

# LONDON MAN BEING TRIED ON MURDER CHARGE

## BLAME HON. DOHERTY FOR BRINGING OUT INEXPERIENCED HELP

Minister of Agriculture for Ontario Conducted Irresponsible Campaign for Farm Hands in Great Britain—Dominion Department Not Responsible for Deplorable State of Affairs, Declares Official.

That the Dominion department of immigration is in any degree responsible for the large number of men who have come out under the name of farm hands, and who after a few days or a week or two on a farm are alleged to be drifting back to the cities and swelling the ranks of the unemployed, and who are now being sent back to the farm, was emphatically denied by L. F. Howard, Dominion superintendent of eastern offices of the Employment Service of Canada, Department of Labor.

Mr. Howard's statement was caused by a story which appeared in the Saturday afternoon issue of The Advertiser, in which J. C. Spencer, superintendent of the local office of the Employment Service, was stated to have placed the blame on the Dominion Government for the alleged failure of the immigration department to fulfill its announced determination to bring out only qualified agriculturists at the present time.

Blame Doherty. The conditions which have arisen, declared Mr. Howard, are due to the indiscriminate advertising by Hon. Manning Doherty, provincial minister of agriculture, in the English papers for "50,000 farm laborers, experienced or inexperienced," for Ontario farms, at good wages. The result of this is now being seen, he claimed, as these men drift back to the towns and cities in search of work.

## READING CONFERS BLOCK SIGNALS WITH LEADER OF REDS IN INDIA

Recently Appointed Viceroy Endeavoring To Reach Understanding.

Simsia, India, May 16.—The Earl of Reading, Viceroy of India, had a long interview with Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, leader of the Indian Nationalists, here on Friday.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is an ascetic, whose political activities in India have succeeded in creating a spirit of unrest among some of the low caste Hindus. When announcement was made that the Earl of Reading had been appointed Viceroy of India, dispatches declared that he owed his appointment to his brilliant achievements in diplomacy, and that his first task in India would be to "educate Gandhi." At a congress held in Nagpur late in 1920, Gandhi called for the destruction of the British Empire, declaring that the success of the movement might involve "wading through oceans of blood."

## SILESIA QUESTION MAY BE CONSIDERED BY ALLIED COUNCIL

Briand to Present Case to the Chamber of Deputies.

London, May 16.—There may be a full meeting of the supreme allied council for the purpose of discussing the situation which has arisen in Silesia as a result of the Polish revolt there. Decision on this point has not as yet been reached, and in some quarters it is said that a meeting of Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain and Premier Briand of France is favored at the present time, rather than a meeting of the council.

Dispatches from Paris indicate that M. Briand intends to lay the situation before the French cabinet on Thursday, following a recess of a fortnight. There has been an exchange of views between the British and French governments, but suggestions that a meeting be held have been met with assertions in Paris that it would be impossible for the French premier to discuss personally the Silesia affair with Mr. Lloyd George until after Thursday.

Mlle. Lenglen Wins Event. Paris, May 16.—Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, the French tennis star, with J. Brugnon, the French internationalist, won the mixed doubles tennis championship of France in the finals, played yesterday, defeating Mme. Billout and M. Tournay, 6-4, 6-1.

Mme. Golding won the women's singles championship, defeating Mme. Billout, 6-3, 6-2.

## LIVERPOOL HOMES RAIDED AND BURNED BY SINN FEINERS

Occupants of Houses Are Ill-treated by Irish Rebels.

Attacks Well Planned

Intruders Make Escape in Automobiles.

Liverpool, May 16.—Six houses in widely-separated parts of this city were raided and set on fire by Sinn Feiners last night. The occupants of every house thus visited have relatives serving in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The inmates were in some cases gagged and bound, and furniture was drenched with kerosene and set on fire, and in some instances the helpless people were left to the mercy of the flames by the raiders, who fled in automobiles.

The raids were in a way similar to those made in the suburban districts of London and in this city on Saturday night. The police declared yesterday that the raids on Saturday night were apparently well organized, and that in most cases the men engaged in them were disguised.

One house that was raided was occupied by Mrs. Jenkins, a widow, and her daughter. The latter opened the door when there was a knock, and she was seized by the throat by the intruder. She struggled and fled to her mother, and then fainting. The women were too terrified to raise an alarm.

