

STRIKE ORDER CONDEMNED BY BRITISH RAIL CHIEFS

BRITISH RAILWAY LEADERS CLASH OVER STRIKE CALL

Bromley Calls For Walkout, While Thomas Orders Work Continued.

GRAVE BLUNDER

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 18.—What appeared to be a rift in the railway labor ranks appeared today, when J. Bromley announced that his executive had no alternative but to carry on with the strike set for Sunday night, and simultaneously an important circular, signed by J. H. Thomas and C. T. Camp, was issued from the headquarters of the National Union of Railwaymen to all its branches denouncing the strike. The circular said that up to the present moment the leaders had refused to believe that such a "grave blunder" as a strike would be embarked upon. It added: "Any member of the N. U. R. ceasing to work or refusing to do any job he would have done had there been no strike is a blackleg to the signature of his accredited representatives who have accepted the wages award, and is a traitor to the decision of the special general meeting, which is the democratic method whereby his views were expressed."

TUBERCULAR ASSC. HAS A GOOD YEAR

Treasurer's Report Shows That Organization Ended Year With Good Surplus.

The Byron branch of the Tubercular Veterans' Association, the largest in the Dominion, has ended the most successful year in its history, and the treasurer showed, at the annual meeting this week, that the year ended had left them with a balance of \$203.70. Expenses for the year had been \$712.59, and the receipts \$916.29. The financial report of the benevolent fund, which proved most satisfactory, showed that 95 per cent of the problem cases had been taken up with the department and only 5 per cent left in abeyance. The following officers of the association were elected for 1924: President, T. J. Masters (by acclamation); vice-president, T. Fox; treasurer, J. W. Morris; secretary, N. L. Philp (by acclamation); assistant secretary, P. Bridges; vice-assistant secretary, J. Nichol. Executive committee—Comrades S. Seddon, R. Hale, H. W. Love, P. Corcoran, C. Wall, E. Henderson, E. Pritchett, L. Lees, C. G. Sheppard. London representatives—P. Snyers, G. Haywood. Auditors—F. M. Russell, L. Pettipiece. Benevolent fund committee—Dr. Pratten (honorary treasurer), T. J. Masters, J. W. Morris (treasurer), T. M. Russell, P. Upton. Official pianist, W. Porter. Dominion representative, N. L. Philp.

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Complexions Are Healthy

Price of Farmers' Goods And European Conditions Big Factors In City Trade

E. W. Gairns States Conditions Greatly Improved Over Last Year.

WORST PERIOD PAST

Buoyancy in Wholesale Trade Proves Encouraging to Greater Development.

The price of goods to the farmer and the condition of Europe are the two vital factors influencing industry in London and district. Although trade is much improved over the same period of last year, prospects of prosperity are in direct ratio to the rapidly with which Europe is reconstructed. These conclusions have been reached by E. W. Gairns, manager of Bradstreet here, who has devoted months to studying and analyzing the business situation as it pertains to London and Western Ontario. The better the price for wheat and other grains the greater will be the prosperity of the country as a whole, but an increase on prices obtained by agriculturists depends largely on the ability of Europe to absorb the products of Canadian farms, Mr. Gairns declared.

"Just now merchants are conducting sales and business in comparatively quiet, which is to be expected at this time of the year," Mr. Gairns said. "No one can predict the future. Conditions are much improved over last year, which was the most desperate period for industry. Canada has passed through in the last decade if business is to thrive, as we hope it will during the spring and summer, the farmer must get good prices for his products."

"Whether he does hinges, of course, on the condition of European markets. At present they are chaos. Our interest in European affairs should be real and intense, because on the ability of Europe to reconstruct depends our whole commercial future."

Reports to Bradstreet from local concerns say that seasonal conditions prevail at both retail and wholesale stores this week. Many merchants are busy taking stock which attracts their attention from the line of activity for the moment. Sentiment is good, however, and the general feeling is that a large volume of trade can be looked for during the coming spring. Weather conditions have not been as favorable as they might be in regard to the fall sown grain. Rain which fell subsequent to the snow has retarded the covering which was protecting young plants. So far as is known, however, little damage has as yet been done.

