

## U.S. MAY BE COMPELLED TO INTERVENE IN RUHR

Disorders Are Reported To Be Increasing in Occupied Area.

### MINERS ON STRIKE

French Soldiers Start To Disarm 10,000 Security Police.

#### Special To The Advertiser.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The economic blockade of the Ruhr, which cuts off certain essential products from American manufacturers will force the United States to intervene in the Franco-German embargo according to persons in non-German diplomatic quarters here.

The French, it was explained today, are demanding a ten per cent advance on all goods shipped from the occupied industrial area. Inasmuch as the United States obtains creosote, tannin and chemicals from the occupied area, it is conceivable that American businessmen will bring pressure to bear on the Washington Government to protest against the embargo.

Reports from the Ruhr which fill the newspapers declare that the disorders are increasing and that several German inhabitants have been slain by the French and that the invaders are throwing many natives into prison for disobedience to orders issued by the military.

The French, it was reported, have arrested the manager of the Kaiserhof Hotel at Essen, because he cut off the current which supplied the electricity. The hotel is used to quarter French officers.

The government is in receipt of information that the miners walking out by the thousands not only in the Ruhr and Rhineland but also in France. Officials are jubilant over the strike of miners in France. Six thousand miners in the Batrop area struck on Thursday, because the Belgians have requisitioned the output of the mines. According to information from the Ruhr, French soldiers have started to disarm the 10,000 Green Security police in the occupied area.

## SAYS GRAIN BROKERS COMPETE IN SERVICE

Witness At Commission Inquiry Denies Allegation of Under-Bidding.

### ONLY ONE INSTANCE

H. E. Sellers Suggest Plan To Avoid Speculation in Cargo Space.

#### Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—Competition among the three Winnipeg brokers dealing in cargo space in Canadian boats is competition only in service, so H. E. Sellers, a witness before the lake freight commission, stated in evidence this afternoon. Mr. Sellers was manager last year for the firm of Goodwin, last season said the witness, was 3 1/2c, and most of the charters to that port were at three cents. His company had allotted to it by their charter agents, one government-owned boat which had quoted him a rate of 12 cents per bushel to Montreal, and a rival broker had offered him 11 1/2 cents.

"I couldn't," he stated, "that there was much competition last fall. Mr. Sellers said he saw no reason why charters should not be signed by the shippers directly with the ship owners, through the brokers. This, he thought, would prevent speculation by brokers in cargo space.

The maximum rate which he had paid to Buffalo last season said the witness, was 3 1/2c, and most of the charters to that port were at three cents. His company had allotted to it by their charter agents, one government-owned boat which had quoted him a rate of 12 cents per bushel to Montreal, and a rival broker had offered him 11 1/2 cents.

## ORANGE CRUSH FIRM TO BUILD NEW PLANT

Let Contract to John Hayman and Sons for \$60,000 Bottling House.

The Orange Crush Bottlers, Limited, have let a contract to the construction firm of John Hayman & Sons for the erection of a new bottling plant on Princess avenue, east of Quebec street.

The new factory will be the main distributing point for Western Ontario.

R. B. Lindsay, president of the company, in conversation with the Advertiser late yesterday said: "We expect construction to start as soon as this severe weather moderates. The new factory will cost around \$60,000, and will contain the very latest and most modern machinery for the manufacture and bottling of soft drinks. We will have special machines for sterilizing all bottles before re-filling. We expect the plant will be ready for occupancy by May 1."

Mr. Lindsay said his firm had an order to receive a section of the London a year ago last March, but had been unsuccessful at that time. Through the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, however, the present location was secured, and when the new factory is completed, the Orange Crush Company will be able to give better service to the soft drink consumers of London and district than has been possible heretofore.

The building will be 90x125 feet, and will have a capacity of 1,500 cases a day.

The Orange Crush Company has recently built a two-story addition to its main plant in Toronto, and has a new factory in course of construction in Hamilton.

