

## DECIDE WATERWAY PLAN THIS YEAR

According to Communication at Sarnia

TO INVESTIGATE FIRE  
Clean Up, Paint Up Drive Opens To-Day

SARNIA, April 30.—Mayor George Crawford has received a communication from the Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association, pointing out that the fate of the scheme to make the St. Lawrence navigable and its power resources available will probably be decided this year, and that in view of the fact that the project is of such importance, it is suggested that all municipalities may be advised of the advantages of the project, and that the Chamber of Commerce as to the advisability of holding such a meeting here in the near future.

A slight fire, which was extinguished with a few pails of water yesterday afternoon, will be investigated by the city police. A fire was discovered in the old building of the Chamber of Commerce, on the corner of Locust and Victoria street, across the street from the police station, but was put out with no damage being done.

Later it was discovered that kerosene oil was leaking through the roof from a tank in the building. It is believed an attempt had been made to burn the building as there was every indication of arson preparations.

**CLEAN UP WEEK.**  
The Chamber of Commerce is working hard to make the clean up, paint up drive a success this year. C. H. Belton has been elected president of the committee that will look after the details, and a wide program has been outlined for the week which runs from May 2 to May 7.

## MILK PRICES LOWERED BY STRATFORD VENDORS

STRATFORD, May 1.—Beginning on Monday the price of milk in Stratford vendors who do not pasteurize it will be 17 cents a quart, instead of 15 as heretofore. This assurance was given by the dealers in conference with Chairman D. A. McLachlan, of the local Board of Health, and the dairy inspector Thos. Dunsmuir. As the farmers announce a rate of 12 cents a quart the price of milk in the city is now universal.

The vendors not pasteurizing their milk have agreed to have all cows tested for tubercular infection, thus protecting their customers from any danger in that direction. With milk from the tested cows sold by these dealers and the rest of the milk in the city pasteurized, it is felt by the Board of Health that the supply will now be of guaranteed purity—a fact of utmost importance and satisfaction to the citizens.

Following a 10 days' shutdown the Grand Trunk shops will reopen on Monday at the same scale of working hours as before the temporary suspension of operations. These interruptions are part of the retraining policy of the system, declared to be necessary under prevailing conditions.

## PARLIAMENT ENTERS UPON LAST MONTH

OTTAWA, May 1.—(Special to The Free Press).—Parliament to-morrow enters upon what is fully expected to be the last month of the session. The budget is expected before the week-end and apart from this and some unvoiced supply, there is not a great deal on the order paper. The railway situation is in the hands of a special committee, but it has never been the idea that its deliberations should terminate in any form of legislation. The Civil Service Act amendments are potentially contentious, but it is to go to a committee to recommend exactly what should be done. If the inquiry is long and if the bill should stand in the way between prorogation the Government would not hesitate to let it go by the board. Many of its supporters, however, are pressing for its enactment, while others are indifferent.

**THE BUDGET.**  
The budget is the big thing of every session and upon its character will depend the date of the wind-up. It is brought down this week, however, there is every hope of concluding the session in the early days of June. While there will be a break on Thursday because of the Ascension Day holiday this will be made up by sitting next Saturday and every Saturday until the end. The taxation proposals of the Government and the methods to raise money to meet fixed obligations and current expenses while taking care of the railway deficit attract a greater attention than any tariff proposals, which are not at all likely to be extensive.

## German Humor

PARIS, April 30.—A French newspaper man who cornered the former German crown prince by hiding behind a tree near his Dutch villa and emerging as the crown prince approached, obtained an exclusive but not very enlightening interview.

"So, you want an interview," said the former heir to the German throne, with a grin; well, here it is, but be sure and quote me correctly. Y. Barker, who was killed in action on May 12, 1917. And with that the former crown prince hurried back to his villa.

## MEMORIALS AT PARIS UNVEILED

Three Bronze Tablets in Methodist Church

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES  
Roman Catholics Unveil Memorial Gate Piers

PARIS, May 1.—The Methodist Church was crowded to-night, when three bronze memorial tablets were unveiled. On the north wall of the church Mayor H. Rehder and family have placed a tablet in memory of their only son, Lieut. Lorne H. Rehder, who was killed at the battle of Amiens in August, 1918. This was unveiled by their father, Mr. Lorne H. Rehder, who was killed in action at Vimy on May 12, 1917. This was unveiled by Mr. Burt Barker, brother of the deceased.