Industry is to be congratulated, Mr. Gairns points out, that it has successfully lived through the worst period of depression that has struck this continent for many years. The past year and 1922 will go down in history as the most inactive trade intervals ever known.

Buoyancy prevails in many wholesale lines, and travelers are meeting with encouragement, while a number of better orders to sort up stock have been received. The best symptom of better trade is the feeling of confidence which is growing daily. Retailers and wholesalers both show a tendency to buy with assurance that they will be able to carry on under satisfactory conditions. Collections on the whole are fairly good.

There were more sounds of revelry by night. This time it was at 735 Elias street, where there were more policemen gathered there than you could shake a stick at. In fact, from all accounts there were 20 bluecoats present, but they were off duty and having a mighty good time.

It was the regular Thursday night party conducted by members of Chief Birrell's squad who were fortunate enough to be off duty. Last night was held at the home of Constable Earl Knight, Elias street, and when the party broke up at midnight, it was the best of the best yet. Mr. and Mrs. Knight saw to it that every person had a good time, and it was a good time.

Verbal selections were given by Sergeant Tomlin, Walter Harper, Earl Knight, Jack Parker and others. There were cards and dancing while the refreshments disappeared in the twinkling of an eye. The party was a success, and the words of the ability of Mrs. Knight as a cook.

As far as the average day student is concerned, I think it a very good thing," said Mr. Miller. "The supplementary examinations as held



GRAND DUKE ALBRECHT, of Wurttemberg, shown above, is to marry Princess Ludojia, sister of King Boris of Bulgaria.

CHURCH RECORDS FINE PROGRESS

First Congregational Members Gather For the 86th Anniversary.

The congregation of the First Congregational Church met recently to celebrate the eighty-sixth anniversary. After a supper provided by the ladies, the meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. M. Kelly, and was opened with a short devotional service, in which he was assisted by Rev. F. A. Steven.

Mr. Kelly, in his address, expressed satisfaction at the present state of affairs. The secretary reported membership a little in advance of last year. The report of the Ladies' Aid was very encouraging, showing the best results for many years. Miss Wright, secretary, and Mrs. W. T. E. Wright, treasurer, were complimented on the record made.

The Women's Board of Missions reported through Miss MacLeod very successful gatherings, and Mrs. Anderson had a gratifying report of funds raised for Home and Foreign Missions.

The Sunday school report by Mr. Book was of a very satisfactory nature, and claim was made that for all-round results the school was holding its own. The list of the activities of the Young People's Societies as given by Miss Robbins was acknowledged with hearty applause of all present. Edgar Kelly and Ted Carpenter detailed the efforts of the Trail Rangers. The report of the Men's Get-Together Club evoked applause, as W. Reid told of work accomplished.

Financial offerings were reported by Miss Dixon, and the weekly offerings by Wilson Wright. Treasurer R. Johnston reported a satisfactory year. Officers for the coming year were then appointed as follows: Pastor, Rev. M. Kelly; secretary, F. W. Robbins; treasurer, R. Johnston; evangelist, R. W. Wright; music, Miss Dixon; S. S. superintendent, Messrs. Anundson, Drennan, Marshall and Robbins; honorary, Rev. Mr. Steven; board of management, Messrs. Book, Creighton, Gibbons, Ellis, Jepson, Harrison, Nukins, Walker, E. Wrighton, with the pastor, secretary and treasurer of the church, and the president, secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Aid; auditors, Messrs. S. M. Jepson and E. H. Marshall; organist, F. J. Fitzgerald; janitor, Lewis Carter.

BRITISH MAILS.
The next mails for Great Britain and Europe will close as follows: Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.—News-papers only, via S.S. Pittsburgh, from Halifax, N. S., Jan. 25. Wednesday, Jan. 23—Letters and registered matter at 10 a.m. Parcel post at 2 p.m. via S.S. Montclair, from St. John, N. B., Jan. 25. Thursday, Jan. 24, at 10 p.m.—Letters and registered matter only, via S.S. Aquitania, from New York, Jan. 26.

MAN BURNS TO DEATH.
Cornwall, Ont., Jan. 18.—Ferver Meyers, well-known resident of Cornwall, was burned to death last night when his home was destroyed by fire.