Threatened to Shoot. In another house were three sisters, who were overawed by a dozen men, who displayed revolvers and threatened to shoot them if they stirred. The men then ignited the furniture and fled. A neighbor saw the flames, and upon reaching the house found the women lying in flames from fires that had been set.

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## REDS INVITE REFUGEES TO RETURN HOME

Reval, Esthonia, May 16.—Appeals to Russian refugees abroad to return to assist the Bolsheviks in reconstruction work have been recently occupied, considerable space in the various Moscow and Petrograd newspapers.

M. Litvinoff, now the soviet envoy to Esthonia, has recently asked what would happen to these refugees upon their return, and under what circumstances, they would be admitted. The printed appeals gave the impression that they would be welcomed with open arms.

## STREET RAILWAY SETTLEMENT IS NOW LOOKED FOR

President Charles Currie To Visit London This Week.

Men Are Hopeful

Prospect of Strike On Part of Employees Is Fading Away.

There is a possibility that a settlement of London street railway troubles will be reached when Charles Currie of Akron, Ohio, president of the company, comes to London this week. In a communication to the local officials of the company Mr. Currie intimated that he would pay an official visit to London some time during the week, in all probability he will discuss fully the local situation.

The men thought that Mr. Currie two weeks ago that they had decided to strike if their demands for a yearly agreement were not met. Although the officials waited several days they received no definite word from the president of the company, other than that he could not see why the men should object to the inclusion of a 30-day clause. Failing to receive any other reply the executive of the union applied to the Federal Government for an arbitration board.

Although application was made to the Government more than a week ago no word has been yet received from the minister of labor, into whose hands the matter was put. The men are puzzled at the prolonged silence of the Government, for they expected to receive a reply within three or four days at the most. The men are now hopeful, however, that the visit of Mr. Currie will mean an early settlement.

## MAGNETIC STORM GREATLY HANDICAPS WIRE TRANSMISSION

London, May 16.—Telegraph and telephone lines in the British Isles and throughout all Northern Europe have been seriously interrupted by the great magnetic storm which virtually paralyzed wire transmission in Canada and the United States Saturday night and Sunday.



Now Ethel understands why father was willing to pay such a high price for that trick dog.—Lemen, in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## FIELDING-KING AMENDMENT TO BUDGET WILL RECEIVE SUPPORT OF 3 PARTIES

Government Will Try Hard To Bring On Vote by Wednesday Night So That Meighen Can "Take Stump" in York-Sunbury By-Election—Premier Fears To Leave Until Big Issue Is Settled—Majority Too Small To Take Any Chances.

[Special to The Advertiser.] OTTAWA, May 16.—It is the desire of the Government to secure a vote on the budget and amendment thereto by Wednesday night, next, the reason being that Premier Meighen wants to visit York-Sunbury, and deliver a few addresses on behalf of his candidate before polling day on Saturday. Under the circumstances it has been difficult for the Government to send speakers, because of the comparative narrowness of its majority in the House, and the consequent necessity of keeping as strong a force as possible at the capital. Hon. T. A. C. Crerar and several of his followers have already visited the country, and more will go down this week. But the Progressives have no responsibility in the matter of House divisions, and the Government has. Unless the budget is disposed of by the middle of the week, Premier Meighen's voice will not be heard in York-Sunbury.

From present indications the Fielding-King amendment will secure the undivided support of all three opposition parties and groups. This would leave the Government a majority of something around 20.

Depends on Fredericton. Reports from York-Sunbury are conflicting. The seat is strongly Orange, and both candidates are members of the Orange Order, the Farmers' candidate being a district grand master. The result will much depend on how the vote goes in Fredericton. If that city polls as heavily for the Government candidate as Truro did for Hon. F. B. McMurtry in the Colchester by-election, the Government candidate should win. The farmers are not so well organized in the maritime provinces as they are in Ontario or the West. In Colchester, however, the electorate was voting for a minister.

In spite of the fact that Hon. C. C. Ballantyne has placed the stamp of the Government's endorsement upon A. A. Mendou, in Yamaska, Mr. Mendou apparently desires to keep the fact as much hidden as possible. The premier is not expected to speak there, and Mr. Mendou, it is said, prefers to fight the battle without the assistance of Federal Government members.

