

Herriot Speeds Security Pact With Britain :: London Greets Spring's Arrival

FRENCH DELEGATE ARRIVES HOME

Reports to Herriot on Progress Made in Conference With Baldwin.

SECURITY SPEEDED

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to the London Advertiser from a Staff Correspondent.

London, March 21.—Premier Herriot is making an effort to speed up the negotiations with Britain regarding French security.

The French ambassador had long interviews with Premier Baldwin and Foreign Secretary Chamberlain on Tuesday, and yesterday he left for Paris to report to Herriot personally.

The basis of negotiations with Britain is the German offer to join in the guarantee of France's frontiers on the Rhine and to leave the question between Germany and Poland and Czechoslovakia open to arbitration.

Pact Unlikely.
There is little prospect at present of an agreement between Britain and France, and Herriot is afraid of the British government deciding on the evacuation of Cologne.

Herriot needs all the prestige he can get for his domestic position. He has aroused both Catholics and Protestants in Alsace against him by his school policy, which aims at secularizing education.

Catholics throughout France are in a militant mood. They are fighting for the retention of the French embassy at the Vatican, and for tolerance of religious orders in France. These concessions had been allowed by Poincaré, but they are threatened by Herriot.

The Catholics are going further than a demand for the maintenance of the Poincaré status quo. They are attacking all the so-called anti-clerical laws embodied in French legislation during the past generation, such as divorce laws, abolition of religious orders from hospitals, confiscation of church property, and refusal of all support from taxes to schools where religion is taught.

Issue Murky.
The cardinal and archbishops of France last week issued a manifesto in which Catholics were told that at the present time France was in a state of "laïcizing laws."

The manifesto has been denounced by the anti-clericals as providing an attack on the republic itself.

The debates on the clerical manifesto have led to scenes of violence in the French assembly during the past week. The socialists are the chief enemies of the church, and Herriot has embarked on an anti-clerical measure, for the socialists are increasingly dissatisfied with his policy on fiscal and international affairs.

SELLS TO CONSTABLE AND IS ASSESSED \$25
Julius Schure Warned He Must Have License To Sell Cigarettes.

Julius Schure, 20 years old, learned today that it is a grave mistake to sell cigarettes without a license. He made a fatal blunder when he sold a small package to a police constable for 15 cents.

Magistrate Graydon imposed a fine of \$25 and costs in police court this morning, and warned Schure must in future observe Canadian law.

Schure declared that he had often applied at the police department for a license, but had always been refused. Then Chief Birrell explained that as Schure had been convicted of selling cigarettes to minors, of gambling, of keeping a disorderly house, and of several other offences, he thought he was not a desirable citizen to be in charge of a store or restaurant.

MANY FARMERS HEAR ADDRESS ON CORN-BORER
J. E. Andrews of the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture reports a large meeting of farmers at Stratford and Cornwall yesterday to hear H. G. Crawford of the dominion department of agriculture speak on corn borer control.

At Stratford a combined meeting of farmers and fruit growers was held, the speakers being Messrs. Crawford, H. C. Hudson, and Waddell, fruit inspector, the latter addressing the meeting on spraying and pruning.

J. J. FOOT BACK IN CITY AFTER ILLNESS IN N. B.

J. J. Foot, general sales manager of the McLaughlin Manufacturing Company, who was taken seriously ill while visiting in St. John, N. B., several weeks ago, returned to London yesterday completely recovered from his illness.

OFFICIALS TO MEET.
Township councillors, road foremen and township treasurers of Middlesex county will meet at Marshall, of the department of highways, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon to discuss township road work in the county this year. County Clerk John Stuart announced this morning.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
DIED.
MACEBETH.—At the residence of her son, Kenneth Macebeth, Montclair, New Jersey, on Friday, March 20, 1925, Emma Macebeth, widow of the George Morrison Macebeth and daughter of the late Philip Worthington, barriester at law, died.