School Officials Here Laud Abolition of "Supp" Exams

With the announcement of the abolition of supplementary examinations, made yesterday by Premier Ferguson, comes joy to the heart of collegiate students, but also a determination to work harder during the year. Principal E. A. Miller of the Central Collegiate said: "The advertisement that he considered it a good move and was in no way opposed to it. He also said that he had had advance information on the subject last fall but that he had been asked to withhold it pending the premier's pleasure. As far as the average day student is concerned, I think it a very good thing," said Mr. Miller. "The supplementary examinations as held

KIWANIS CALLED A KEY TO PEACE OF ALL NATIONS

Rev. R. J. Wilson, Toronto, Addresses Local Club at Luncheon.

COMMON BOND NEEDED

Kiwanis, the guarantee of international peace, was the description given the club at its noon luncheon today by Rev. R. J. Wilson of Toronto, the speaker, and a former member of the Kingston Kiwanis Club. The spirit of Kiwanis, Mr. Wilson defined as something which could hold together whole nations and races by means of its bond of good fellowship. "Ribbons of steel won't hold together the east and west," he said. "Something more is needed, a common bond of sympathy and mutual understanding. He is no true Canadian who makes it harder for east to understand west, or for west to understand east. Neither is he a good citizen nor true to the empire 'who makes it harder for English to understand English or English to understand French. Canada is a country of two great races, with endless opportunities for misunderstanding, and with an endless diversion of creed and characteristics."

Kiwanis, Mr. Wilson said, was something the exact opposite of a feeling which would capitalize these racial misunderstandings and develop them in racial bitterness and hate. Discussing also the international possibilities of Kiwanis, he said: "The tragedy of the past twelve years is one of broken friendship. The cockpit of Europe today is a sorry spectacle of broken friendships, suspicion and hatred. As an international force, it is the task of Kiwanis to aim at a better understanding on the part of those who now hate and only wait strength and opportunity to fly at one another's throats."

Mr. Wilson devoted the first part of his address to Kiwanis as a community force before dealing with its national and international aspects. "A force can be either static or dynamic. It can look ahead or it can remain still. The static force will think of the days when we were children and say the streets were good enough for us to play in. The dynamic force realizes that there isn't a street in any city town or village today which is safe for a child to play on. In our day, no one ever thought of a child's right to be well-born and healthy. We kept him healthy as they could with the castor oil bottle and sulphur and molasses in the spring. For the rest, we played when we didn't have chores to do. Today Kiwanis recognizes that it is the alienable right of any child to play, and the better they learn to play, the better citizens they will be."

BOLER IS NEWEST TORY LUMINARY

Friends of Westminster Deputy Reeve Urge His Nomination.

Another political star has arisen on the East Middlesex Conservative horizon and is now twinkling brightly on the Tory camp. This vivid blue luminary is no other than Deputy Reeve William Boler of Westminster Township, who was elected to office two weeks ago by the largest vote ever polled in the township. "Bill" Boler is known far and wide and popular with both Liberals and Conservatives. He even has some warm friends in the U. F. O. camp, who would undoubtedly swing his way should he be nominated to carry the blue banner in the next federal election.

Deputy-Reeve Boler has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the Conservative party, and has been a prominent Tory worker around Byron even before he was old enough to vote. His friends are already at work in his interests, and should Boler not get the next Conservative nomination in East Middlesex there will likely be a serious split in the Tory stronghold of Byron.

"ALL ABOARD" TICKETS ARE IN BIG DEMAND

Enormous Sale Makes Extra Performance Necessary on Wednesday.

An enormous ticket sale makes an extra "All Aboard" performance necessary on Wednesday night. There are still some seats available for Monday and Tuesday nights at 75 cents. All seats for Wednesday's performance will be sold at \$1. So "All Aboard" for Pleasure Bay, on the good ship S. S. Florida. It will seem unusual to be sailing from Port Stanley harbor en route to Cleveland at this time of year, but that is exactly what you will be doing if you visit the Patricia Theatre on either Jan. 21 or 22 or 23 to see the London Life Insurance Company in the presentation of the musical comedy, "All Aboard." The action of this comedy concerns the events on board while the steamer is on its way, and never will you have been taken on such an extremely diverting trip as will be displayed on these dates.