### BOARD MEETING POSTPONED.

Owing to the illness of the chairman, Ald. Leonard Douglas, a session of the board of health, set for last night was postponed indefinitely.

## REPUBLIC FAILS TO CORRECT TROUBLES OF GERMAN PEOPLE

Support of Industrial Workers Was All That Saved New Government At Time of Its Inception—Monarchist Idea Finding Favor With Certain Classes.

#### By DR. WIRTH.

Former German Chancellor. (Copyright, 1923.)

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The German Republic would have been destined to an early end had not large sections of the population, in addition to the industrial workers, realized it, and rallied to its support.

After the revolution, large sections of Germany joined the German Democratic Party, being convinced that the monarchy in Germany was done for, because of the responsibility for the national disaster. Moreover, people had come to the conclusion that henceforth it would be impossible to champion a cause of a policy against the workers or without their support. And the overwhelming majority of the workers, as indicated by democratic and republican in sympathy.

The German middle class hoped through the Democratic conception to ward off dangers of political extremism and communism. But as the terrors provoked by the revolution began to fade away large

## WILL PROBE FINGAL O. T. A. ENFORCEMENT

### Chief Inspector Aycryst To Investigate Following Criticism of Residents.

#### Special To The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Feb. 16.—As a result of considerable criticism, followed by a number of letters, reported to have been sent by certain Fingal residents to the Ontario license commission, alleging that the Ontario temperance act was not properly enforced in that district, following the imposition of a fine in connection with the recent death of a resident, Chief Inspector A. J. Aycryst of Toronto arrived in St. Thomas yesterday to hold an investigation.

The matter appears to have arisen chiefly through the imposing of a fine of \$15 and costs on William Belore, who was convicted on a charge of drinking liquor in a place other than his private dwelling, following the sudden death of a resident on the roadside between Frome and Fingal.

The feeling prevails that a more serious charge should have been pressed against Belore, while it is understood that those who were against him, for having liquor in a place other than his private dwelling, the penalty for which is a fine of at least \$200 and costs, will be heard Wednesday, Feb. 21.

License Inspector W. Ross stated today that the fact of reports circulating that Belore was a victim of mental trouble, a condition with which the general public is not familiar, was probably result in the second charge not being pressed.

## DISMISSES BRISCO SUIT IN COURT AT CHATHAM

Justice Mowat Allows Standard Bank Decision in Action Over Estate.

#### Special To The Advertiser.

Chatham, Feb. 16.—Justice Mowat, dismissed with costs the action of F. H. Brisco versus the Standard Bank tried before him Wednesday.

The action was a hang-over of the Haining estate.

The plaintiff claimed a sum of over \$4,000, which he alleges Haining paid to the bank within three months prior to his assignment. Fraudulent preference was alleged. Arnold & Hannah appeared for the plaintiff, Wilson, Pike & Stewart for the defendants.

A settlement of court will be arrived at in the case of William Faubert versus Vial Gervais. This was an action to set aside a chattel mortgage. After hearing the outline of the plaintiff's case the judge suggested the settlement. W. C. Lamars appeared for the plaintiff, V. T. Foley for defendant.

The judge also suggested a settlement in the action of W. S. Campbell versus W. S. McNaughton. This is an action to set aside a lease of the grounds that defendant did not have a full title. W. C. Lamars appeared for the plaintiff, Arnold & Hannah for the defendant.

## MAN "SWEARS" AT CENTRAL, PAYS FOR HIS PLEASURE

### St. Catharines, Feb. 15.—Harry Wilcox of Niagara Falls was found guilty in the police court of that city of using obscene language to a girl, told operator in the course of her duty, and was fined \$10 and costs.

Action was taken by the Bell Telephone Company, under section 98 of the Ontario railway act. Magistrate Fraser heard the case.