## WORKMAN BURIED BY CAVE-IN ON SITE OF THE NEW COLLEGIATE

Accident Blamed On Spectators Approaching Too Near Edge of Excavation.

A workman employed on excavation work on the site of the new collegiate institute had a narrow escape from serious injury this morning, when a portion of the ground to face the new foundations caved in upon him. He was buried in an avalanche of sand reaching almost to his waist, but owing to the soft nature of the soil was able to extricate himself without difficulty.

The cause of the cave-in was attributed to spectators approaching too close to the edge of the excavation, and adding unnecessary weight to the brink. They were requested to stand back, after the accident, as a protection to those working below. The miniature landslide occurred on the northeast corner of the Waterloo street side of the site, and the employee upon whom the earth fell was uninjured, being able to continue his work.

## BRITISH TROOPS ARE SUPPRESSING RAIDERS NEAR CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, May 16.—British troops are busy suppressing Nationalist bands which have been raiding villages in the outskirts of this city.

## WORK ON FOUNDATION OF NEW COLLEGIATE TO START THURSDAY

Excavation On Site Will Be Finished by Wednesday.

Work For Local Men

Married Men Will Receive the Preference, State Company Officials.

Work on the site of the new collegiate institute by the Kingston Construction Company is progressing satisfactorily, thirty men and twelve teams of horses being on the job this morning. These men, with the exception of the foremen, are Londoners, and ten teams of horses have been hired from local owners. The main work today was that of excavation, and removal of debris from the old building which was burned about thirteen months ago. The excavation will be completed by Wednesday night, and on Thursday morning the contractors expect to commence laying foundations.

This task will necessitate the employment of more men, about 100 being required. These workmen will be recruited from this city, the contractors having a large waiting list of unemployed tradesmen, who will be given the preference. Members of this working list are all married, the policy of the company being to employ married men with families where such is possible.

Sewer connections for the new building, via Dufferin and Princess avenues, have been laid, the lay-out of the new building facing on Waterloo street, rendering the old sewer unsuitable. The water and gas piping of the old building, however, will be used to connect the new collegiate with city mains. The contractors have erected offices on the site, where business in connection with the construction work is being transacted.

## DEAD MINES ARE USED AS SOUP POTS

Terioki, Finland, May 16.—A new use for discharged floating mines has been discovered by the Kronstadt refugees who are being fed by the Red Cross here. Mines were brought in from the Gulf of Finland, the charges removed, their fuses taken out, and the mines converted into soup pots.

## COMMISSION IS CRITICIZED BY DR. HODGETTS

Bitter Attack Made by Official in Resigning Post.

Ottawa, May 16.—A bitter attack on the civil service commission is made here by Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, in announcing his resignation from the health department. In a statement made last night, Dr. Hodgetts says: "After ten years of service with the commission of conservation as medical adviser of public health, and after four years of service overseas (1914-1918), I was transferred to the department of health by an order-in-council which gave me the privileges as regards salary which I enjoyed while with the commission, and I fully expected the scrap of paper" would be lived up to.

"Subsequently, the civil service commission, which has not on its whole personnel any professional expert competent to pass intelligently on questions relating to public health, classified the position which I have temporarily held since my transfer as a figure below that which I have been receiving, with the result that acceptance meant being degraded, and my salary was actually lowered. In other words, it was an 'Irishman's promotion' to accept service in the department, but a professional man could expect no other treatment from the civil service commission.

"I have resigned for two reasons: (a) The order-in-council has been ignored, and (b) I decline to accept the position offered upon the terms as laid down by that incompetent and autocratic body, the civil service commission, which, in my opinion, is incapable of doing anything but to treat the employment of men with professional qualifications."

## U. S. SUPER-DREADNAUGHT WILL BEGIN TRIAL RUNS

Rockland, Me., Jan. 16.—The super-dreadnaught Tennessee, the latest addition to the United States navy fleet, went into Penobscot today to begin her trial runs. These tests had been twice deferred by major machinery mishaps, since the Tennessee was commissioned nearly a year ago, were delayed again last week by a burned-out motor, and today by unfavorable weather conditions.