PROBED ANCIENT CARTHAGE. Count Byron Kuhn de Prorock, world famous archaeologist, who has won distinction for his explorations in the ruins of ancient Carthage, is visiting Canada. He is shown with the Countess de Prorock.

CHAMBERLAIN TURNS GUNS ON LIBERALS

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destroy Liberalism and all it stands for. You will vote for socialism on Monday, and it will be on your own heads if you are ground to pieces later on."

Mr. Chamberlain begged Labor not to dismiss hastily the proposals in connection with imperial preference, out of any pedantic theory. He emphasized the enormous importance of dominion trade, instancing how preference had stimulated Great Britain's trade with Australia. Labor must remember, said the chancellor, that the preference proposals were in the nature of a moral gesture, and that the direction in which that gesture was made might affect seriously the future attitude of the dominions toward Great Britain.

Mr. Thomas asked if the Conservatives had dropped protection. Mr. Chamberlain replying that it was obvious from the King's speech that protection would not be a part of the program of the present government if it continued in power.

CHURCHILL'S LETTER.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 18.—Although Winston Spencer Churchill's open letter, in which he says the advent of a Socialist government would be a "serious national misfortune" at the same time deploring a Liberal-Laborite agreement, receives much attention from the newspapers this morning it cannot be said that the comments are regarded as a political bombshell that threatens to alter the outlook. Mr. Churchill, defeated at the recent election, is still a very prominent member of the Liberal party and his intervention is manifestly unwelcome to the loyal supporters of Herbert Asquith, while it is naturally greeted with the utmost satisfaction by the anti-Laborites. However, the regrets of the former and the gratification of the latter are muted by a feeling that the letter comes too late. One speculation that will certainly arise from its publication is whether Mr. Churchill is preparing the way to reaffiliate himself with the conservatives, whom he left in 1906.

Letter is Commended.

The possibility of his taking such a step has often been the subject of gossip in interested quarters. The Daily Mail recalls that when he was recently approached on the subject of re-entering parliament Mr. Churchill was quoted as saying that as long as the issue was not protection versus free trade he under no circumstances would stand against a Conservative candidate anywhere. The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail, both strong opponents of a Liberal-Laborite situation, have given a warm commendation of the letter, asserting that no one hitherto has presented so admirably the gravity of the situation before the country as does Mr. Churchill when he says: "The currents of party warfare are carrying us all into dangerous waters."

The enthronement in office of a Socialist government will be a serious national misfortune such as has usually befallen great states only on the morrow of defeat and war. It will place both Liberal and Labor parties in a thoroughly false position. The Liberal party will be led into supporting the Socialists whom they have just been fighting in hundreds of constituencies."

Liberal Press Surprised.
The Liberal press comments with surprise at this intrusion by a prominent member of the Liberal party, planned and ordered by his nominal leader, Mr. Asquith. The Daily Chronicle expressed regret and comment on the letter, and the fairest comment would be to say that in his absorption with the tactics of the situation Mr. Churchill seems perhaps to have missed his realities.

The Westminster Gazette considers the letter very remarkable, but that "the panic fears of a Labor government he expresses will leave the country's generally mentally unbalanced. His letter in reality is a plea for union with the Conservative forces and any such union would be suicidal to Liberalism."

SCARLET FEVER PASSING.

The number of scarlet fever cases in the city is less this year than it has been in any similar periods since 1913. There are only 25 persons in quarantine with the disease. Two of these were reported this week, and the remainder are cases of from six weeks to a week old.

'Tis Leap Year, and Western Co-eds Plan Their Own 'Hop'

Girls of Arts '25 and '26 To Mark St. Valentine's Day.

MEN INVITED, TOO

Fair Sex Will Call After Escorts—Boys Will Be Denied Pencils.

Girls of the University of Western Ontario attending mathematical classes made a startling announcement to their sister co-eds several days ago. They took the number 1924, divided it by four, and found there was no remainder. The conclusion was that if this year is 1924 this must be leap year. As a result of this discovery, leap year is to be taken advantage of by the Western co-eds, and a leap year dance has been arranged.