### REPORTED TO BE AFIRE.

Associated Press Despatch. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.—The steamboat "Keweenaw" reported by wireless, this morning that a ship supposed to be the steamer Nika was apparently in fire south of Cape Flattery. The glare of the flames could be seen from the coast and the message received at a station in Everett.

## If You Feel Dull and Far From Bright Moonshine Massage Will Set You Right

Special To The Advertiser. Windsor, Feb. 16.—"Moonshine massages" are something new, even in bizarre Windsor, where few thrills are left for the populace. Abe Benor, a junk dealer, claims the honor of inventing the new treatment.

Briefly, a moonshine massage is obtained by pouring bootleg whiskey over one's body and then have one's husband knead the fiery stuff into the pores of the skin. The result of one



POLITICAL ETIQUET.  
Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Conservative member for West York (left), called Hon. W. E. Ransley, attorney-general (right), a "liar" in the Ontario Legislature, withdrawing the epithet only very reluctantly at the request of the Speaker.

## POLES EXPECT TROUBLE WITH THE LITHUANIANS

Believe Armed Forces May Resist Occupation of Neutral Zone.

## ORANY VITAL POINT STOPPED OFFICIALS

### Recent Mandate of League of Nations Gives Poland the Authority For Move.

#### By WILLIAM E. NASH.

Special Cable To The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News Copyright. Warsaw, Feb. 16.—Polish military men, who as a rule are cautious and reserved in their judgment, expect trouble with Lithuania today, when in accordance with the recent mandate of the council of the League of Nations, the Polish authorities begin to occupy their half of the neutral zone, established along the frontier near Vilna in 1921.

In Paris last month the Lithuanian delegate announced that his government would never consent to the abolition of the neutral zone mentioned. A town called Orany, on the main road from Warsaw to Vilna, is regarded as the crucial point in the situation, because in Lithuanian hands, as a neutral zone, it interrupts the quickest means of communication between Poland's largest cities, while in Polish hands it tears another link in the chain which used to bind Vilna to Lithuania.

"We look for clashes at first with irregular troops, such as those that seized Orany," said a prominent Lithuanian source, "but if the military authority to the corresponding today."

"There are at least 20,000 riflemen armed and maintained outside the government jurisdiction of Lithuania. Of course, it is likely to be a guerrilla warfare, and after that nobody can tell what will happen."

About six divisions of regular Lithuanian troops have been camped near the border for years. Previous attempts are now being made to complete the fortifications of Orany.

"Talk has also been heard of a large scale raid on Vilna, but from a common sense point of view, it is hard to see how a small, weak country like Lithuania, would dare to provoke in this way a powerful military nation like Poland. We would regard the seizure of Vilna as a formal cause of war, and would not show the patience exhibited by the Allies in Memei."

As proof of pacific intentions on the Lithuanian side, the military occupation of the neutral zone will be carried out by police forces and frontier guards alone, calling in the assistance of soldiers only in case of trouble."

## WILL KEEP EXECUTIVE OFFICES IN OTTAWA

Sir Henry Thornton Declares Promotions Will Come From Within the Ranks.

#### Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Although the headquarters of the Canadian National Railways are in Montreal, Sir Henry Thornton, president of the board of directors, declared today that the National would always maintain executive offices in Ottawa.

"My work so far," said Sir Henry, "has been entirely of an educational nature. I have had the good fortune to travel this country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I have never seen on any railway so fine, so intelligent and faithful officials as are possessed by the Grand Trunk Railway and by the former Canadian Northern lines, now amalgamated in the Canadian National Railways. This is a valuable asset, and it entitles us to have the best of those who have had experience, and without going outside for men."

The decision was made at the National headquarters, which are being moved to the location of the headquarters of the government, without any suggestion of interference or communication with the government or members of the government. Whether our decision in this respect will be acceptable remains to be seen. The decision, however, represents the unprejudiced decision, free of all influence, of the directors and myself."

