

RUSSIAN TREATY SIGNED

THAMES RIVER IN VICINITY OF LONDON IS ABSOLUTELY DEPLETED OF LARGE FISH

President E. Smith of Middlesex Game and Fisheries Association Tells Members of Organization London Sewage Is Cause of the Trouble—Springbank Dam Should Be Rebuilt.

Unless a dam is constructed in the Thames River west of this city in the near future there will be no fishing in that body of water for many miles west of London, according to statements made by E. Smith, president of the Middlesex Game and Fisheries Association at a meeting of that organization Friday evening.

Mr. Smith claimed that during the two years since the Springbank dam collapsed sewage deposited in the river by London, has destroyed the stream as a fishing ground as far westward as Komoka. Although this stretch of the river a few years ago was one of the best fishing grounds in Western Ontario, it is now almost impossible to catch even a minnow for many miles west of this city, except perhaps in the early spring, he continued.

The ill-smelling sewage discharge has gradually turned what at one time was a running stream of clear water into a veritable mire, Mr. Smith said. After the spring freshets had subsided, the foreign material emptied into the water as it passes through London, gradually coats the stones with slimy coverings and causes rapid growth of a foul plant on the bed of the river. During the summer months this plant growth covers almost the whole of the river bed and under favorable conditions grows to an enormous length.

West of Springbank.

This condition was first noticed in the river just west of Springbank, but not long after the dam at the pump-house was washed away. Within a few months it had gradually crept westward until the Thames rapids, at one time the finest game grounds in the river, were rendered barren of fish. By last summer the infection had reached Kilworth Springs, destroying the clear spring water of the Thames.

FARLEIGH HEAVY VOTE BEING POLE IN WARD FOUR TO EJECT N. ADERMAN

Both Candidates Have Scrutineers On the Job—Returns Should Be Completed by 6 o'clock, Says City Clerk Baker.

Voting in the Ward 4 by-election, resulting from the death of Ald. C. Moorhead, is in full swing today. There is nothing yet to indicate which of the two candidates, J. M. Donahue or H. J. Childs, will carry off the honors, but it is certain that a reasonably large vote will be polled.

The three polling booths located on the third floor of the city hall, were crowded with voters throughout the morning. No official report from the polls in the other sub-divisions of the ward had been received, but some voters who had cast their ballots reported a fairly heavy vote during the morning.

It is expected that there will be a rush during the noon-hour, when many workers will return to the polls to cast their ballots. Others who have made the election officers busy up to closing time at 6 o'clock.

Workers for both candidates are active, representatives being at the

VITAL PROBLEMS DEMAND WE HAVE ATTENTION OF PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

Production and Hearty Co-operation of Canadian People Needed Now As Never Before, Declares Sir John Williston—Warns Against Waste, Extravagance and Unwise Taxation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, March 18.—"It is time for us to remember that 'retrenchment' once had a meaning in Canada. It is time for us to remember that the extension of settlement, the burden of taxation may become unendurable. It is time to remember that further additions to cost of production, either by mounting wages, or the waste and extravagance which invites measures of taxation produce, threaten general commercial disaster.

In these ringing words, Sir John Williston, president of the Canadian Reconstruction Association, dealt tonight with Canada's problems at the annual banquet of the local association at the Hotel Cecil. More than 400 were in attendance, and the speaker was frequently applauded as he pointed out that need now, as never before, of co-operation throughout the Dominion.

During the evening, Claude Cade and Max Muir, the young local athletes who made such a splendid showing in London and Baltimore recently, were presented with handsome silver cups by the association on behalf of the board of directors, and with fountain pens by the mayor on behalf of the town.

In introducing them to the gathering, President (Capt.) Sanders declared: "That is the kind of stuff that made the Canadian army what it was." The young athletes were given a great reception.

DUNNVILLE PASTOR'S ATTITUDE AT PROBE HEARTILY APPROVED

Board of Methodist Church Passes Resolution.

INVITED TO REMAIN

Rev. Thomas Green Has the Confidence of His Congregation.

Dunnville, March 18.—At a largely attended meeting of the quarterly official board of Grace Methodist Church, Dunnville, at which the pastor, Rev. Thomas Green, was invited to remain another year, the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That, because of the antipathy shown, and the unimpaired statements made, reflecting on the honesty of, and the motives actuating Rev. Mr. Green, our pastor, while in attendance at an official conference in the city of London, this quarterly official board, at this special meeting called for the purpose, desire to express our united confidence in our pastor, and believe that he has carried out the moral obligations resting upon him with the utmost regard to the truth and without fear or favor."

