

ICE MELTING FAST
SAYS MARINE AGENT

River Still Solid at Sorel, But Cannot Now be Crossed.

Montreal, March 29.—R. A. Whillard, agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, when asked yesterday as to conditions in the river, said that it was too soon to prophesy in regard to when navigation would be opened and it would be the middle of next week before speculation on the point could be indulged in with any safety. "The ice is thick, but melting fast," he said, "and the rate that is evidently on the way will help, but conditions generally are normal and there is nothing to indicate that the opening of navigation will be any earlier or any later than the middle of April."

The ice at Sorel is solid, but the river cannot be crossed at that point owing to the water at the sides. Asked whether the raising of the water in the St. Lawrence had any influence on the flooding at Sorel, Mr. Whillard said that there was absolutely no connection between the two. The St. Lawrence floods are caused purely by the overflowing of the lake St. Pierre River, which occurs every year, some years being worse than others, but the state of the St. Lawrence has nothing to do with the situation.

The emptying of the Lachine Canal was commenced at midday on Thursday, and for the safety of the structure, in view of the strength of the ice, the water is being allowed to take its own course and will disappear gradually in a couple of days more. Superintendent O'Brien will then make a general examination of the bottoms of the locks and be able to say what condition the winter has left them in.

St. Monica's Society Meeting Yesterday

Several Excellent Reports Were Received—Expressed Itself in Favor of Mothers' Pensions—Other Matters Dealt With.

Several excellent reports were given at a meeting of the St. Monica's Society held yesterday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus rooms. Mrs. D. P. Chisholm presided. Miss M. Hogan, treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$260.54. For the charity committee, Mrs. W. E. Scully told of provisions given in Holy Trinity parish, boots for school boys, and three warm garments made for a young woman who was going to East St. John.

Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy gave the report for the Home for Incurables, telling of cake, candy, ice cream and jelly being supplied to the inmates.

The society expressed itself as being in favor of Mother's Pensions and a copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Hon. Dr. Robson.

Preliminary arrangements for luncheon for the delegates to the National Council of Women in June were made.

THE DREAD PYORRHEA BEGINS WITH BLEEDING GUMS

Pyorrhoea infecting germs cause many ill. Medical science has proven this. Diseased conditions, which not long ago doctors were unable to trace to a cause, are now known often to be the result of Pyorrhoea germs that breed in pockets about the teeth. Rheumatism, anemia, nervous disorders and other diseases have been traced in many cases to this Pyorrhoea infection.

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THE WINNIPEG STRIKE REPORT

Winnipeg, Man., March 29.—The Commission finds that the great mass of workers, intelligent and loyal to British institutions, did not acquiesce in all that was said and done, and it was not clear to the latter that the move of the radicals was not that of obtaining the right to a mode of collective bargaining for a group of workers, but that their purpose was to elevate labor into a state of dictatorship.

The report also states that the commission finds that the character of the Western News, from its inception in August, 1918, was toward radicalism, rather than craft unionism, and that the circulation of this paper had a large part in stirring up discontent and bringing it to a head. It is pointed out that had the Industrial Conditions Act been enforced, the strike would have been averted, and recommends the setting up of a court in lieu of the act as soon as possible.

An excerpt from the report reads: "It is found that these Socialist leaders made the utmost use of the strike to advance their own plans and to convert the general strike into a practically Socialist movement and to thrust themselves into its leadership."

THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF FRANCE

Paris, March 29.—Frederic Francois-Marshall, Minister of Finance, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies today on the financial position of the country said: "The daily expenditure of France was forty million francs in 1914; sixty-eight million francs in 1916; 104 million francs in 1917; 127 million francs in 1918 and 133 million francs in 1919."

A member of the Chamber remarked that the situation exchanged was financially and economically vital to the country. In reply, M. Francois-Marshall declared the member should also have said it was an international question.

The Deputies listened breathlessly as the Minister dealt with the formidable figures giving the total expenses for 1920 as 50,052,000,000 francs of which 22,000,000,000 were recoverable from Germany. This year's deficit was 8,000,000,000 francs. The treasury's disposable amount at the Bank of France was 700,000,000 francs.