Funeral from the residence of Mrs. Niven, 423 Colborne street, on Monday, March 22, at 2:30 o'clock.

QUEEN ANNE eight-piece dining-room suite, dark oak, nearly new; also eight-day marble clock, Ford car, sacrifice. Apply 23 Euclid avenue.

London Labor Party Urges National Strike In Event of Any War Declaration

Resolution Is Unanimously Passed, To Be Discussed at Provincial Convention.

VIGILANTS FORMED

Committee Will Ask Publication of Names in Shortweight Convictions.

When the provincial branch of the dominion labor party meets in convention in Toronto April 11 and 12 it will have on its agenda a resolution from the London branch, urging a general dominion-wide strike in the event of any declaration of war.

This resolution was presented last night by the executive and passed unanimously by the party here.

A vigilance committee was also appointed, consisting of seven members to take up matters concerning the public welfare with the city council.

The request for this committee came from Pioneer Lodge, 488, of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen here in view of recent charges of short weight coal and bread transactions in this city.

"This committee is appointed to ask the city council to take the necessary steps to publish the names of all persons convicted of selling short weight coal or bread or slink 'reads' the resolution," and if the council is not able to help us in this way then to make a direct appeal to the attorney-general."

Names Are Posted.
During a long discussion on this point it was said that in Toronto the names of those offenders were posted in the city hall there. Similar publicity is desired by the party in London.

Another resolution which the London party presented at the Toronto convention is one in which it is suggested that legislative steps be taken to make all records and books of all industries, including the names of employees of each industry, instead of the private property of the owners of the individual business, as at present.

In view of the approaching federal election, the dominion party will be most strongly urged to make public pronouncements on all questions of general interest in good time.

Military training for cadets was roundly condemned in one of these resolutions, and daylight saving in the other.

Mayor Wentge came in for some comment, when ex-Ald. Colbert, on the matter of publishing the names of short-weight dealers, remarked: "The party will ask the mayor to help us in this matter. It is a vital one for the health of the people. If he does not do so, we will see that he does not fill the mayor's chair next year."

A resolution supporting the actions of Aldermen Frank McKay and Tom Clift in their voting in the city council on the matter of the mayor's salary was passed unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion on the position of labor aldermen in the city council, a resolution was passed introduced by John Colbert, requesting the three aldermen to get together and choose a leader, who will call them together when any matter affecting labor is brought up in council.

It is the intention of the party that this caucus should effect a labor party in the city council, and that the council will be binding on all labor representatives.

Vote Criticized.
Ald. John Ashton's vote on the mayor's salary was the object of criticism last night. He said that he had not been asked to give his vote on the matter, and that he should have been dealt with solely by the 1924 council, and that it was not fair to have passed it on to this year's aldermen.

He had originally opposed the introduction of the subject. He argued that the last council should have held an open meeting and disposed of it once and for all.

Ald. McKay maintained that the only measure of the correctness of an alderman's attitude on this matter was to be judged by his vote in accordance with the legal view.

"It is not necessary for us to have a mandate from the party to decide how we shall vote on the return of money by someone who has received it illegally, in the opinion of the city solicitor," he said. "As a matter of fact the mayor's itemized account came in after the 1923 council was elected, so that the 1924 council did not have an opportunity to settle the matter."

Alderman Ashton objected that all this should come "up in 1925," just after I have been elected as a labor alderman," and stated that two years ago Aldermen McKay and Colbert differed on the matter of the \$2,500 grant to the London chamber of commerce, without arousing any party criticism.

At this point Alderman McKay took a decided stand.

Attacks Ashton.
"Alderman Ashton has been spreading false statements about my vote on that matter," he said, here and there, "What happened was this: When the estimates came in, including the \$2,500 grant to the chamber of commerce, I moved that the money be used for an industrial commission to operate directly under the city council. The mayor ruled me out of order, and the matter was never put to a vote. I want to make it quite clear that no vote was taken."

