

## ALL OF MOSCOW BUSY PREPARING FOR MAY DAY

City Is Decorated in True Revolutionary Fashion With Red Bunting.

### ERECT PLATFORMS

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, April 30.—While Moscow's church bells have scarcely ceased their Easter clanging, elaborate preparations are in the making for a great May Day celebration. The city is decorated in true revolutionary fashion with red bunting and flags, flaming pictorial placards, illuminated transparencies and lithographs of Lenin and Karl Marx everywhere. Platforms have been erected in the important centers where Soviet orators will address the crowds.

The keynote of the celebration was sounded by War Minister Trotsky in a two-hour speech in the Grand Theatre Monday night when he said: "The principal purpose of May Day should be to sound the alarm against militarism, but the question of safeguarding the Soviet republic is the vital one of the hour. We must therefore regard this day as the great holiday for our army and navy."

Those who believed M. Trotsky a sick man were completely disillusioned by the extraordinary vigor and tireless and oratorical skill displayed by the chief of the Reds.

**Cheer Trotsky.**  
The audience cheered him deliriously when he appeared on the stage in a semi-military uniform and launched into a vigorous tirade against France, Poland, Japan and Great Britain for their attitude toward the Soviet government. Although Lenin was in his tomb, the man was not yet born, said Trotsky, who could conquer Moscow. Among the principal passages in his speech were:

"The legend circulated abroad that we are mobilizing our arms against Poland is untrue. We want to change the map of Europe, but this can only be achieved by the victorious march of the proletariat. We shall not throw ourselves into an armed struggle when the time is inopportune."

"We are going to help the eastern people shake off the yoke of foreign domination. We for all never pay the debt to France. We are standing firmly on our feet. The French know they will never overthrow us."

**On Eve of Revolution.**  
"Japan, in my opinion, is on the eve of a revolution similar to that in Russia in 1905. I wonder why the Japanese bourgeoisie should desire to follow the historic parallel of Russia which, by declaring war on Japan, has paid a heavy penalty."

He criticized the "Labour" government of Great Britain for "suppressing the struggle for freedom in Afghanistan" and for increasing its military budget.

"If the Labour government had the courage and valor which are demanded of working class leaders," he said, "it would seize the opportunity to conclude a treaty with Soviet Russia, because such a treaty would result in re-mapping Europe. The combination of Russian wealth and resources with British technique would be the greatest lever on European affairs. We would then be able to dictate to Europe."

"But there is no such government in England; therefore we must be prepared to accept the agreement which we shall carry out, hoping later that it will result in greater mutual advantages."

## TRADE WITH STATES INCREASES GREATLY

Exports and Imports For March Show Decided Advance.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, April 29.—An increase of approximately \$2,000,000 in the value of goods sold by Canada to Uncle Sam during March as compared with March, 1923, is shown by trade statistics made public today.

Imports from Canada during the month were \$25,748,909 as compared with \$24,704,942. Exports to Canada were \$49,221,815, as compared with \$53,825,756 during March last.

Total exports for the month were \$323,674,106 against \$341,376,664 a year ago. Imports showed a big decrease, being \$320,616,043, against \$397,928,382.

### FLORENCE I.O.O.F. LODGE ATTENDS CHURCH SERVICE

Special to The Advertiser.

Florence, April 29.—The I. O. O. F. lodge, Florence, held its annual service on Sunday when the Rev. J. H. Burton, Methodist minister of Florence, preached the sermon. The church choir and male quartet gave the musical numbers.

Visiting brethren were present from nearby towns.

