ald. Wenige will introduce this afternoon is very uncertain. If it is decided to adopt the new time for the summer months an effort will be made to secure uniformity with other municipalities contemplating the change.

The Railway Association of Canada, in a letter to the council, urges that particular attention be paid to this point. They suggest that all the cities which adopt daylight saving advance their clocks one hour on Sunday, May 1, and return to the old time on Sunday, October 2. The general change of time on the Canadian railways is to be made on these dates. If London and other municipalities considering daylight saving also accept them, in addition to the greater convenience which would result from uniformity, it would enable business people generally to have a better understanding of when the business day commenced and ended in other municipalities with which they are constantly in communication.

Last year there was much confusion. London, for instance, which had adopted daylight saving on May 2 and reverted to standard time on September 12, adopted it on May 2 and reverted on October 3. Ottawa, May 2 to October 2; Quebec, May 15 to September 12; Galt, May 23 to September 12; Cornwall, May 30 to September 12; Brockville, June 1 to October 31.

INFORMATION AND COMFORT FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY WAR

Capt. Mullineux of War Graves Commission to Visit London.

BRINGS MANY VIEWS

Will Speak at Y. W. C. A. and to the Kiwanis Club.

The local Red Cross Society is arranging for a public meeting to be held in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium on Friday evening, when the speaker will be Capt. Mullineux, who comes to Canada to give information and comfort to those whose relatives are missing or whose relatives are prisoners of war. Capt. Mullineux is a former member of the military service, and he entered the military service, later joining the navy.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL NOT REDUCE ESTIMATES TO MEET DEMANDS OF COUNCIL

FINAL DEMAND TO KRONSTADT BY TROTZKY

Soviet War Minister Has No Fear of Bombardment of Petrograd.

INSURGENTS INCREASE

50,000 Revolutionists Have Gathered at Kronstadt Fortress.

London, March 16.—The Russian Soviet war minister, Leon Trotsky, has twice delivered an ultimatum to Kronstadt and will deliver a final ultimatum today, according to information received by the Riga correspondent of the London Times from M. Joffe, head of the Russian peace mission in Riga, who had been so informed by the Russian foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin.

50,000 AT KRONSTADT.

Copenhagen, March 16.—Fifty thousand men have been gathered at the Russian fortress of Kronstadt, and this number is increasing daily, says a Helsinki dispatch, quoting a Red Cross worker who has just arrived there from Kronstadt. An organization of Russian emigrants in this city has been informed in a wireless dispatch that Kronstadt is receiving necessary provisions and has sufficient ammunition for three years.

Victor T. Tchirnov, who was minister of agriculture in the Kerensky cabinet in 1917, was the organizer of the counter-revolution, it is declared by the Helsinki. He is reported negotiating with the right wing of the Bolsheviks with a view to making the methods of the Soviet Government more democratic.

TROTZKY NOT ALARMED.

London, March 16.—Leon Trotsky, Russian Soviet war minister, declared in an interview given in Moscow that the rising in Petrograd and a bombardment of the town is a silly fiction, "says a wireless dispatch from the Soviet capital today."

"Petrograd is just as impregnable as Kronstadt," he said. "The revolution is not a matter of force, but of will. We will not only to our troops, but to the insurgents in the Kronstadt fortress. Up to the present our losses have been insignificant."

Trotsky charged Russian emigrant centres abroad with fomenting the revolution, and declared that he was at peace with Poland, and the agreement with Great Britain for the resumption of trade relations.

DEFERS READING TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH BILL

Winnipeg, March 16.—Labor's definition of collective bargaining was brought before the local Legislature today by G. A. Tanner (Kildonan and St. James), who moved the second reading of a bill to amend the industrial conditions act. Mr. Tanner claimed that the act recognized the right of collective bargaining between employers and employees, and that it was very vague. To give members time to familiarize themselves with the bill, second reading was deferred.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 53; lowest, 34. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, March 16.—8 a.m. Forecast: Northwest and west wind; fair to cloudy; Thursday; not much change in temperature.

THE WEATHER.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	42	Clear
Calgary	22	4	Clear
Winnipeg	20	2	Clear
Port Arthur	36	10	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	34	26	Cloudy
Parry Sound	40	28	Fair
Toronto	40	34	Fair
Kingston	40	34	Fair
Ottawa	32	28	Cloudy
Montreal	28	26	Cloudy
Quebec	24	20	Rain
St. John	22	20	Rain
Halifax	22	20	Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.			

