

DRURY PROMISES CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF TEMPERANCE MEASURES

PREMIER INFORMS TEMPERANCE DEPUTATION THAT LEGISLATION IS BEING CAREFULLY PLANNED

Drury Assures Delegates From Dominion Alliance Convention That Every Effort Will Be Made To Make Ontario Temperance Act As Effective As Possible—Londoners Speak For Deputation.

Toronto, March 10.—(By Canadian Press).—"It is our sincere desire to make the Ontario temperance act effective and to enforce it in such a way that there will be no reaction, for we must not jeopardize the permanent cause of temperance in the province. We are as anxious as you to make the act effective, and we will move to that end as swiftly as possible, but with due deliberation."

Such was the assurance given by Premier Drury to a deputation of some 250 delegates from the Dominion Alliance convention, who waited on the Government, asking that action be taken to remove legal difficulties which hamper the enactment of temperance legislation.

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ONTARIO TEMPERANCE WORKERS WANT LEGAL DIFFICULTIES REMOVED

Toronto, March 10.—(By Canadian Press).—"The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, in convention this morning, decided, unanimously, that legal difficulties must be removed before it will ask for a provincial plebiscite. In this the alliance stands at variance with the Ontario referendum committee, which has asked for a referendum."

No decision has yet been reached by the joint gathering of the Dominion Alliance and the Ontario referendum committee, and the alliance executive, which began its sessions yesterday, is expected to meet this morning.

The report of the special committee of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance was presented, and passed at this morning's session of the convention. The deputation to the government will submit that the present situation in Ontario is perplexing alike to the government and to the prohibition forces. It says that the Ontario act, known as Bill 98, is admitted to be so surrounded with difficulties as to make its use at the present time inadvisable.

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Thousands Threaten Strike Against Profiteering Methods

New York, March 10.—Possibility of a general strike of 350,000 union men in New York City, if relief is not provided immediately against profiteering landlords and other high costs of living, was up for consideration at a conference here today between Mayor Hylan and officials of the Central Federated Union. The threat to recommend the strike was made recently by the Central Union, the officials of which asked the mayor to support a bill designed to check profiteering in rents.

Public Utilities In Secret Session Grant Increases To All Salaried Men On Staff

Members Afraid That Publicity Would Stir Up Trouble In Other Departments—Citizens Interested Can See For Themselves, Is Statement.

Increases to every salaried man on the staff of the public utilities commission were granted at a secret meeting of that body recently. The members agreed among themselves not to make this known, as it might stir up trouble in other departments.

"It was thought to be the best policy for this department to handle the matter in this way," said Commissioner P. G. Mitchell today. "If any of the citizens are interested in finding out what the salaries are, they can see them at the city hall, but there is no reason for spreading the information broadcast."

Two years ago, when a similar increase was granted, the Advertiser pointed out that it caused so much trouble that we decided we would keep it secret this year," said Mr. Mitchell.

The commission was more successful this year and succeeded in eluding the scribes long enough to "slip over" the increases to its salaried men. The union and other people who work for a wage may receive consideration later.

Hard On Harmony.

It is certain that resort to these tactics by the commission will do any harm.

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ASQUITH SAYS 'SENSELESS POLICY' OF LLOYD GEORGE'S GOVERNMENT IS CAUSE OF CRIME IN IRELAND

Former British Premier Delivers Soothing Arraignment of Methods Pursued in Governing Irish People — Claims Britain's Failure in This Respect Was Reason For Ill-Feeling in United States.

London, March 10.—Former Premier Asquith, who was recently re-elected to the House of Commons for Paisley, spoke scathingly last night of Irish conditions before the "Eighty Club," of which he was re-elected president.

Never in the memory of the oldest club members, he said, had the methods of Government in Ireland been so reactionary, or denial of the elementary principles of civil and political liberties been so complete, so defiant, so insolent, as today. He charged that a very large proportion of the crime in Ireland was due to the "senseless policy" of the present Government.

While he and the Liberal party were pledged not to apply coercion to Ulster, they were equally pledged to the home rule act now on the statute books, and he would think himself worse than a traitor if he asked the Irish people to accept any form of self-government less than was contained in that act.

The great obstacle to frank and friendly co-operation between Great Britain and the United States, he asserted, was Britain's failure to apply to Ireland the principles they had both agreed at the peace conference were the governing principles of civilization. Referring to Turkey, the former premier declared that the massacre in Cilicia ought to be the last chapter of Ottoman rule.

COMMITTEE FROM WESTERN UNIVERSITY IS IN TORONTO

Will Interview Representatives of Rockefeller Foundation Fund Regarding Grant For London University — Friday or Saturday.

It is expected that a delegation from Western University will wait on the representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation in Toronto today. Who comprises this delegation is rather a mystery, but it is rumored that Dr. Paul McKibben, dean of the Medical School, and Arthur T. Little, chairman of the board of governors, will be the Western representatives.