On St. Valentine's Day the girls of arts '25 and '26 are to hold a party at the Oxford street gymnasium. Men are to be invited, of course, but it rests with the girls to give the invitations. The whole dance is being handled by girls alone, and the program has been arranged thusly: Each girl is to invite the boy she likes best. On the night of the party she will call for him and escort him to the dance. Programs will be given out, but pencils will only be attached to those belonging to the girls. This is done so that no boy will be able to ask a girl for a dance.

On St. Valentine's night femininity in Western "it" will reign supreme. Girls will be able to pick and choose at will, with no fear of becoming a mere decoration on the wall. A month remains before the dance is scheduled to take place, and Western men have already commenced to curry favor with co-eds. For a month no flower of Western "it" will blush and waste her sweetestness on the desert air. A month of rushing courtship is predicted.

LONDONERS PASS WITH HONORS

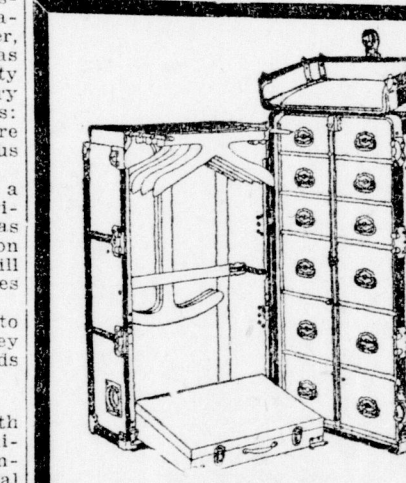
W. E. Dyer and H. C. Logan, Osgoode Hall Graduates, Were Both Born in City.

W. E. Dyer and H. C. Logan, the two London men who were presented to Mr. Justice Kelly at Osgoode Hall yesterday, were both born in this city. Of eight others who graduated this year, they were the only two to pass with honors.

William Dyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dyer, Haymarket. He was educated first at the Victoria Public School, and later at the old High School. He first commenced law with the firm of Jarvis & Vining, and four years ago entered Osgoode Hall. He passed through each year with honors.

H. C. ("Dutch") Logan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Logan, 654 Midland street. He was educated at Simcoe Street School and the High School, and first entered the firm of Ivey & Ivey. At Osgoode Hall he graduated with a scholarship and tied with D. A. Martin of Hamilton for the gold medal presented to student with the highest standing during the year. Mr. Logan has been taken into the firm of Cronyn, Bette & Black. He was well known in London for his athletic prowess, being a member of the intermediate hockey team and the Orient baseball team. He also played hockey for the Bankers' League.

ESKIMOS MAKE ELABORATE PIPES
Many of the pipes made and smoked by the Eskimos of Alaska are wonderfully elaborate in both design and decoration. Frequently they are carved from what is known as prehistoric ivory, that is, from the tusks of extinct animals which had been preserved in the frozen North for untold centuries.



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Fibre \$1.40 to \$7.50.
Real Leather \$9.50 to \$30.

EDUCATION BOARD INDORSES PLAN TO VISIT TORONTO

Three Members Will Interview Minister on Secondary Schools.

CLERK DISCUSSED

The action of number three committee of the board of education was confirmed at a special meeting of the board at the Technical School at noon today, when the sending of a delegation to Toronto to interview the minister and department of education relative to secondary school accommodation in London was approved. Chairman Bryden N. Campbell, Dr. A. J. Grant and Rev. Quintin Warner will compose the delegation, and will visit Toronto within a few days.

Trustee A. N. Udy felt that the committee should have waited until the opinion of the council had been secured, but Dr. Grant stated that the sending of a deputation was merely to determine the provincial government's attitude on the matter. Considerable discussion centered around the need for a clerk of works on the various construction works of the board. It was suggested that the man now employed at the Technical School be discharged, the work there being completed.

Referring to the man who had been employed at Trafalgar School, Mr. Lawson stated that he had been discharged and asked the architect the reason. Mr. Carrothers stated that he had been inefficient. "I take exception to that," replied Mr. Lawson. "It was a matter between the architect and the clerk of the works. They could not get on together. I asked to be shown a single example of inefficiency and it was not done. I don't think the architect should have the power to engage and discharge these men without coming to the board."

The matter was left unfinished as the board then adjourned for lunch.

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