The large bronze tablet erected by the congregation in memory of the members of the church who made the supreme sacrifice during the war contains the following names: Ernie Victor Barker, Wm. English, James R. Herriott, Daniel S. Maus, Vernon Postell, Lorne H. Rehder, Jos. C. Shannon and Russell Wilson. This was unveiled by Sidney Stickland, former comrade of the above soldiers. The service throughout was very impressive, the pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, delivering an appropriate sermon.

There was special music by the choir and the funeral march of the congregation reverently sounded. The last post was also sounded. The memorial tablets are 10 feet high, made of cement and ornamental tile, each surmounted by a marble cross two feet high. Marble tablets are set in the side of each pier, one containing the names of the soldiers and the other the names of the civilians who made the supreme sacrifice during the war: Charles Barlow, Brisbane Carnegie, James Cahill, Michael Connolly, Alex. Evers, Arthur Gibbons, Lawrence Moore, Urban McKinnon and Leo Watson. At the cemetery the clergy, sanctuary boys' choir and members of church societies in procession sang.

**ABANDON HOPE OF AVERTING TIE-UP OF CLEVELAND BUILDING**  
CLEVELAND, May 1.—Hope of averting a tie-up of practically all buildings was abandoned by William F. Hennessey, secretary of the Building Trades Employers' Association, to-night.

The building trades women and the printers will appear for work to-morrow morning, union officials say, but will walk out if the employers refuse to grant their demands. The printers demand a 44-hour week and the building mechanics protest against a reduction in wages.

**STRIKE AT HALIFAX.**  
HALIFAX, N. S., May 1.—Journeyman job printers of this city, having been refused the 44-hour week, will go on strike to-morrow morning.

## MOSCOW SAYS BRITISH ARE LEAVING PERSIA

RIGA, May 1.—A wireless message from Moscow to-day announces the withdrawal of the British from Persia. A Russian diplomatic mission has arrived in Teheran, the Persian capital, the message adds.

## COL. WIGLE PLEADS FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Urges That People Give Them a Fair Deal

SPEAKS AT BLENNHEIM Memorial Baptismal Font Unveiled at Trinity Church

BLENNHEIM, May 1.—Col. E. S. Wigle, Windsor, here to-day in connection with the unveiling of a memorial baptismal font in Trinity Church, in honor of 15 boys who paid the supreme sacrifice in the world war, exhorted the congregation, during the course of his address, not to have merely sympathetic attitude towards ex-soldiers, but to treat them fairly, taking into consideration the trials they had been through.

The colonel spoke highly of the work of the Canadian corps and especially that which resulted in the capture of Passchendaele. This undertaking was carried out, he said, after the army had been through a long and hard struggle. The attack was made to restore the British and French morale, which had attained a low ebb.

The service was conducted by Rev. J. C. McCracken, the rector. The names of the boys whose names the font was erected follows: Timmins, A. Burns, J. Rae, J. F. Mooney, W. Rebeck, W. G. Robertson, F. W. Withers, E. C. Smith, J. Conby, J. H. Reid, T. Cappard, A. E. Gomme, P. Dole, G. Golling and S. Wilkinson.

## BELGIANS BROKE ALLIED DEADLOCK

Plan Came When Powers Disagreed on Reparations.

LONDON, May 1.—(Associated Press Cable).—The decision of the supreme council to accept a compromise between the demands of the French and the Belgians on the one hand and the British and Italians on the other, in the matter of reparations, was the outstanding development of the conference of that body to-day. Last night when the members of the council agreed that the deadlock was broken, it was a relief to the public.

All the sentiment of the French camp appeared to be that France had drawn her part in the war, and that the Ruhr territory and proposed to her way with Belgium supporting her, regardless of her allies' milder counsels. This development is likely to prove a pleasant surprise to the British public.

The Sunday Observer this morning said of yesterday's proceedings: "The deadlock was complete." The position appeared like a clear breach between the allies, which is the last thing Great Britain wants. The Government has been between two fires, the Liberal press, unanimously opposed to further military action, urged the premier not to be led into it by France, while part of the Conservative press contended that maintenance of the unity of the allies was the first and all-important consideration. The Government also received from bankers and business men weighty protests against the French plans, on the ground that trade would be dislocated, and this probably had considerable influence.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in behalf of the Cabinet at to-day's conference, said he had no desire to display the slightest leniency toward Germany, who had continually and wilfully failed to carry out her obligations. He expressed the fullest sympathy with the French desire to resort to immediate action, but asked if that were the wisest course, considering the fact that the Germans' full liability had only just been ascertained.

