

PAINLEVE'S FRENCH PREMIER

London Ready To Welcome 800 Rotarians In Conference

PAINLEVE TO FORM CABINET

Former French Premier Assumes Task When Briand Announces Failure.

COALITION MINISTRY

Three Socialists Will Take Over Office in the New Government.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, April 15.—Official announcement was made shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon that ex-Premier Paul Painlevé, who had been invited by President Doumergue to form a cabinet in succession to the Herriot ministry, had accepted the invitation.

M. Painlevé arrived at the palace of the Elysees at 2 p.m. to give his definite reply to President Doumergue. His visit followed closely assurances by the Socialists that they would participate in his government. According to the present arrangement, three Socialists will take office in the new ministry, two being Paul Boncour and Alexandre Varennes. Unless a change is made M. Briand will not take office, Painlevé himself assuming the portfolio of foreign affairs.

Painlevé today definitely agreed to form a cabinet in succession to the Herriot ministry. The Socialist party today decided it would allow its members to take office under a Painlevé ministry.

The stronghold which the Socialists maintain on the situation was again evident this morning when Leon Blum and Pierre Renouvier led a string of callers to the office of M. Painlevé, and a cabinet from the Socialist congress called on him in a body.

Predictions are freely made that a Painlevé cabinet will encounter the same obstacles as did the Herriot ministry, and that with the issue over, extreme financial policies at its climax, such a ministry can hope for only a few weeks of life. It is understood that a hint has been conveyed to M. Painlevé that while it is well enough to have a Socialist support, Socialist dictation must end.

300 CANADIAN TEACHERS PAY VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, April 15.—A group of 300 Canadian school teachers, accompanied by Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, visited the White House yesterday. With large crowds of visitors in the capital for Easter, thousands are besieging the president's residence daily. Almost 1,500 persons received the "coolidge handshake" at noon during the half-hour period which the president sets aside each day for coming in contact with his well-wishers.

WELLAND CANAL OPENED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Huron, April 15.—The Welland canal opened for traffic for the season of 1925 at 7 o'clock this morning. No boats have arrived here as yet.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today Moderate to fresh northwest winds; fair and cool.
Thursday Moderate winds; fine and somewhat milder.
Friday Pressure is low over the St. Lawrence valley and high over the northwest states and western provinces. The weather has been showery from Ontario eastward and fair and cool in the west.

Temperatures.		
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:		
Stations.	High	Low
Victoria	60	46
Calgary	50	20
Winnipeg	50	28
Port Arthur	50	28
Ferry Sound	50	28
Toronto	50	28
Kingston	46	40
Ottawa	56	34
Montreal	40	38
Quebec	40	38
Father Point	38	34
St. John	42	36
Halifax	38	34

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 55; lowest, 37.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 55; lowest, 37.
Sun rises at 5:58 a.m., and sets at 7:01 p.m.
Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.19.
Today—8 a.m., 29.17.

Flags and Friendliness Await Bold Rotarians Who Reach City Tonight



WILL WELCOME ROTARIANS.
Above is Dr. Alfred J. Grant, president of the London Rotary club, who is to open the 18th district Rotary conference with an address of welcome in the Patricia theatre at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

BIG C.P.R. LINER SWEEPED BY FIRE

Damage to Montclair at English Dock Will Exceed \$250,000.

Associated Press Despatch.
Liverpool, April 15.—Fire broke out at 7 o'clock this morning on the Canadian Pacific steamer Montclair which has just completed repairs at a dock at Birkenhead, across the Mersey opposite Liverpool. By noon the whole fore part of the vessel was reported to be destroyed, with the fire still not under control, dense clouds of smoke hammering the fire fighters. The Montclair was due to resume her trans-Atlantic sailings this coming week-end.

From the decks of the steamer located at a neighboring dock the firemen poured great streams of water on the white-hot plates of the burning liner, but they made little impression.

The cause of the fire, which started in the third-class accommodations, is not known.

It was estimated that the damage would reach nearly \$250,000.

One fireman was overcome by gas fumes from the blaze.

G. H. LINFOOT, AGED 66, DROPS DEAD AT WORK

Well-Known Londoner Employed by Perrin Company For 39 Years.

George H. Linfoot, 66 years old, of 388 Horton street, for 39 years an employee of the D. S. Perrin company, and well-known in London, dropped dead while at work this morning.

Mr. Linfoot had apparently been in the best of health, not missing a day's work through illness in years. Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, he was seen to sway sideways, and then to fall to the floor. Dr. George Jamieson was called, and later Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson.

350 From Michigan Form Advance Guard—800 Will Gather For Conference.

CROWDED PROGRAM

Conference Opens at 9 o'clock Tomorrow With Address of Welcome.