When approached this morning on the subject by The Advertiser, Dr. McKibben refused to make any statement whatever until he returns to the city on Friday or Saturday.

Dr. George E. Vincent and Dr. R. M. Pearce are the representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation who are in Canada in connection with the Rockefeller grant of \$5,000,000 for medical research in this country.

BRITAIN AWAITS FINAL DECISION OF HER ALLIES

Delay in Turkish Situation Is Due To Reluctance by Italy.

FRANCE HESITATES

Certain Section Supporting Italy in Slowness To Act.

London, March 10.—The continued postponement of the Allied decision with regard to the Turkish situation, attributed in peace conference circles here to the hesitation of France and Italy, neither of which countries is asserted, has definitely answered Great Britain's invitation to co-operate in occupying the city.

Italy is credited with maintaining a reluctance to participate in any drastic action, and to be receiving the support of a section of the French politicians, notably M. Bartou, former foreign minister.

C. P. R. BRANCH TO SARNIA UNLIKELY

Not At All Probable, Says Supt. A. Williams When Interviewed.

The building of a branch line of the C. P. R. to Sarnia during the next few years, is not looked upon as at all probable by local officials of the road. Superintendent A. Williams stated this morning that he had heard nothing of the proposed branch, and that in the many years he has been located in this district no survey has been made of the land, which would have to be used to construct a road over.

At the present time there is really no need for a branch line to Sarnia, which would make it worth while for the C. P. R. to build a branch to the border town, Mr. Williams pointed out. With the establishment of a large steel works there, however, he believes that in a few years it may be advisable to erect a road. The C. P. R. has a connection with Sarnia, via the Pere Marquette road, which the Canadian road is able to take care of its business in the tunnel city.

Local officials of both G. T. R. and C. P. R. believe that a railway line should be erected between Windsor and Sarnia. At the present time it is necessary for anyone, desiring to travel between Windsor and Sarnia, to come back to London, or to travel between the two border points, than it would if a line were erected between the two cities.

Travelers doing business in Windsor and Sarnia find it necessary to make a long detour to cross the border, and rapid service between these two cities.

STEAMER BREAKS TO PIECES ON ROCKS ON COAST NEAR HALIFAX

Portuguese Owned Vessel Albatros Is Total Wreck.

Halifax, N. S., March 10.—While returning to port seeking the Portuguese owned steamer, which sailed from Halifax on Monday for Portugal, went ashore last night on Tommie's ledge, a rocky point, 28 miles east of Halifax. In abandoning the ship two of the crew lost their lives. The remaining crew, 28 men, were rescued and taken to the island and were provided for by the light keeper. They suffered severely from exposure, but were all saved.

The Albatros, formerly in the naval service, was purchased last year by the Portuguese for the sardine fisheries.

REDS TAKE AFGHAN TRIBE UNDER ITS "OFFICIAL WING"

Latest Move by Bolsheviks Is Causing Some Alarm.

Delhi, India, March 10.—Persons arriving here from Central Asia report that much alarm has been created in Herat, Afghanistan, by disclosure of the fact that the Bolshevik Government in Russia is planning to take the Afghan tribe under its official protection.

"There had been much trouble for many years owing to Russian intrigue with the Afghans," said a British official here, "and the Bolsheviks are now trying to bring about a settlement of the whole tribe to its original home in Afghanistan. Recently the Bolsheviks have been using the name of the Afghans to attract supplies out of the Province of Herat."

BUSY MONTH FOR REAL ESTATERS

Important Changes in Wholesale District.

\$55,000 DEAL

W. E. Saunders Co. Pays This Amount For Holeproof Hosiery Premises.

Completion of real estate records this week will likely show that the past month was a busy one as far as land transactions were concerned.

Several important buildings in the business district have changed hands. The Holeproof Hosiery building, at 155 and 156 King street, next to the Elliott & Mann warehouse, has been sold to the W. E. Saunders Company, wholesale hosiery, for \$55,000. The building at present occupied by this company, at 352 Clarence street, has been sold to Lawson & Jones, Limited, which adjoins it, for \$15,000.

The store occupied by R. H. & J. Dowler, at 175 and 176 Dundas street, has been purchased by that firm from its owner, A. Pring, for \$15,000.

The Olympia Candy Company's store, 156 Dundas street, has been sold by George T. Hiscox to Peter P. Mandas, the proprietor.

DISCOUNT RATE ON CANADIAN MONEY IN U.S. IS COMING DOWN

New York, March 10.—Rates on demand bill for the English pound sterling, opened today at \$3.68 1/2, or 1 1/2 above yesterday's closing figure.

During the first hour demand sterling rose to \$3.70 1/2, the highest rate since the slump of last month, when it fell to \$3.15.

