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British Are Alarmed At London Tram and Bus Strike

COUNCIL IS CALLED TO HALT STRIKE

Inevitable Entry of Subwaysmen Into Fight Alarms The Government, MAY SUMMON KING

State of Emergency May Invoke Same Powers As War-time Act.

London, March 27.—So seriously does the Government regard the situation created by continuance of the tram and bus strike and the apparently inevitable entry of the subwaymen into the fight tomorrow night, according to several of the morning newspapers, that a privy council has been called for today to consider proclaiming a "condition of national emergency."

Some of the papers go so far as to say that issuance of the proclamation has already been decided upon and that the meeting has been summoned in order that the King's formal consent to it may be given.

The King has gone to Knowlsey as the guest of Lord Derby for the grand national steeplechase on Friday, and stated that the privy council will meet there.

May Be Deduction This reported development is not announced from any official source and may prove merely a deduction from Premier MacDonald's statement that an emergency committee would meet immediately to arrange measures to combat the situation, but in the opinion of a large section of the press and public the situation is quite acute enough to justify the step.

If a state of emergency is proclaimed it will be under the provisions of the emergency powers act of 1920, which when invoked confers upon the Government virtually the same powers as the war time defence of the realm act.

It enables the Government, subject to the approval of parliament to make wide and compulsory provisions for the safety and life of the community, including taking over control of any public service, using army and navy forces therefor and commandeering private vehicles and materials for the same purpose. The act was last put into effect during the miners' strike of 1920.

Such a step would bring the present Labor Government into conflict with a large section of their supporters, whose opposition to the act is well known.

CHURCH UNION BILL IN HOUSE

Judge Forbes at Fredericton to Give Views on Merger of Denominations.

Special to The Times. Assembly Chamber, March 27.—The corporations committee met this morning with Mr. Hayes in the chair and took up consideration of the Church Union bill. Members of the committee took their seats on the right of the chairman.

Mr. Hayes read a statement of the proposed arrangement for hearing as follows: An hour and a half to two hours for presentation by the promoters, three hours and a half for the opponents, three hours for a reply by the promoters, half an hour for the opponents.

Ivan C. Rand, for the Unionists, and Rev. Major McConnell for the opponents, entered into an argument on this proposal which Premier Veniot cut short by saying that if the two parties could not agree the committee would make the arrangements. The hearing then proceeded.

Famous "Cutty" Sark Again in Commission

London, March 27.—(United Press) The world's most famous and fastest sailing ship, "the Cutty Sark," is now being fitted out anew in a British port. Built fifty-six years ago, in 1869, this wonderful vessel for many years held the foremost place amongst the "cracker-jacks" of the clipper ship era.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH IS DISCIPLINED

Comes Under Ban of Bishop Manning Because of Dances There.

New York, March 27.—Bishop Manning of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York yesterday informed Rev. Dr. Win. Newman Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's-the-Bowen, that his church would remain without episcopal visitation or ministrations for its rector's refusal to discontinue eurythmic dances in connection with the services at the church.

The Reparations Report Next Week

Paris, March 27.—Next Wednesday is given as the most hopeful date for the report of the reparations commission of the expert committee's report on Germany's financial and economic position and the steps which the experts suggest for aiding Germany to clear herself of her reparations debt.

Wire Briefs

Rome, March 27.—Pope Pius today publicly conferred the red hat on Cardinals Hayes and Musolino, the final act in the elevation of the two U. S. prelates to membership in the Sacred College.

Rimouski, Que., March 27.—D. E. Bernier, merchant of Amqui, was found not guilty of manslaughter by the jury in his case after short deliberation. The trial opened at Rimouski on Monday.

Lyons, March 27.—Stuart MacLaren, British aviator, took off for Rome on the second stage of his round-the-world flight at 11:30 a. m. today.

Darjeeling, British India, March 27.—The third expedition for the conquest of Mount Everest, highest peak in the world, started from this place yesterday under the leadership of Brigadier-General Charles G. Bruce, who headed the 1924 expedition.

Rome, March 27.—(British United Press)—Russian Ambassador Jurenevich presented his credentials to King Victor Emmanuel today. His Majesty commended cordially with the Russian representative for several minutes.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 27.—When driving a horse and rig across the Canadian National Railroad crossing at Stamford last night, Tony Sarski, a Russian, was struck by a C. N. R. passenger train and killed.

Washington, March 27.—Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, offered a joint resolution in the Senate today requesting the President to invoke "such nations as he deems wise" to send representatives to a combined economic and disarmament conference in Washington.

SIR EDMUND WALKER DIES; FEW DAYS ILL

Commercial Bank Head was Outstanding in World of Finance.

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POINCARÉ WILL AGAIN BE PREMIER

Paris Says Former Head of Government Will Return to Post.

Paris, March 27.—It was regarded as virtually certain today that Premier Poincaré would reconsider his resignation, according to the opinion of the majority of the press and the advice of his friends, and reconstitute his cabinet. Thus the unexpected defeat of the Government in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday would serve merely to infuse new blood into the administration and allow the continuance of M. Poincaré's policies.