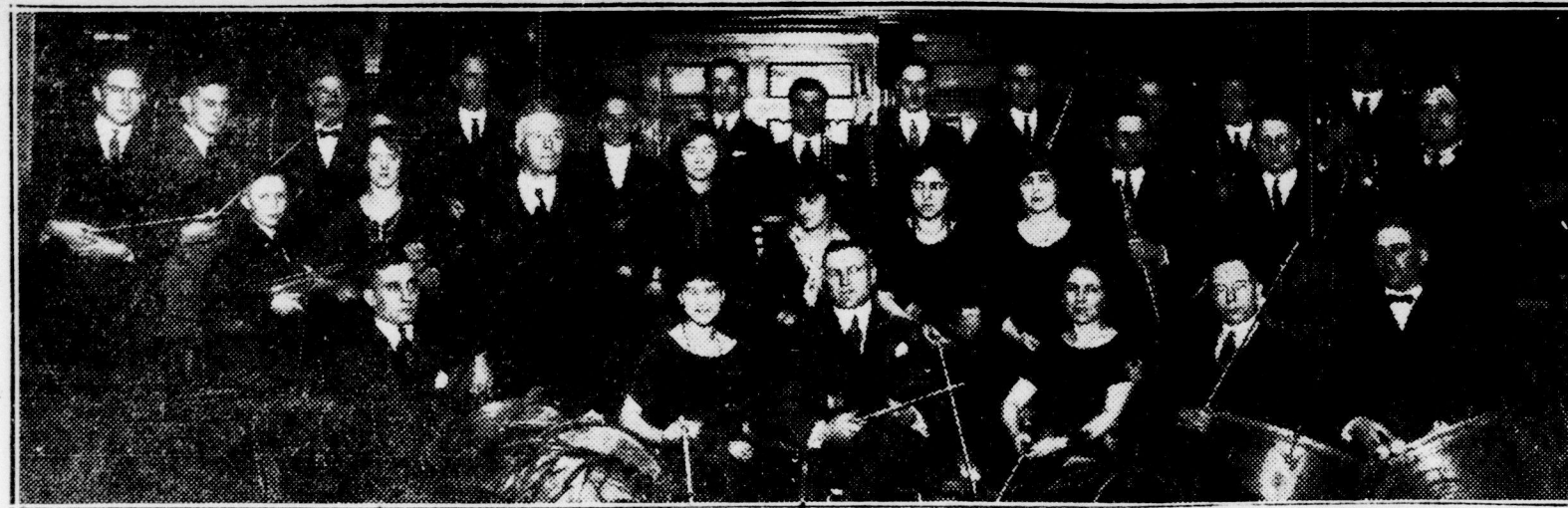
## EXPERIENCE

Perhaps you are among the "skeptical few" who do not know by experience the power of

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

to sustain strength or to build up the body. It is a food-tonic of sterling worth.

Scott & Borne, Toronto, Ont.



ASKIN STREET ORCHESTRA RETAINS SHIELD.

Above are shown members of the Askin Street Methodist Sunday School orchestra who renewed their triumph in the provincial musical

world yesterday by successfully defending their shield in a class calling for 20 instruments. They also captured the second prize diploma for

orchestras of 40 pieces and under. Dr. James Smith, their splendid leader, now holds the gold medal for the best leader of an orchestra of 20

pieces in the province. Dr. Smith is also the choir leader of the Askin Street Methodist Church.

## REPLIES TO DAWES REPORT EXAMINED

Reparation Commission Meets In Formal Session Yesterday.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 29.—The reparation commission met in formal session at 3 o'clock this afternoon to examine

the French, British, Belgian and Italian replies regarding the experts' reports and to proceed to an interchange of views as to the procedure to be followed. Approval of the list of German delegates on the various bodies provided for in the Dawes report to begin the carrying out of the experts' recommendations was also on the program. This list was submitted by the German War Reparations Commission here last night.

The commission decided to postpone official discussion of the replies in the allies until a later date. Meanwhile the delegates will confer unofficially.

## Bird Notes

By W. E. SAUNDERS.

During 1923 there was a good deal of correspondence relating to the welfare of the Whistling Swans, which had made a short stay at the Kingsville sand-bar, looking to a measure of protection being afforded them if they should return in 1924. It was with great satisfaction, therefore, that I heard from Manly Miner that they were returning, and on April 2 I received wire stating that there were two hundred of them, and I had better come soon.

On the next afternoon I was at the lakeshore looking at, not two hundred, but five hundred of these great white birds, on their way to the Arctic for the nesting season. Having just arrived they were rather distant, and stayed out at the bar, so I was not able to get very close. This bar is nearly half a mile from the shore, and the intervening water is all shallow, and may be waded anywhere, right out to the bar. In this shallow water there grow lilies and other aquatic plants which furnish a good deal of food for the birds, and in this area there was a great congregation of wild fowl.

First in order of interest were the swans, five hundred strong, and after watching them for some hours, we met another flock of 71 coming in from the east as we were coming away. They were not surprised to find about a thousand there on the morning of the 5th. They sat on the bar itself in small numbers, most of them being busily engaged in feeding in the water. When it was quiet, three feet deep, necessitating the full length of the neck, and the result was that sometimes one could look through the glass and have a majority of the birds seen picking at stems and tail only. The flock kept up an incessant gabble (not a very good word to describe their musical language, as I noted), which was far from unpleasant, and had such carrying qualities that one could hear them, under favorable circumstances, for a mile. This conversation was unusual, and I was told that it kept up all night as well.