Frank Crookford, as a member of the city unemployed, told the meeting that a council of unemployed was being formed, and that it was to be a "militant organization," which

In Canada's Parliament

Canada Press Despatch.

MONDAY.
Ottawa, March 21.—The senate will not sit.

In the commons: Private members' motions will have precedence. FRIDAY.

After seven days' debate the government motion embodying the ship subsidy contract was adopted 133 to 38 and the Conservative amendment thereto defeated 139 to 31. The resolution was sent to a special committee for consideration before the bill is brought down.

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AMATEUR FARMER IS GIVEN DECISION

A. J. Taylor Must Give E. E. Evetts Old Property or \$2,450.

Alfred J. Taylor, who traded his farm in Canada township to Ernest E. Evetts for property in Manor Park and a cash consideration, must either trade the property back again or pay Mr. Taylor \$2,450, according to a judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Rose who tried the action at the court house at the winter assizes.

His lordship declares that Evetts knew nothing about farming, and while he exonerates Taylor from any fraud in connection with the deal, places the blame on George Colbert, real estate dealer, whose judge states rushed the deal through. How the deal was made is not clear, but it is going about 90 per cent of that class of work that is being put in place in this country.

New Charter.
Recently a new charter was taken out, and the name of the company changed to the Cunningham Industrial Furnace and Machinery Company, it being the intention of the firm to go into the machine tool business, and also to do considerable rebuilding of machinery and manufacturing special machines that are used in connection with electric installations.

LONDON DEBATORS WIN WOSSA SERIES FINALS
Central Collegiate Girls Are Given Decision Over St. Thomas.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, March 21.—London Central collegiate last night won the final of the W. O. S. S. A. series, from the St. Thomas collegiate institute. The subject was "Resolved that a British-American alliance is in the best interests of world peace." London upheld the negative. Although the St. Thomas students were credited with a little better delivery, the London girls won on the weight of one very important argument. "That the alliance would bring up contrary alliances."

The debate, which for London were the Misses Chapman and Brown, and for St. Thomas, the Misses Dowler and Sanders, the judges were Dr. Henry from London; Mr. White from the London Normal school, and Miss Coyne of St. Thomas.

PIONEER CITY RESIDENT BURIED THIS AFTERNOON
The funeral of one of London's pioneer residents took place this afternoon in the person of Mrs. A. J. Lepper, who was 75 years old.

Coming to London fifty years ago, Mrs. Lepper had a vivid memory of London's growth from that time. The funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock from the late residence to Mount Pleasant, where the interment was made. Rev. G. T. Watts of Wellington street Methodist church conducted the services.

MEXICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DISORDERS INCREASING
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Mexico City, March 21.—Additional disorders growing out of the schism in the Mexican Catholic church are reported in special despatches from Aguas, Calientes and Guadalupe.

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CITY MAY LOSE CUNNINGHAM FIRM

Stated Option Secured on Property in Sarnia—Growing Company.

A despatch from Sarnia indicates that there is a strong possibility of the Cunningham Furnace and Machinery Company of London moving its business to that city, and the report further intimates that an option has been secured on part of the Muller plant on the river front, and that a strong local organization was at work promoting the interests of Sarnia as the future headquarters of the Cunningham factory.

Roy Cunningham, president of the firm, admitted to The Advertiser that there was a strong probability of his moving from London to Sarnia, and admitted that an option had been secured for part of the Muller premises, and that had been agreed during the war, and one that was well suited to his requirements.

"The matter has not been definitely settled yet," stated Mr. Cunningham, "but it is a fact that negotiations have been carried on to a considerable extent."

Branch Company.
It was announced some time ago that a branch company would be incorporated in Port Huron to look after the extension of our business in the American market, where there is an excellent field for electrical oven and similar installations, and Sarnia offers the advantage of having the two organizations very close together, so that they can both be operated from the one office.

The control of the American business will, of course, be vested in the Canadian company.