Whether or not the Premier will seize the opportunity to begin his proposed economies at once by abolishing some of the under secretariats and combining some of the departments seems uncertain. The general impression is that, if he continues in office, he will be content with making certain changes in the holders of ministerial portfolios, although some quarters believe that, with the elections so near, he may decide that it is unnecessary to make any changes at all, and simply come back with the cabinet as it stood before his resignation.

Portfolios Changes. The changes, if there are changes, are expected to be confined to the portfolios of finance, marine, commerce and interior, the ministers of which have been under adverse criticism in some political quarters.

For the ministry of finance, M. Francois-Marsal, who has already held the portfolio, is spoken of as a likely nominee, or, falling him, Maurice Bakoowski, the reporter of the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies, although it is possible that a fresh man such as Emmanuel Brousse, may be brought in.

Senator Chamuel, another former minister, is expected to be offered either marine or commerce. The interior department, which has special importance in the view of the election, will probably be filled by the transfer of one of the other ministers, either M. Colrat, minister of justice, or M. Reibel, minister of liberated regions.

BROADCASTING BY WIRE CAUSES SUIT

New York, March 27.—Suits to prevent broadcasting of radio programmes over the wires of the States Island Edison Company, sending receiving sets for \$2 a month to patrons who desired to plug in their lamp sockets to hear the entertainment. The suit against the Edison Company, which operates 200 electric light and power companies throughout the country. The Wired Radio Co. for four months has broadcast programmes over the wires of the States Island Edison Company, sending receiving sets for \$2 a month to patrons who desired to plug in their lamp sockets to hear the entertainment.

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Big March Storm Is Sweeping Halifax

Halifax, March 27.—Several weeks of almost perfect spring weather gave way today to a thick blizzard that came down on Halifax with a high northwest wind and soon had the city blanketed in an inch of snow. The storm was at its height at noon and was threatening traffic.

California's Prettiest!



Virginia Lee Martin of Los Angeles, 16-year-old junior, is heralded today as the most beautiful girl at the University of California. She's queen of this year's 'NVC' circus—the annual spring frolic at the university.

Worker Heir to \$200,000 Estate Of Brother Unseen For 60 Years

Pittsburgh, March 27.—Thomas Gemmill, a steel worker, this week learned through a newspaper advertisement that he had been named a beneficiary in the estate of his brother, John Gemmill, whom he had not seen for sixty years. The latter died recently at Nanaimo, B. C., and, according to information received here, left an estate valued at \$200,000 to his brother. The advertisement seeking information regarding Gemmill was inserted by the Standard Trust Company of Vancouver, B. C.

Gemmill at first declared he would waive rights to the estate, saying that he preferred the simple life and that he had saved enough to keep his wife and himself "in a manner that suits us." He later declared, however, that he would communicate with the Vancouver bank for the benefit of a niece, who had made her home with him since childhood.

Thomas Gemmill said that he last saw his brother when John Gemmill left home near Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America. Thomas followed some years later, but the brothers had not been in frequent correspondence with each other, he said.

SEALS ARE SCARCE

Promising Season in Fisheries Turns Out to Be a Dismal Failure.

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TRUSTEES IN FAVOR OF INCREASE

Ask Carvill to Join Them In Addressing Provincial Government. \$450,000 ASKED.

Action Is Withheld Until Matter Considered By The Commissioners.

The Board of School Trustees of St. John wants to assess for \$450,000, exclusive of interest and repairs. It has powers now to demand \$360,000 from the people to carry on the work of the schools of St. John.

The fact that there was an overdraft of \$40,000 last year and that next year will come added expenses, including some salary increases is quoted as reason for the board's wish to have its assessment powers enlarged. It is understood that it is not in mind, if the request is granted, to go to the \$450,000 limit at once.

This morning the Common Council was asked to join the trustees in an application to Fredericton for the increase but action was deferred.

Mayor Fisher read a request from the Board of School Trustees that the council join with the trustees in an application to the Government to increase the amount which the Board might assess for school purposes, exclusive of interest and repairs, from \$360,000 to \$450,000.

It was pointed out by the Mayor that the building must be completed and in operation by May 1, 1925 to get the Dominion grant and he doubted if this could be done.

Japan Restores Tariff Policy

Tokio, March 27.—An adjustment of Japan's tariff policy will be made soon, the Government announced today simultaneously with the official announcement of restoration of tariff duties on some commodities exempted from import tax immediately after the earthquake last fall. The restriction will be effective on April 1.

The duties restored affect all commodities exempted last September except rice, of which both the visible supply in domestic fields is less than the estimated demand. Rice will continue to be admitted free for some months. The government explained imports had reached such a point under the ordinance admitting free foodstuffs and materials for restoration of devastated regions that serious threat to break the market had arisen.

Mellon Attacked From a New Angle

Washington, March 27.—The charge that Secretary Mellon is occupying office unlegally because of his interest in various financial concerns was made yesterday in the Senate by Senator McKellar, Tennessee. Referring to the treasury secretary's recent statement discussing his interest in certain corporations granted tax refunds, Senator McKellar directed attention to Section 248 of the revised statutes, which prohibits the secretary of the treasury from engaging in trade and commerce while in office.

Weather Report

Table with columns for location, highest temperature, and lowest temperature.