The disturbance which was over Manitoba yesterday morning has moved eastward to the St. Lawrence Valley, causing rain in Ontario and snow and rain in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

In the West the weather has been fair and moderately cold.

Action of City Council "Not That of Gentlemen," Complains Trustee—Utterly Lacking in Understanding, Declares Another—Charges of Delay Unwarranted, Unkindly and Uncalled For, They Maintain.

So far as the individual members of the board of education are concerned, at least so far as they would express themselves this morning when an Advertiser reporter sought for information, there will be no cut made in the school estimates when the board meets this afternoon to reconsider its position in this matter. Each member of the board was concerned the figures would be unchanged, but added, however, in the board to decide.

"Some of the trustees felt that the action of the city council was as one expressed it, 'not that of gentlemen.' The claim of some of the aldermen that 'the board should have had their estimates ready two weeks ago,' was described by another trustee as showing 'how utterly lacking in understanding of the position and responsibility of the board to the citizens, especially the rising generations, the average aldermen is and how little the education capital out of assaults upon the alleged excessive expenditures of the board of education.'"

Amongst the officials of the board the charges of the council that there had been undue delay in the preparation of the estimates of the board of education in October, an official of the board expressed the opinion that "it is impossible for them to do it. I understand they are prepared to add the board of education's share of the tax rate later."

Referring to the fact that interest will have to be paid on money for school purposes, if the city council carries out its purpose to leave the collection of the necessary taxes till the last installment in October, an official of the board remarked, "It is a matter of fact that it is impossible to do it. The council cannot cut down the board's estimate, nor can it make any charge against school funds, so that the payment of interest on money for school purposes will have to be met by the council."

PARLIAMENTARY SUMMARY

Ottawa, March 16.—Yesterday in Parliament:

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Government promised statements of Canadian National Railways and Canadian mercantile marine in a few days.

The minister of finance said work on the general tariff revision was proceeding "day and night."

Premier Meighen declared that the Government had done nothing to prevent presentation in full of the auditor general's report.

Today in Parliament:

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Private members' day.

Jewel-Bedecked Woman Missing

Chicago, March 16.—Mrs. Clifford Victor Herbert, daughter-in-law of Victor Herbert, the composer, has been missing from her home here since last Saturday, it became known today, and a search by police and private agencies has revealed no trace of her, it was said. She wore jewelry valued at many thousands when she disappeared, police were told, and her husband, a broker, expressed grave fears that the jewelry had attracted robbers to kidnap her.

CRIMEAN VETERAN DIES.

Alameda, Cal., March 16.—Robert Redford, a 78-year-old Crimean War veteran, who had made his home in California for the last twenty years, is dead here. He was widely known as a swordsman, having given exhibitions in Canada, Australia, South America and the United States. It is reported that he fought several duels in South America.

MEXICAN RAILWAYMEN'S STRIKE IS AT END

Mexico City, March 16.—The strike of workers on the Mexican railways, which began in the middle of February, was settled today. Messages have been sent by the union leaders to the men's organizations throughout the republic calling off the strike, and it is probable the men will return to their duties during the day.

Added Prizes In Contest For New Subscribers

WORTH \$25 EACH TO WINNERS OF CAPITAL PRIZES.

Contestants in The Advertiser puzzle contest should not overlook the fact that the value of the first five prizes may be increased \$100 each by interesting four people, who are not new subscribers, to become subscribers. The sum of \$25 will be awarded to each subscriber who submits a solution of the puzzle or 50 paid by him a separate blank, so that the records may be kept in full view to show whether or not they were interested. If no solution is sent by a subscriber, interest, merely write across the face of the chart, "No solution sent by subscriber," and attach to the blank.

Contestants who have not sent in any activity or who have not sent the full number of new subscribers are allowed to register with their solutions, should take advantage of the opportunity that they still have of obtaining them. Contestants should bear in mind that there are many of their friends who are contemplating subscribing or who would subscribe were they asked, particularly by their doing so. Contestants can send in new subscribers to be added to their credit any time until the contest closes, on March 19. Contestants may prevent them from sending them in later, by submitting a separate blank, so that the records may be kept in full view to show whether or not they were interested. If no solution is sent by a subscriber, interest, merely write across the face of the chart, "No solution sent by subscriber," and attach to the blank.

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