Three hundred and fifty Rotarians from Michigan, the advance party of the eight hundred who will be in the city tomorrow for the Rotary district conference, will reach London tonight. The Ontario delegates will arrive in the morning.

The eighteenth Rotary district of which London is part includes the state of Michigan and most of Ontario. This conference which will last for two days, Thursday and Friday, is the last this district will hold. Next year Michigan will be divided into two sections.

Although it is only a two-day conference the time of the visitors is well filled. A long program has been arranged by the London committee in charge of William R. Vendall which leaves no spare time. During their time here the visitors will take in the Hobby Fair in the Arena and see for themselves what the London club has been able to do in three years in this endeavor.

Last and Best Conference
The city has been decorated by the London club in honor of the visitors, with flags and fairy lights across the streets. The Patricia theatre also has been touched up and given a host of decorations. Members of the London club have spent a great deal of time and money on the conference and are confident that it will prove the best even if the last of all the district conferences ever held by number eighteen.

The sessions of the conference will be held in the Patricia theatre and the first session will begin at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Dr. Alfred J. Grant, president of the London club, will deliver his address of welcome at 10 o'clock according to the official program and will be joined by the mayor. The morning session is to be held at an address by Alex. R. McFarlane of Vancouver, Director of Rotary International.

Churches Will Entertain
Lunches have been arranged for Thursday and Friday, and seven or eight visiting clubs being entertained by each church. The churches taking part are The First Methodist, St. Andrew's, Dundas Centre, Methodist, St. James' Cathedral, and the Tabernacle Baptist church.

At two o'clock in the afternoon in the theatre Eugene W. Liss, special representative of the Playground and Recreation association of America will speak on the work of the association.

There will also be a talk by William Lewis Butcher, director of Boy's Department Work, of the Children's Aid Society, New York on his phase of work among boys. At four o'clock the Rotarians will go to the Hobby Fair returning in time for the Conference Dinner in the Winter Gardens at six.

They will return to see the city and back to the Winter Garden for a dance at 10:45.

Friday Will Be Musical
The second day Friday is just a musical day. Besides the usual sessions of the conference there is a luncheon at the Winter Gardens at noon, when Grover Wood will be the speaker. After lunch there will be a five-minute address on the results of the elections for district governor for 1925 will be announced.

As most of the Rotarians will bring their wives with them special arrangements have been made for their entertainment. On Thursday there is a ladies lunch at Smallman and Ingram and in the afternoon a musicale and tea at the University of Western Ontario.



SMART, WHAT?
Here is James "Red" Wallace, 315 Grey street, commander of the Simcoe street public school cadet corps, as he will look saluting Lieut. Governor Harry Cockshutt on Victoria Day in one of the 1,000 new cadet uniforms which were purchased today by the London board of education as the climax of a prolonged

CADET TENDER LET TO TORONTO FIRM

Winning Contract Price Is \$6 Per Suit—Completed by May 20.

The tender for 1,000 public school cadet uniforms was let today to the Moyer Company, Toronto, at the price of \$6 per uniform.

The board of education decided at its regular meeting last week to purchase 1,000 uniforms with which to completely equip the corps immediately. Of the sum required, \$2,500 was placed in the board's estimates and \$2,500 has been loaned to the board by Smallman & Ingram.

Since the uniforms are to be completed by Wednesday, May 20, it is confidently expected that the entire corps in the public schools of the city will parade before Lieutenant-Governor Harry Cockshutt in Victoria park on Friday, May 22, in observance of Victoria Day, which falls this year on Sunday.

The purchase of the uniforms brings to a close a long drawn-out controversy both in and out of the board over the whole question of cadet training in the schools, aside from the purchase of the uniforms at the present time.

VANDERVELDE FORMING NEW BELGIAN CABINET

Associated Press Despatch.
Brussels, April 15.—Emile Vandervelde, the Socialist leader and former minister of justice has begun the task of forming a new cabinet to take the place of that headed by Premier Theunys, who resigned April 5. He is undertaking this work at the request of King Albert, and with the consent of the general council of the Socialist party, but the Socialist congress must be responsible for the composition of a Socialist government and for the government's program.

Hobby Fair Programs

Tonight's musical program at the Arena includes the orchestra and the Glee club of the university of Western Ontario. The Glee club will be under the leadership of Mr. Rennie, and the orchestra in charge of G. Forrist.

Tomorrow night, when the visiting Rotarians will be present, the pageant, "Rotary Around the World," with 1,000 children singing, directed by E. W. G. Quantz, and the De La Salle boys' acrobatic troupe will make up the evening's program.