The prime minister argued that the necessary arrangements for putting the French plan into operation must take a few days, which might usefully be employed as the time limit of an ultimatum for Germany to accept and give the necessary guarantees.

Mr. Briand, expressing satisfaction at Mr. Lloyd George's attitude, continued throughout the conference, however, to press for immediate action.

## PREDICT WAGES TO BE LOWERED

Labor Situation at St. Thomas But Little Improved

Improvement in labor conditions at St. Thomas is noted, and although some employers are quite optimistic as to the future, each one of a number who were interviewed during the week-end by the Free Press, admit that they have nothing definite in the way of information as to future possibilities. As far as the railroads are concerned it appears to be practically understood by officials and men alike, that some compromise as to the wages paid will have to be arrived at. The present rate of pay on all local railway work, and as a consequence in many other occupations, is still as inaugurated by the McAdoo award.

As far as work in the city on various construction works to be undertaken during the coming summer, is concerned local contractors intimate that wages will be considerably lower than last year. No definite statements can be obtained, but it is rumored that 40c per hour will be the maximum pay for skilled laborers while ordinary gangs will receive from 35c to 40c per hour. The extensive paving operations being undertaken by the city this summer will no doubt provide employment for several hundred men and it is not likely that the end of May will see many out of work, although many skilled tradesmen will undoubtedly be found at work at much lower pay.

The local railways have arranged for a series of conferences between men and officials to be held at various headquarters. The national agreement, which includes the schedule of pay adopted by the McAdoo award early in the war has been extended until July 15 so as to provide sufficient time for the holding of these conferences. Some of the men however feel that an injustice is being done, when they are asked to work for less money with the cost of living practically unaltered.

## ALLEGED USED MAILS TO BLACKMAIL WOMAN

BRANTFORD, May 1.—Charged with sending a letter to a local woman, Herschel Swaine appeared in the police court on Saturday and was remanded until Monday. It is charged that he sent a letter threatening dire things if \$5,000 was not placed in a given spot. A trap was laid and he was caught, together with his son, Howard, who is also under arrest.

## DOUGHTY WILL APPEAL IN BOND THEFT CASE

May 1.—Judge Denton having refused to state a case on the appeal of John Doughty's lawyer when Doughty was found guilty recently of theft of bonds, the property of A. J. Small, Doughty will appeal to the second division court at Osgoode Hall to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

The question on what Doughty wants an appeal is, in particular, the evidence of one F. Daville, and evidence as to the disposition of the bonds which Doughty was charged with stealing, which disposition took place without any knowledge or concurrence of John Doughty.

## QUEBEC STOPS THE EXPORT OF BOOZE

New Provincial Liquor Law Is Now in Effect

A LAST-MINUTE RUSH  
Trainloads Leave Montreal for Ontario Late on Saturday

MONTREAL, May 1.—(Canadian Press Dispatch).—Montreal opens under the new liquor restriction retail depots will open from 9 to 6, and 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Other places in the province have not all got their licenses. Hull and Valleyfield being "bone-dry" to-morrow. Price lists have not yet been issued by the commission, but it is thought that a good brand of Scotch whisky will be procurable for \$3 to \$3.50.

The export of liquor from the province ended at midnight on Saturday and during the evening several trainloads left for Ontario. Exporters of liquor who are now barred from shipping from this province plan to move their stocks to Saskatchewan, where they can supply their Ontario trade until such time as the order-in-council based on the recent referendum goes into effect.

Liquor by the carload arrived in this city last week from Montreal, and the last is expected to-day. Much also went through to other points, north and west.

It is estimated that there is about \$40,000 worth of liquor in London cellars. A Toronto estimate places the value of liquor in the cellars in that city at over \$3,000,000 and in Ontario at \$10,000,000.

## SAYS OBJECT WAS TO "WHITEWASH" RANEY

DUNNVILLE, April 30.—"It is to a certain extent the sort of judgment we expected the commissioner would really object, and the object of the crown counsel, R. U. McPherson, was to 'whitewash' Attorney-General Raney."