"We desire also to express our admiration of the capable and manly way in which he gave his evidence, and his attitude in endeavoring to do something to bring about a better condition of things in our town and community."

"We desire, also, to assure Mr. Green of our united support in all the good work he is undertaking, and our confidence in him for the future."

THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.



The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary, made an extensive tour of the fair progressing in London. They are here seen leaving the main building.

Trotsky Sacrificed Thousands Of Lives To Take Kronstadt

Chinese and Women Among Those Slain in Attack on the Fortress—Garrison Was Physically Exhausted Following Constant Siege by Bolsheviks—Head of Revolutionary Movement Flees.

London, March 18.—Leon Trotsky, the Russian Bolshevik was minister, leading the attack which resulted in the fall of Kronstadt, had no thought for the terrible sacrifices which the assault entailed, according to advices received by way of Stockholm.

He attacked with overwhelming force, including Chinese and women, regardless of the heavy loss of life which his followers were suffering.

Kronstadt was engaged from two directions, the main attack being made by the Bolsheviks, while the Chinese and women were engaged in the rear.

The Bolsheviks used machine guns and heavy artillery, and the garrison was physically exhausted following constant siege by Bolsheviks.

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WELL KNOWN CHICAGO NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

Bert Taylor Is a Victim of Pneumonia.

Chicago, March 18.—Bert Taylor, well-known humorist, and a contributor of a column to the Chicago Tribune, died of pneumonia at his home early today after an illness of two weeks.

The widow and two daughters survive.

Mr. Taylor was born in Goshen, Mass., in 1866, and received his early newspaper training on a newspaper in Plainfield, N. H. He started the column for which he became famous in 1901.

Among his better known writings are: "The Well in the Woods," "The Pipe Smoke Carry," "The Charlatan," "Motive Measures," and "A Line of Verse or Two."

Advertiser's Puzzle Contest Ends Today

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN IS AS GOOD TODAY AS IN THE START.

While this is the last day of The Advertiser's great puzzle contest, there is still ample time to win, solutions submitted or sent in today having the same standing as those already registered. It is just as possible to come within the money today as it was a week or two ago.

All that The Advertiser requires of any contestant is that he send in his solution to the puzzle in the paper, or subscribes to the paper when sending in his solution.

Participation in the contest, as all that you need to do, is to send in your solution to the puzzle in the paper, or subscribes to the paper when sending in his solution.

No one has any advantage of you in solving the puzzle, as it is individual effort that will win the prizes.

You already receive The Advertiser through any regular source, the paper will continue to reach you through exactly the same channel. If you are not a subscriber, you may enter the contest merely by becoming one on precisely the same terms as those who are.

Solutions should be prepared carefully with the names and addresses

SOVIET RUSSIA MUST PAY 30,000,000 GOLD RUBLES TO POLAND WITHIN ONE YEAR

EASTER HOLIDAYS TO COMMENCE MARCH 24

Youngsters Will Have Six Full Days of Real Joy.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION

In Detroit Will Attract Many London Teachers.

Joy! Oh joy! holidays again and springtime here, too, is the song of the boys and girls of the city schools, which will be heard with increasing emphasis as the first three days of next week pass, for Thursday next, March 24, the annual Easter vacation will be declared, and the schools will remain closed till the morning of Monday, April 4, six clear days of real holiday from school work.

This morning Inspector V. K. Greer informed The Advertiser that he hopes to be able to open three of the four new class rooms at the Bellin public school after the Easter holidays, and also some of the six new rooms at the Wootley road public school. Just how many rooms will be ready at this school he does not know as yet.

From present indications it is probable that not more than a large kindergarten teachers will attend the big kindergarten convention to be held in Detroit during May. The fact that this convention is being held in Detroit provides a rare opportunity for kindergarten teachers in Western Ontario to get into touch with a large body of teachers, and to gather information on the latest advances made in this class of education," said Mr. Greer today.

Another big educational conference is being held in the Ontario Educational Association's annual convention at Toronto during Easter week. Several members of the London Board of Education will attend this convention.

Pact Entered Into Last Night at Riga To Be Ratified Inside of Thirty Days—Terms of Peace Agreement Vary From Preliminary One Only as to Amount of Reparations Due Poland—M. Dombowski Tells of Repression in Polish Areas.