PARLIAMENT DISCUSSED FISHERIES

Headaches From Slight Colds
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WHARFAGE RATES TO BE INCREASED

Montreal, March 29.—Today the first of a series of conferences between the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Shipping Federation, with representatives of the railways and dock companies, met at the Board of Harbor Commissioners in regard to the proposed increase in wharfage rates to be charged on import and export traffic.

ADDRESS TO THE FIRST AID CLASSES

Last evening Col. Birdwhistle, of Ottawa, addressed the members of the First Aid Classes and a large number of others interested, at the Red Cross Depot, Hazen avenue.

MURDER AND SUICIDE BY OLD MAN OF 70

Corwall, Ont., March 29.—William Cline, 70 years old this morning shot and killed Gordon Fetterley, 28 years, of Williamsburg, with a rifle and later took his own life with a revolver. A charge had been laid against Cline of threatening to kill Mrs. Fetterley on March 2nd, and he had been summoned to answer the charge before Police Magistrate Dana tomorrow. It is thought that Cline when he received the summons became temporarily deranged and shot and killed Fetterley. Realizing what he had done, he then resolved to end his own life.

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MINERS TO GET 27 P. C. INCREASE

This Will Mean a Total Increase in Wage Costs of \$200,000,000.

New York, March 29.—The Senate Committee of the bituminous operators and mine workers, in a joint conference here this afternoon, agreed to make the monetary provisions contained in the award of the Bituminous Coal Commission, as affirmed by the President, become effective on April 1, and that the mines continue in operation pending the working out of a new agreement.

SITUATION IN IRELAND GETS WORSE

Assassinations Becoming of Daily Occurrence and No One Appears to be Safe.

HUNGER STRIKER NOT ALLOWED TO DIE

Sections of British Press Blame Government for Mishandling the Irish Situation, and Declare it Should Give Way to Others.

London, March 29.—Another murder was added to Ireland's tragic trial today. James McCarthy, banker of Thurles, where the military recently got out of hand and shot up the town, was awakened early this morning, called to the door of his house, and shot dead by a masked marauder.

HOME RULE BILL UP YESTERDAY

Continued from page 1
London, March 29.—John S. Clyne, Labor member for Manchester North East and who for a member of the parliamentary group which early in the year visited Ireland to investigate conditions there, in moving a rejection of the bill in the House of Commons today, declared that he was in favor of the American relations of the present system of government in Ireland of imprisonment and deportation without trial.

Mr. Clyne declares that the bill had been accepted by few and approved by none of the Labor party. He objected to what he termed the "undemocratic" bill displayed toward Ulster and the proposal to partition Ireland on religious basis.

Lord Robert Cecil, former Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, agreed that it was a very bad bill, without an atom of Irish opinion behind it and lacking in Irish approval. He said he failed to see how it would conciliate American opinion if the American government were to be behind it and lacking in Irish approval.

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SMITH—On March 29th, to the wife of W. Grant Smith, 183 Princess street, a daughter.

DIED

MEANS—At the home of her mother, 85 Paradise Row, on Sunday evening at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Emma Heas, leaving to mourn her mother, three brothers and three sisters. No flowers by request.

Funeral today (Tuesday) at 2.30. O'NEIL—At 37 Dufferin Row on the 27th inst. Rev. Andrew J. O'Neill, pastor of the Church of the Assumption.

Funeral Tuesday morning with Pontifical High Mass of Requiem at ten o'clock.

WILSON—At her residence, 111 Paradise Row, on March 29th, 1920, Louis E. Wilson, widow of Amos S. Wilson, and daughter of the late James Harris.

Funeral from her late residence Wednesday afternoon. Service at 2.30.

ST. MAURICE PAPER CO.

Montreal, March 29.—The statement is now made on good authority that the stock distribution in St. Maurice Paper Co. Ltd., will be much more favorable to shareholders than heretofore believed.

Instead of a 10 per cent distribution, it will be a 30 per cent distribution. The capitalization would consequently work out as follows: Present capitalization \$5,043,000 add 30 per cent distribution, \$1,512,900. Increased capitalization \$6,555,900. The distribution will take place to shareholders of record of April 2nd and will be made on April 5th.

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