## EDWARD CLYNES MOVES AN AMENDMENT TO THE KING'S ADDRESS.

### Special Cable To The London Advertiser.

London, Feb. 16.—The Labor party in His Majesty's opposition in the House of Commons has come out against the foreign policy of Bonar Law's Tory government.

Edward Clynes, Labor M. P., Thursday moved an amendment to the King's address, which outlined the government's position.

The amendment demands increased power be given the League of Nations to deal with the situation in the Ruhr, and asks that the treaty of Versailles be reconsidered at the earliest possible moment.

The statement of Clynes regretted that the government did not show the indication of its intention to check the economic ruin of Europe.

WILL TRANSCAT ESTATE.  
Special To The Advertiser.  
St. Thomas, Feb. 16.—The estate of ex-Mayor McCullough of St. Thomas, who died in May, 1915, valued at approximately \$100,000, will be transacted in Judge Ross's chambers Feb. 21. Owing to a large amount of real estate being involved, the executor of the will experienced a considerable delay in the disposing of same.

## TWO M'CLARTY CHILDREN RETURN TO STRATFORD

Donna and John, Stolen From Hamilton Hospital by Their Mother, Arrive in Home City With Her Last Night After "Visiting" in Toronto.

#### Special To The Advertiser.

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 15.—Mrs. William McClarty, Donna, aged seven, and John, aged six, have returned to the home of their parents at Stratford. They arrived on the Toronto train last night in the midst of a heavy snowstorm. They were taken by motor to the home of John Collinson, Mrs. McClarty's father, on Cobourg street. Here they were kept in seclusion, their location a mystery, guarded with that care which has marked all the movements of Mrs. McClarty since getting possession of her children.

When she was asked if Mr. McClarty had spoken to her as to the removal of his possessions, she replied: "I have not seen Mr. McClarty. I have not spoken to him."

Members of the Collinson family with whom Mr. McClarty had spoken did not care to say what his intentions were.

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## REV. C. N. GORDON PREFERS CHURCH UNION

Winnipeg Pastor, Famous as "Ralph Connor," Denies He Is Opposed.

### SENDS OUT CIRCULAR

To Make Known His Deep Desires For Unity of Christianity.

Rev. Charles N. Gordon (Ralph Connor) in a letter to The Advertiser from Winnipeg, dated February 12, denies reports published recently that he believed that the church was not ripe for union. Dr. Gordon declares that any other scheme than organic union would seriously hinder the well-being of the church in Canada.

Following is a copy of the letter: "It has been intimated to me that a report is being circulated that I recently stated that I believed the church was not ripe for union. I desire to categorically deny the correctness of any such report.

"Ever since the meeting of the assembly of 1921 I have held firmly to the opinion that not only is the church ripe for union, but that any delay for delay's sake, or any delay in the hope of bringing together the negotiating churches in any other way would seriously endanger the well-being of the church and the interests of true religion in the country.

"There was a time during this long period of negotiations when I confessed I was not much of a unionist, and regarded them as pursuing a course not only unjustified but wholly mischievous. I want to frankly say that I have changed my mind on this point. I do not think that the long delay has been wholly injurious. The church, in thus proceeding, has shown its desire to consider the feelings, and indeed, the prejudices, of all of the brethren opposed to union.

"But now while I am unwilling to wound or grieve brethren in our church who do not see eye to eye with me regarding the necessity for church union and while I would do everything possible to win them to my way of thinking, I have come to the solemn conviction that the limit of delay has been reached, and that nothing now for the church to do but to march steadily forward, along lines of constitutional procedure, to consummate what I believe will be an eventful and fruitful spiritual life and vigor, and which will greatly advance the Kingdom of God in our country and the land overseas.

"I am going to resolutely cherish the hope that however deep may be the chasm between the churches, whose history and whose glory, the vast majority of those whom we now call Anti-Unionists, will be an eventful and fruitful spiritual life and vigor, and which will greatly advance the Kingdom of God in our country and the land overseas.

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