During my visit the birds remained near the bar, but on the very day I left they came in towards shore, and in a few days were nesting unconcernedly within easy gun range of the hundreds of spectators.

As previously arranged, the commissioner of Dominion parks, in charge of the enforcement of the migratory birds convention act, had two Mounties come down from Windsor to prevent molestation of the birds, and two finer fellows for the job could not have been picked at once.

They were full of enthusiasm, and deeply interested in the birds, and their efforts were crowned with absolute success.

The longer the birds remained the tamer they became. Many of the visitors who came every year to see the geese at Jack Miner's went to the lake to see the swans, and their annual visit bids fair to be a historic one in Western Ontario.

The geese were at Jack's in their usual numbers, or more so, and attracted the usual amount of attention. For myself there was a new scene when I stayed at the lake to see them come from the ponds in the evening. They came as they arrive in the morning, all broken into groups varying from two hundred down, but the point of interest was to see them tumble as they reached the bar, they fly high over the town, doubtless hearing in mind the many rifle bullets that have gone their way in past years, and when they arrive over the bar, some float down like an anemone, while others do the tumbling act—coming down at an acute angle, zigzagging from side to side as they drop, just exactly as leaves from the trees in the autumn, and when this is done by many geese at a time, the effect is very fine.

Ducks were in the lake by thousands, too, mostly Bluebills (the little ones), and Canvasbacks, with a sprinkling of Redheads, Ruffles, Whistlers and others. It was interesting to compare the three kinds of birds as they rose from the water. The swans rose with a bobbed head, the geese with a drawing in of the wings, and the ducks with a

## Senator Gets Day In Jail

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, April 29.—State Senator Robert Lacey, arraigned to-day before Federal Judge John R. Hazel on a charge of perjury in connection with dynamiting of the Niagara Falls high speed line of the International Railway Company in 1922, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one day in jail and to pay a fine of \$500.

## MANY TEACHERS PLAN "SEEING CANADA" TOUR

Itinerary of Trip Arranged by Canadian Federation Is Announced.

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, Que., April 30.—The itinerary of the personally conducted "Seeing Canada" tour of the Canadian Teachers' Federation en route to annual convention at Victoria, B. C., Aug. 12-16 next, has just been issued, and promises an interesting and instructive trip for the teachers and their friends, about 150 of whom it is expected will take advantage of it.

A special return trip under similar arrangements for those who care to take it has also been provided for, starting from Victoria and proceeding eastward by the Okanagan Lakes and Kootenay Lake, Lake Windermere, then to Vermilion River Camp, Banff, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Port William and across the great lakes by the Soo to Port McNicoll and Toronto. This trip lasts from August 17 to 29 and includes stop-over for dinner at Penitence, dinner, a night's stay and breakfast at Lake Windermere camp, lunch at Vermilion River Camp and a day in Banff, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and at Devil's Gap Camp, Kenora.

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As the result of a fall near his home about a week ago, in which his hip was fractured, Alexander Smith, 88, died in Victoria Hospital last night after being confined to that institution since the accident.

Mr. Smith was born in Scotland, and for many years had conducted a grocery store in Chatham, later coming to London, where he opened business at 157 King street. At the time of his death he was living retired.

He is survived by two sons, Andrew and Harry, both of whom are in the service, and one daughter, Miss M. P. Smith, London.

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## CHICAGO PERMIT BUT TEMPORARY

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Washington, April 30.—Major-General W. H. Bixby, former chief of engineers of the war department, appeared again yesterday as the main witness before the House rivers and harbor committee, and testified regarding the withdrawal of 10,000 cubic feet per second of water from the lakes by the Chicago sanitary district.

One of the most important of Gen. Bixby's statements was his characterization of the permit of the war department to the Chicago interests as one of a temporary and conditional nature.

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## German Pistols Are Confiscated

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, April 29.—Several rifles and automatic pistols, along with a substantial supply of ammunition, belonging to a party of Germans, en route to Edmonton to engage in farming, were confiscated by the customs authorities here. The Germans explained that they had brought the firearms for the purpose of hunting in the West and were unaware that they were violating any law in so doing.

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Manufacturers Discuss Details To Make Exhibit More Comprehensive.

### ANNUAL AFFAIR

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Stratford, April 29.—City manufacturers met this morning at the chamber of commerce rooms to discuss plans for the annual "Made-in-Stratford" show at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto. Efforts are being made to make this show better than ever.

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On the motion of Ald. Ballantyne, a committee was appointed to discuss with city milk vendors the possibility of reducing price of milk to the consumer. It was pointed out that the price of milk in Stratford is 2 cents per quart more than in most Ontario cities.

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