This was the comment of Magistrate David Hastings upon the report of J. A. Paterson, K. C., of Toronto in connection with his investigation of charges respecting the administration of justice in Dunville by Magistrate Raney.

"Will you tender your resignation?" "I haven't yet received a formal request to do so. I shall decide that matter later."

"What is the salary of the Dunville magistrate?" "There is none. The most I ever made out of it was \$150 a year."

"Why did you take the position?" "Just for the purpose of rendering public service and for the honor."

The magistrate remarked that he could see from the start of the inquiry where the trouble lay. He and Mr. McPherson were not biased against him, and they had no personal animus toward him, but "were bent on justifying the course of the Attorney-General."

"Mr. Raney made a blunder," he added, "and while the only thing they could charge against me was that I was inclined to be lenient, they had to produce a report that would 'whitewash' the magistrate. They would do everything he could to aid Mr. Raney and get him out of the hole he got into by listening to village gossip."

"But it won't finish with this," added Mr. Hastings.

**PRESS LIEBEL SUIT.**  
HAMILTON, May 1.—F. R. Lalor, M.P., and David Hastings, will proceed with their threatened action for libel against Attorney-General Raney, according to John L. Counsell, barrister of this city. Mr. Counsell said that Messrs. Lalor and Hastings thought charges reflecting on their honor had been made by Mr. Raney in the commission given to Mr. Paterson.

## FARM LOAN BILLS MOST IMPORTANT

Lead Measures Put Through by Legislature

CHANGES IN SCHOOL ACT  
Review of Session Which Closed Early on Saturday

TORONTO, May 1.—(Special to The Free Press).—The session of the Ontario Legislature that closed at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning was remarkable for its length, for the number of debates that followed one another without let-up all session, and for the institution of a new time consumer, which for want of a better term may be called "The Before the Orders of the Day Scrap." One of the features of the session was not remarkable for its legislative achievements.

Probably the most important bills put through during the session were Hon. Manning Doughty's bill of farm loan measures providing for long and short-term farm loans. The bill's final consideration of the recommendations of the subcommittee of the committee on agriculture, which was introduced through present channels. Attorney-General Raney's bill to protect the children of unmarried parents by placing responsibility for maintenance upon the father is an important measure, as is his new Adoption Act.

**LABOR SUPPER.**  
Labor's budget of legislation was not impressive. Hon. Mr. Rolfe got through his bill to establish employment service councils, but the vital part of the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act has to be dropped to facilitate the wind-up of the session. The provision bringing railways, etc., under part one of the act, instead of meeting their liabilities for compensation individually as at present. The Mechanics and Wages Earners' Lien Act, an important revision and simplification of the present law, was referred to a special committee to meet later.

Hon. H. C. Nixon got through a number of bills, that of chief general interest being the Marriage Act amendment, which puts the issuing of marriage licenses in the hands of municipal officers entirely.

Among the numerous amendments to the schools laws put through by Hon. Mr. Grant, most of them administrative in character, is one which will permit the province to assist small urban schools on the same basis as rural schools, the act permitting the minister to designate the minimum number of the grants. Hon. Harry Mills' measure to deal with the natural gas problem of Western Ontario by taking legislative authority to fix rates for the sale of gas, and the industry was one of those abandoned in the "saw-off" toward the close.

Daylight was streaming through the half closed shutters of the legislative chamber.

## JOY BROUGHT INTO HOME

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## Poisoned by Uric Acid

It was the discovery by Sir Arthur Garrod, in 1848, that the blood of gouty patients contained uric acid in an excessively large amount. Later scientific men learned that in gout, (also true in rheumatism,) the kidneys do not work properly to throw off the uric acid; consequently uric acid crystals are deposited in and about the joints, where an inflammation is set up in the nearby tissues. When for any reason the circulation is sluggish, as in the joints of the toes, crystals formed from uric acid are deposited there, and one suffers from gout; or, when deposited in the tissues or muscles, one suffers from backache, muscular rheumatism or articular rheumatism. To counteract the uric acid and to throw it out of the system take tablets of An-uric (anti-uric acid), three times a day.