The discount rate on Canadian money was quoted at 1 1/2 per cent this morning.

DEWART AND TOLMIE WILL ADDRESS HOUSE AT THURSDAY SESSION

Legislative Chamber Stripped of Gala Attire.

TWO SPEAKING TODAY

Capt. Joseph Thompson of Northeast Toronto Appointed a Party Whip.

COMMITTS SUICIDE BELIEVING HE HAD KILLED HIS SON

Saskatchewan Farmer Shoots Himself Following Accident.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 10.—Suffering pangs of remorse at having, as he thought, just shot and instantly killed his son, Andrew Olsen, a well-known farmer of Turfville, Sask., reloaded his rifle and shot himself dead.

His son was lying sick in bed when Olsen was beside him cleaning his gun. Seeking information on how the gun worked the father asked the boy. The son believing the gun not loaded, was showing his father how it worked with the muzzle pointed towards him. In so doing, the father pulled the trigger. The shot entered the boy's arm. The son turned his face toward the wall, writhing in pain.

Under the impression his son was dying, the father then turned the rifle on himself. The shot entered his head, killing him instantly. An investigation has been ordered.

MANITOBA VETERANS ARE BANQUETTED BY PROVINCIAL GOVT.

Returned Men Tell Officials Their Acts Will Be Closely Watched.

Winnipeg, Man., March 10.—On behalf of the people of the Province of Manitoba, the Government of the province tendered a banquet last night to the officers of the Provincial Command of the Great War Veterans of Canada, and the delegates attending the provincial convention. The tone of the speeches was one of appreciation of the patriotic action by the association, but nearly all coincided with the remarks vigorously expressed by W. A. Irwin, president of the Alberta Command, that the Great War Veterans warned all governments that no legislation could be put on the statute books of the country without passing the censorship of the G. W. V. A., whose members by the principles of their constitution, were impressed with their responsibilities as citizens and firmly drilled by their experience overseas into the proper appreciation of the value of concentrated power, backed by the sentiment of the people.

RAILWAY BOARD WILL CONSIDER COMPLAINTS OF CANADIAN FIRMS

Montreal, March 10.—(By Canadian Press).—Hon. P. B. Carvell announced yesterday that a special meeting of the board of railway commissioners would be held on Tuesday next to take up the matter of the complaints against the recent ruling by the railways in Canada that freight next to take up the United States would not be accepted, but that all such freight must be collected in Canadian currency.

This ruling has been vigorously protested by many Canadian shippers, owing to the unfavorable rate of exchange, which means that freight shipped from Montreal to points in the United States must be paid for in United States dollars, which cost about \$1.10 each in Canadian currency.

\$100,000 FOR AGED MINISTERS.

Montreal, March 10.—A meeting of the Montreal Presbytery yesterday proposed that payment of a sum of \$100,000 for the aged ministers' fund should be a first claim upon the budget of the Presbyterian Church, gave rise to a lengthy debate, and was finally adopted, with the understanding that it would be presented both to the standing committee and to the general assembly, which will meet in Ottawa next June.

Rev. Dr. Morrison of Beaufort was appointed new moderator.

WAR DECLARED IN CHINESE PROVINCE

Factions Start Hostilities Due To Appointment of Governor.

Shanghai, March 10.—By Associated Press.—Warfare has broken out in Honan province because of the effort of the Chinese government to appoint Wang Kwang Hsin governor of the province to supplant Shao Yi, whose forces are opposing those of Wang Kwang Hsin. This and the outbreak of hostilities in Kwang-Tung province where fighting is proceeding between southern factions, has brought to light a league of eight provinces—Fukien, Kiangsi, Chihli, Honan, Szechwan, Hupeh, Shan-tung, and Kiangsi—aiming to affect peace by uniting against the military forces, both of Peking and the south, and forcing dissolution of the Parliament at Canton and Peking.

The forces supporting Shao Yi in Honan are moving on Cheng Chow and the coalition has been drawn along the Peking-Hankow Railway, north of Cheng Chow to resist Peking troops.

Refugees from the fighting areas are pouring into Canton and Hong Kong.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS ATTACK ON OFFICIALS

Premier Bauer Says Acts Will Be Punished.

Berlin, March 10.—The German Imperial Government has issued a proclamation signed by Premier Bauer, condemning attacks on members of the Reichstag. It declared that the minister of defence will act with the greatest severity in punishing excesses.

ATTACKS AT BRESLAU.

Paris, March 10.—Members of the allied military commission at Breslau were attacked yesterday by a mob, but were saved from injury by intervention of the police. The allied representatives were hooted, and some stones were thrown by the crowd before it could be dispersed.

SNOW RAPIDLY GOING AND DROWSY FEELING OF SPRING PREVAILS

Few Sleighs on Streets Today and Spring Flowers Plentiful.