Mr. Cunningham moved his business to London from Walkerville in 1922, and located in a factory on Globe street in the first place, and then later on took over the premises of the London Electric Company. The company has installed some of the largest electrical ovens and similar appliances in Canada, and is doing about 90 per cent of that class of work that is being put in place in this country.

NOTED REFUGEE'S WIFE WILL LECTURE HERE
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GROCERY MERGER WILL PIVOT HERE

A. M. Woolnough Forecasts Success of Scheme After Trip Through N. Y.

While London will be one of the leading centers in a new \$15,000,000 international wholesale grocery merger, is the confident expectation of financial men, who are supporting the venture. A. Marland Woolnough, Niagara Falls wholesaler, has just returned from visits to a number of cities in New York state, and success there leads to the belief that the merger will be successful with London included in the deal.

Mr. Woolnough, the promoter of the merger, has made extensive investigations during the last six weeks in Rochester, Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo and in New York city. He has expressed confidence in the ultimate success of the scheme and believes his trip to the states will prove a foundation for fruitful work in Ontario during the next few weeks.

The Toronto interests have been approached this week and will probably have much to do with the venture if the merger goes through. The Woolnough interests are reported to hold options on several wholesale grocery properties here and London is expected to be the distributing center for Western Ontario should the merger come up to expectations.

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Bride Shuns Yellow Ring For Dainty One of White

Young Women of Today Forsake Old-Fashioned Band of Gold.

CHOICE IS 11 TO 1

Jewelers Blame Engagement Ring For Popularity of Neater Design.

The old order changeth. The day of the heavy yellow gold wedding ring is just about gone. White metal has taken the fancy of the young women that are today taking the marriage vows.

For every twelve wedding rings sold in London, one is the old-fashioned and now called, cumbersome band of gold, plain gold. Eleven wedding rings are dainty little creations. They are sometimes without decoration, but many of them carry ornate design of the orange blossom.

The reason for this is simple, says a prominent jeweler. The engagement ring is responsible. Not so long ago designers found that white claws or points forming the setting of an engagement ring enhanced the beauty of the diamond. The cheaper stones appeared to advantage in such settings. The high-priced stones looked infinitely more beautiful and expensive.

Had to Harmonize.
From white gold time to white gold and platinum rings was but a step and the dainty wedding ring had nothing else to do but follow. The two rings had to harmonize to pay homage to beauty.

Wedding rings, with diamond settings, are becoming popular too, says another jeweler. Since women have ceased to regard the plain gold band as a thing of beauty, she went to go slightly the other way. For this reason wedding rings in the city often run well over the hundred dollar mark.

For the most part though, the inexpensive ring is most often sought. The average price paid is \$10 to \$15. It is the all platinum work of art set with anywhere from three to twelve brilliant diamonds that chase the figures helter skelter in the bank loan market.

The old superstition of not taking off a wedding ring after the ceremony still holds. This is seen from time to time in the jewelry stores. It frequently happens that a young woman with old-fashioned ideas, wants the heavy and plain band. Nine out of ten want to change in a couple of weeks. This would be but the matter of a moment if it were not for the age-old superstition of not taking off the ring. As a rule the figures show that superstition is

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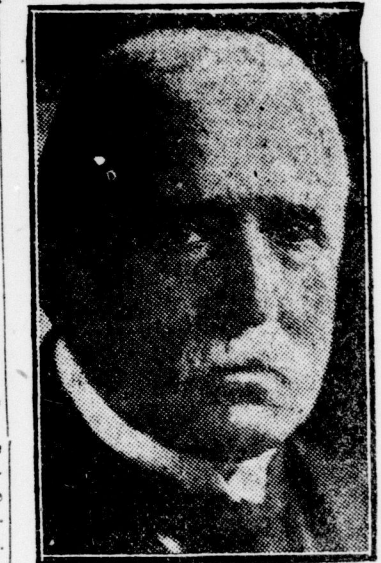
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