BREAD WAR IS ENDED

London Bakers Bury Hatchet and Price Becomes 11 Cents.

LASTED 45 DAYS

Lost Money by Cut in Rates—No Further Change Is Expected.

Bread is selling in London today at eleven cents a loaf.

The war of the bakeries is over, and with the hull of battle comes the general increase in the price of bread.

For forty-five days the price was sold down to nine cents for the pound and a half loaf, and then the companies realized that the hatchet had to be buried, as revenues were not covering costs.

The fact that they were losing money was the general reason given by bakers to the Advertiser for the return to the old price. "The little fight has cost us a lot of money," stated one, "and we are mighty glad to get the eleven-cent charge back."

G. F. Dean, of the Dean Baking Company, pointed to the price of bread in other cities to justify the general increase in London.

"In Montreal they are paying thirteen cents," he stated, "and flour doesn't cost any more there than it does here. Detroit also charges thirteen cents, and yet flour is cheaper on the American than Canadian market. Then in Windsor the price is twelve cents, while places around London, such as Chatham, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto all charge eleven cents."

The manager of the Monarch Bakeseries, Limited, stated that the increase was merely a righting of conditions. "The cut was unequalled for in the first place," he stated, "and a month of war had been in progress, and the price of wheat had risen to such a point that we had to raise our price."

All the seven leading bakers in the city, called by The Advertiser, stated that the price is eleven cents, retail, nine and a half cents wholesale, and would remain at that price indefinitely. With present high overhead costs, and the price of wheat up, they do not look for any reduction during the summer.

HOMESICK LADS HIKE TO MOTHER

Pair of Weary Travellers Are Sorry They Missed Fire at Orphanage.

Two youngsters, homesick for their mother, started away from the Mount St. Joseph orphanage at 6 o'clock yesterday morning on a long trek to River Rouge where they hoped to find her.

The boys, who were ten and twelve years of age, were seen trudging along the Longwoods road yesterday morning near Delaware by High Constable Wharton, who was returning to London.

The children plodded on and arrived at Glencoe just at dusk. They were spied by Warden Allan McPherson of Middlesex county who aided the lads with questions, knowing that they were strangers in the neighborhood. The youngsters told their story and the general warden staked them to a good supper, meanwhile phoning the high constable.

Mr. Wharton gave the boys a fast ride back to London and woke them gently from a tired and weary sleep as he delivered them to the sisters at the convent. Both boys were sorry that they had gone on the trip when they learned that they had missed all the excitement of the fire that swept the orphanage yesterday afternoon.

HEAVY ICE IN SUPERIOR IS REPORTED BY VESSEL

Associated Press Despatch.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 15.—While apparently the steamers Harvester and Drummond experienced little trouble in making the passage in Lake Superior yesterday, a wireless despatch from the Drummond gives a cautionary report of the ice conditions. "The ice is heavy in the fields are floating about 25 miles above Whitefish Point. There is plenty of open spots to get around them. Loaded boats might have trouble in view of the westerly winds but light boats can get through. The weather is warm, temperature 40."

APPOINTMENTS GUARDIAN.
Toronto, April 15.—An estate of \$16,000 is to be managed by the Guelph Trust Company, who were appointed a committee for Mary Ann Cautwell, an aged woman now in a Guelph hospital. The application was made before Mr. Justice Mowat in weekly court at Osgoode hall yesterday.



POPULAR WITH HOBBY FAIR CROWDS.

Nothing has been so pleasing to visitors to the Rotary Hobby Fair this year as the exhibition of acrobatics given last night by the De La Salle school boys. Here the twelve are shown in one of their pyramids. Left to right, on the ground—Tom McCarthy, S. Forristal, Eugene Creteau and Philip Insell. The boy standing in the center is Jack Fowler, and on each side of him are Ernest Holland (left) and Roman Belitsky (right). The two boys balanced on their hands are Edward Storey (left) and Marcus O'Hara (right).

"STAY HOME YOUNG MAN" IS DETROIT'S ADVICE

Unemployment Secretary in Detroit Y.M.C.A. Says Young Canadians Should Be Warned.

COL. BROWN AGREES

Says Fine Prospects in United States Are Often a Delusion.

Detroit has just heard hundreds of out-of-work Canadians. On the books of the employment secretary of the Detroit Y. M. C. A. is a long list of names of Canadian young men who want work and cannot get it.

Col. W. J. Brown, executive secretary of the university of Western Ontario, has just received notice from Stanley Brent, the national secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Toronto to this effect.