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chamber, giving the big room with its garish lights and its untidy litter of papers and weary members a sort of "morning after the night before" appearance when the Ontario Legislature early Saturday morning wound up one of the longest sessions on record. It was nearly 5 o'clock when the last order of business was disposed of and at that time the House had been in session for 18 hours, barring recesses at 1 o'clock and at 6. Most of the members stayed with it to the end, but some of them slumbered peacefully in their seats had ceased to take much interest in legislative affairs long before. So worn out were the members with the strain that the House broke up without singing the National Anthem, a pleasant custom that has been observed year in and year out for a long time.

## IRISH LABOR PARTY TO IGNORE ELECTIONS

DUBLIN, May 1.—(Associated Press Cable).—The Labor party issued a manifesto to-day declaring against any participation by the party in the coming elections to the Irish Parliament. The manifesto urged the workers of both the north and south to demonstrate their loyalty to Ireland and freedom, by voting only for candidates standing for the government of Ireland by the Irish people, or in the words of the Labor party constitution, "for the abolition of all powers and privileges, social and political, based on property and ancestry, or not granted or confirmed by the freely expressed will of the Irish people."

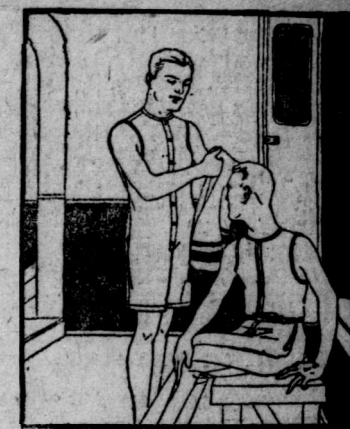
**WEEK-END CLASHES.**  
BELFAST, May 1.—(Associated Press Cable).—Five city post offices in Waterford were raided Saturday night by 20 men in five groups during the week-end, and large sums of money seized. No arrests have been made in connection with the raids.

An ambulance train was held up this morning near Kenmare, County Kerry. Twenty-two beds, a quantity of blankets and sheets and some surgical instruments were taken.

Pte. Weldon, of the Leicester Regiment, was shot and killed by a civilian

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In Castlereagh, County Roscommon, to-day. As Weldon and two constables emerged from a dark passage the civilian asked Weldon if he could furnish him with a light. While Weldon was fumbling in his pocket for matches the civilian fired and the soldier fell dying in the arms of his comrades. Other civilians covered the assassin's retreat.

An official report of the shooting states that a man named John Bergin, when fatally wounded in an encounter at Loughlin, six miles from Castlereagh, admitted that under orders he had shot Weldon.

**THREE CONSTABLES SLAIN.**  
BELFAST, May 1.—(Associated Press Cable).—Three constables were killed to-day. Constables Shaw and Cuthbertson left the County Cavan barracks for

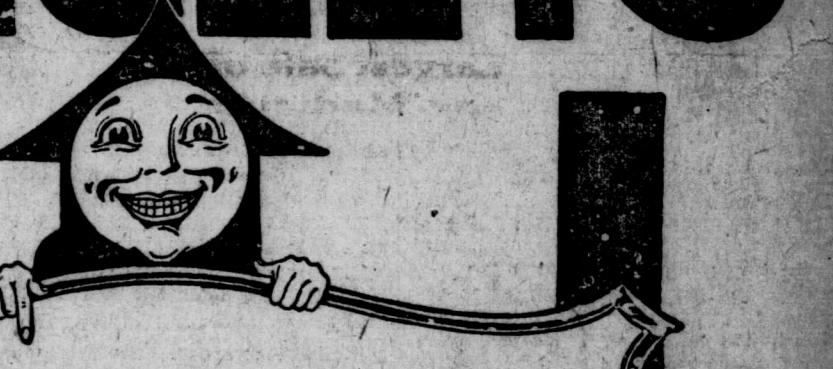
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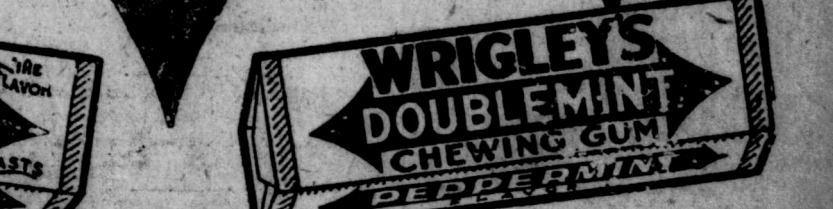
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