Wheeled vehicles held sway on the city streets today, for the first time in ten weeks. The first break in the excellent sleighing, which has prevailed since the beginning of winter, occurred this morning when a warm sun turned the hard, frozen roads into veritable rivers. By noon few sleighs were to be seen.

Sleighing was by no means the only thing which was affected by the sun. The snow that had backed the city streets shrunk rapidly during the early hours, and in many places patches of brown grass with small showings of green appeared. Wet patches on the trunk of trees where cuts had been made, showed that the sap was beginning to course its way toward the buds.

The ache in the limbs of many people was not caused by rheumatism or influenza, but in the majority of cases was due to the long, cold winter, during which they tried to stretch and yawn out of their system, by spring fever.

The windows of the florists' shops gave the most beautiful promise of spring, for they were crowded with colorful blooms of all kinds. Daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, true flowers of spring, predominated. The beautiful supply of cut flowers was credited by the dealers to the warmth of the past two days, which coaxed the buds, which have remained dormant under the cloudy skies of the past few weeks, into full bloom.

REFUSES PERMISSION TO DUTCH DELEGATION TO ENTER RUSSIA

Copenhagen, March 9.—Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian commissioner here, has refused permission to a Dutch-Soviet official commercial delegation which is in Copenhagen to enter Soviet Russia.

3 KILLED WHEN PLANE TAKES FIRE AND FALLS

Wichita, Kansas, March 10.—Emil Saugusaur, an airplane pilot, Miss "Charlie" Hart and John D. Ratelle, the latter 11 years old, were killed yesterday when an airplane in which they were riding caught fire 500 feet in the air, near Sunningham, and fell to earth.

WILL ASK INVESTIGATION

Ottawa, March 10.—(By Canadian Press).—Col. Jack Currie, member for Simcoe, gave notice last night that he would move for a special committee to probe the practicability of a deep waterway between the Lawrence and the Great Lakes, also the hydro-electric possibilities of such an undertaking. Co-operation with provincial authorities and the holding of committee sessions during parliamentary recess are urged.

PERMANENT OFFICE IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 10.—Ottawa is to be the new permanent home of the secretary of the Canadian Association of Building Industries, and within the next few weeks Mr. J. Clarke Kilby, secretary of the association, will open his office and conduct the business of the association here.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 40; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 31.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Toronto, March 11.—5 a.m. Forecasts.

Southwest and south winds; fair and sunny today and part of Thursday, then becoming showery.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	Highest	Lowest
St. Catharines	40	24
Windsor	38	22
London	40	22
Montreal	32	20
Port Arthur	28	10
Sault Ste. Marie	28	22
Pasadena	38	26
Kingston	32	22
Ottawa	34	22
Quebec	32	20
Father Point	21	8
Halifax	38	15

Weather Notes.

The weather has been comparatively mild in all parts of the Dominion. Some light local falls of snow and rain in Ontario and Quebec.

ALICE MARRIES AGAIN

New York, March 10.—Alice Joyce, the motion-picture star, has become a bride again by marrying Jas. Regan, son of the proprietor of the Knickerbocker Hotel, New York.

Broadway gossip long has linked the names of the young couple.

Mrs. Joyce was formerly the wife of "Tom" Moore, whose brother, Owen, was divorced by Mary Pickford in Nevada.

AVIATORS ARE KILLED

Miami, Fla., March 10.—Charles Sims, pilot, and mechanics, Earl and Blanchard, of New York, were killed when their airplane crashed to the ground here last night.

HIGHER PRICE FOR GASOLINE IS PREDICTION

Chicago, March 10.—Further increase in the price of gasoline this spring was predicted here today by delegates attending the National Petroleum Congress. A scarcity of petroleum was declared imminent unless conservation measures were observed and greater production obtained.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Majestic—Katherine Macdonald, in "Speedy Meade."

Edwards—Filly Burke, in "The Misleading Widow," and vaudeville.

Grand—"The Still Alarm," and vaudeville.

Allen—"Eyes of Youth."

OTHER EVENTS.

Motor Show—McLaughlin Building.

Viggo Kihl—Piano recital at Institute of Musical Art.

Liberal Club Dance—Hyman Hall.

Subscription Rates Advance

Owing to the increased cost of white paper, publishers generally find themselves face-to-face with a problem of increased expense, which will have to be divided between the advertisers who buy space in the daily publications and the subscribers.

Five years ago the London Advertiser was paying less than \$40.00 per ton for white paper. Today the rate is \$80.00 per ton, and there is every reason to believe that it will be more after July 1. No publishers are protected after July 1 at the present price.

In order to give Advertiser readers the same high-class newspaper which they have been accustomed to receive in the past, subscription rates must be advanced to help share the general expenses.

The new rates will not cover the entire cost of white paper.

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Called for, by the week	13c
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