Mr. Brent, in writing to Col. Brown, says: "I have just heard from the employment secretary of the Detroit Y. M. C. A. that he has a large number of unemployed Canadians there now. He advises most strongly that all our young men should be warned of these conditions, and that they should, if possible, be persuaded to stay here for the time being. He says, too, that similar conditions exist in the majority of the middle west and eastern cities in the States."

Col. Brown, who made a tour of the middle west and the eastern states last fall, declares that this statement from Detroit is in accordance with his own observations.

"It is the same in all the cities of the middle west, and all the young men here should be told of conditions before they start off. It is not much good for them to know about it after they are stranded somewhere. The general impression prevailing among young men in Canada that conditions and opportunities are vastly better there than here is a delusion."

BOAT GOES THROUGH SUPERIOR ICE FIELD

Drummond Escorted To Fort William by Ice-Breaking Tug.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Arthur, April 15.—The steamer Drummond, which locked through the Soo canal Sunday evening with a cargo of steel rails to be unloaded at Fort William, arrived at the edge of the ice field about five miles out yesterday noon, and is proceeding through the ice under the escort of an ice-breaking tug. She should make her break by 3 or 4 o'clock. This is not a record for early opening of navigation, but is much earlier than usual. In 1921 the first boat arrived on April 8. A heavy northwest wind is doing much to clear the Thunder Bay of floating ice.

MISS OBERHOLTZER HAD BEEN IN A critical condition for several days as the result of noisiness which she told her parents she took at Hammond, Ind., following Stephenson's alleged attack. Stephenson was indicted on five charges by a grand jury which investigated Miss Oberholtzer's story, and is being held under \$25,000 bail bond.

PUMPER STOPPED BIG LOSS

Mount St. Joseph's Orphanage Will Be Ready Again in One Week.

START WORK TODAY

Defective Wiring Near Straw Mattresses Started Blaze in the Tower.

Within one week Mount St. Joseph Catholic orphanage, swept by fire yesterday afternoon, is expected to be in suitable condition for the accommodation of the 183 children now temporarily quartered in the Precious Blood monastery and the convent of the Sacred Heart.

Sisters of Mount St. Joseph commenced work early this morning in clearing the lower floors of the building of debris. Contract for reconstruction work will be let immediately, and actual building operations will commence either this afternoon or tomorrow.

Meanwhile tuition of the older boys and girls will not be interfered with. They attended classes today in rooms at the Sacred Heart convent at the Precious Blood monastery.

Inspection of the burned buildings was made this morning by members of the firm of Beddome, Brown, Cronyn and Peacock, who carry insurance on the orphanage. They stated the loss would not exceed \$25,000. Members of the fire department did excellent work in confining the blaze to the top stories alone, they said.

Reconstruction work will consist of the building of a new roof and renovation of the attic and fifth floors. This will be completed, it is expected, in about three weeks. That building operations will not interfere with the orphanage work.

Philip Peacock, who purchased the building for the Roman Catholic orphanage when it was formerly the Helmut ladies' college, stated today that the work of the fire department in fighting the blaze was very satisfactory. Kind assistance given officials of the institution yesterday afternoon in looking after the children avoided confusion and trouble, he said, and helped greatly to relieve inconvenience.

Pumper Is Needed.
The immediate need for an additional pumper for the fire department was stressed this morning by Fire Chief John Aitken. He declares the pumper, the most important factor in confining the blaze. This type of apparatus alone saved the building from total destruction, he said.

Investigation today revealed that defective wiring in the tower created a short circuit which ignited straw mattresses stored nearby in the attic.

The fire department returned from the scene of the blaze at 7 o'clock last night. Several men were stationed on the grounds during the night in case of fire breaking out again from smoldering pieces.

JOHN SINGER SARGENT, FAMOUS ARTIST, DIES

Passes Away at London, England Home Following Stroke of Paralysis.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, April 15.—John Sargent, the noted artist, died suddenly at his home in Chelsea this morning.

Mr. Sargent suffered a stroke at 3 o'clock, and died a few hours later.

John Singer Sargent, probably one of the best known portrait painters of recent times, was born in Florence, Italy, in 1856, the son of Dr. Fitzwilliam S. Sargent, Boston physician and author.

With the exception of some half dozen visits to the United States, the last of them in 1903, Sargent has made his home in the European capitals, and, latterly, since 1884, has lived in London. Sargent studied painting at the Academy of Fine Arts, Florence, and in Paris under Carolus Duran.

URGE FOSTER CHILDREN AS WARDS OF PROVINCE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., April 15.—A resolution recommending the adoption of legislation making all immigrant children automatically wards of the province when they are placed in foster homes or situations in Saskatchewan, was passed at the child welfare conference which concluded yesterday.