London, March 19.—The Russian-Polish treaty was signed at 9:30 o'clock last night, says a dispatch to the London Times from Riga. The dispatch adds that it is to be ratified at Minsk within 30 days. Under the treaty 30,000,000 gold rubles are to be paid to Poland within twelve months.

The terms of the treaty are virtually the same of those of the preliminary treaty except as concerns the amount to be paid by Russia.

Altogether the treaty contains twenty-six clauses. After the signing of the treaty, M. Dombowski, the chief Polish representative, delivered a speech in which he dealt at length with servitude and repression in Poland.

NEWS REACHES WARSAW.

Warsaw, March 19.—News that the treaty of peace between Poland and Soviet Russia had been signed in Riga was received here last night. It was immediately transmitted to President Pilsudski and the cabinet ministers, who were attending a gala performance in the opera house held in celebration of the adoption by the Diet of the new constitution of the republic.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

Ottawa, March 19.—(Canadian Press.)—Summary in Parliament:

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Private members' day.

If private members do not move their resolutions, it is probable that the Government will proceed with the estimates of the department of trade and commerce. It is not likely that the estimates will be reached, as a number of important resolutions have been filed by private members.

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FRIDAY IN PARLIAMENT.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen explained that Sir Herbert Ames (St. Anthony) wrote his resignation before proceeding overseas, and that it was withheld on instructions from Sir Herbert.

House in supply passed estimates of the departments of agriculture and justice.

First reading of the bill to increase the age at which a minor can be sent to the penitentiary from 16 to 18 years.

GEN. PERSHING DEMONSTRATES SUBTLE PROPAGANDA OF FOREIGN-BORN AGITATORS

Flays Attempt of Malcontents to Stir Up Trouble Among Allies—Greatest Patriotic Demonstration in History of New York Is Answer To Recent German, Sinn Fein Anti-British Gatherings.

NEW YORK, March 18.—General John J. Pershing, speaking before a crowd which packed Madison Square Garden tonight at one of the greatest patriotic demonstrations here since the signing of the armistice, bitterly denounced persons of foreign birth who seek the freedom of the United States to spread "political and warlike propaganda" to weaken the ties of friendship between the United States and her allies in the late war.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the American Legion and other patriotic societies as a protest against the recent mass meeting arranged to voice objection to the presence of French colonial troops in occupied Germany, described as "the horror on the Rhine."

Foreign Prejudices.

"We do object," said General Pershing, "to the foreign-born citizen who attempts to determine a policy of this country because of foreign prejudice, whether he be German, Irish, Italian, Hungarian or Russian. I bitterly resent the abuse of United States citizenship or residence for the purpose of political or warlike propaganda in foreign countries."

No Place for Them.

"In the United States there can be no place for those who, claiming equal citizenship with us and enjoying its privileges under our flag, yet continue their allegiance to another country. We welcome all those who honestly desire to become citizens and adopt this country as their own, but we abhor the intriguer who at the same time would secretly plot against our interests."

Subtle Propaganda.

"Are we to forget the vows of yesterday? Is the wanton destruction of France and Belgium and on the seas to be condoned? Shall subtle propaganda again lift its poisonous head to weaken our friendships?"

Similar sentiments were expressed by other speakers. Letters endorsing the meeting were received from President Harding and patriotic organizations in all parts of the United States.

MAN OF HIS DEATH BED INSISTS THAT ROBBER FIRED SHOT

Buffalo, March 19.—Investigation yesterday of the fatal shooting of Luther P. Graves, Yale graduate and socially prominent, cast doubt on the first theory that Graves had been shot by burglars whom he surprised at work. Detectives last night were inclined to the belief that Graves was shot from ambush, either by someone who had a grievance against him or in mistake for someone else. Graves was shot early this morning as he was walking from his garage to his home in North street.

In his death-bed statement, Graves asserted that he had been shot by "a robber," but could give no details of the shooting.

MANCHESTER BANKER TO WORK OUT LEAGUE PLAN INTERNATIONAL CREDITS

London, March 19.—Sir D. Drummond Fraser, the Manchester banker and financier, has been appointed by the League of Nations as organizer of the scheme of international credits, proposed by Dr. Ter-Moulen, the Dutch financial expert, at the Brussels financial conference last October.

MANY INJURED WHEN MUNITIONS DEPOT AT SOMMERBORN EXPLODES

Erfurt, Prussian Saxony, March 19.—Many persons were injured last night by the explosion of a munitions depot at Sommerborn, a town about four miles northeast of this city.