## William McFadden Is Unaffected When Brought Into Court

Thirteen Jurors Are Challenged Before Panel Is Completed—Prisoners Brought From Jail Under Heavy Guard—Clerk in Sabine's Drug Store Is First To Give Evidence.

Toronto, May 16.—So far from there having been any abatement of interest in the Sabine murder trial the "Guilty of Murder" verdict brought in Saturday against Roy Hotrum has but served to whet public curiosity. One of the largest crowds which has as yet assembled for the trial was lined up outside the courtroom an hour before Mr. Justice Logie took his seat this morning. A half dozen women were in the queue outside the door.

While Roy Hotrum appeared before Mr. Justice Kelly, McFadden is arraigned before Mr. Justice Logie, the high court circuit having involved this change.

McFadden had pleaded "Not Guilty" when arraigned last week. At the suggestion of Crown Counsel Waldron, Mr. Justice Logie absolved the jurors who served in the Hotrum trial from serving in the present case. Fletcher Kerr, counsel for McFadden, concurred in this arrangement. By arrangement between the judges, twelve jurors on the position panel were brought into the assize court to act as talesmen, in case of necessity.

McFadden Unaffected. When McFadden was led into the courtroom by the plainclothesmen he appeared stolid and unaffected by the ordeal to which he has been exposed during the past week, being, if anything, more composed than when he was first arraigned before Mr. Justice Kelly. At that time, his elderly mother, his sister and his brother, were in the courtroom, while this morning the only representative of the family was McFadden's brother, who sat at the counsel table with Fletcher Kerr, who is defending the prisoner.

When the clerk of the court read the charge accusing McFadden of having murdered Leonard Cecil Sabine the night of Saturday, March 5, he betrayed no feeling beyond a slight flickering and blinking of the eyelids, combined with a nervous shifting of the eyes. With the selection of eleven jurors in nine minutes the assize panel was exhausted. The last man was selected from the group of talesmen in a further five minutes. Some thirteen jurors in all were challenged between the crown and the defence.

William Stokes of this city was the first witness called for the crown. He testified that he was a clerk in Sabine's drug store at Harbord street and Manning avenue, and was there about 11 o'clock, the time of the fatal shooting. Mr. Sabine was in the store and was in the dispensary, which is separated from the rest of the store by a partition.

"What did you first hear?" he heard a shot and scuffling of feet.

He could see into the store through a peephole.

## HOTRUM STOUTLY MAINTAINS THAT HE IS INNOCENT

Toronto, May 16.—If I have to go to the gallows I will die an innocent man. I would mind it but for the stain on my people."

As Hotrum did not receive the death sentence he was not confined in the "death cell." He was put back in his own cell, but far away from William McFadden, who goes on trial this week. "I have no complaints," Hotrum told Governor Basher. "I had a fair trial."

## BRITISH PREMIER IS WILLING TO CONFER WITH DE VALERA

Lloyd George Offers To Eliminate Conditions Specified in Previous Communications to Irish Leaders, Declares Freeman's Journal—De Valera Asks That the Premier Make Statement in Public.

Dublin, May 16.—Mr. Lloyd George, says the Freeman's Journal today, has offered to meet Eamonn De Valera, or other Irish leaders, without conditions. Mr. De Valera, adds the newspaper, replied that if the premier made such a statement in public he (De Valera) would give a public reply.

Early this month a conference occurred between Eamonn De Valera and Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier designate, at which these two leaders of their respective sections of opinion in Ireland talked over the situation. The meeting was said to have been without tangible results, but the fact that it was held was commented upon in Dublin Castle and other circles as a hopeful sign.

Expressions of willingness on the part of British Government leaders to meet Irish Republican representatives have hitherto usually been coupled with conditions, notably as to the cessation of hostilities in Ireland and with regard to the personality of the delegates, persons under the British Government ban being barred.

DISCUSS WAGE REDUCTIONS. Buffalo, N. Y., May 16.—Wage reductions and readjustments were the subjects of a series of conferences beginning here today between officials of the New York Central Railroad and employees' organizations. Representatives of the Big Four brotherhoods will participate. The first group to enter into the conference today were the firemen and engineers.

THE WEATHER. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 59; lowest, 37.