

BLAMES UNREST ON LANDLORDS

Rev. Father Tobin Scores Owners of Uninhabitable Houses.

SEES CRIME AS RESULT

Would Provide Laws Requiring Proprietors to Make Improvements.

Special to London Advertiser.
ST. THOMAS, March 16.—In discussing the social unrest and prevalence of crime in the world, Father Tobin of the Holy Angels' parish here, today made the unique declaration that in his opinion "landlords of uninhabitable houses" are the greatest contributory cause of the present unhealthy condition of the social world.

In explanation of his remarkable statement Father Tobin hastened to explain that no one factor contributed so much to dissatisfaction among men as the unwholesome atmosphere of a home barren of cheerfulness, and the comforts of life.

"In all large cities," Father Tobin continued, "there are laws compelling landlords to make their houses habitable. We would do well to have such laws in this city. There is nothing now to force landlords to properly heat, light or to install proper sanitary arrangements in houses. It is absolutely essential that there should be such laws.

Makes For Crime.

"It is no wonder that there is a great deal of crime. Workingmen become dissatisfied with their cheerless environment. They become disgruntled, opposed to capital and government and law. And too often eventually become criminal. Many cases of crime can be traced back to home conditions."

"But what can the workingman do? True he can fix the home a bit himself, but the main things that make home life comfortable lies with the landlord. He goes to the landlord and usually he is told if he does not like it he can leave the house."

"The proper way of renting a house," I believe, "is by the yearly contract," he continued. "In the contract stipulations as to repairs and maintenance should be made and the law should be such that the landlord can be forced to live up to those conditions. But in cases where houses are rented by the month the owner should be forced by law to make it habitable."

In his visits to more than 450 homes in his parish and in many others he has visited, Father Tobin said he has been given a splendid opportunity to study conditions. He related as an instance one case on which he was now working, seeking redress for a defenceless widow, a member of his church.

Repairs Promised.

This woman, he said, rented an eight-room house by a lease. On renting it the agent for the owners had promised that several repairs would be made and among other things a furnace was to be installed. It was understood that the house was to be sublet to roomers, for in that way the woman was hoping to make a living.

"The woman moved into the house and certain repairs were made, many of which she paid for herself. The furnace was installed, but would you believe it, the furnace was a pipeless affair. Only one grate, located in the lower hall, was installed to heat the whole house. The poor woman had to buy oil stoves for every room and even then the rooms were so cold that not a roomer would stay more than a week at a time. The woman was distracted because she could not pay her rent or other bills which were accumulating, so she came to me."

"I went to the chief of police, to the city solicitor, and while they thought that the heating system was ridiculous, they informed me that they knew of no way in which the owner could be forced to rectify matters. They said that they could do nothing."

Interviews Agent.

"I then interviewed the real estate agent, and he asked me what I intended to do about it. When I told him that I would show him he stated that if the woman did not like the house she could move."

"Now," Father Tobin said, "why should that woman be forced to move, to give up a home that was satisfactory to her as to size, location and rental, to go to the expense of moving again, just because a landlord chooses to deal unfairly?"

"That woman is now talking of selling everything and of going back to London. If she does, St. Thomas will not only lose a good citizen, but her daughter also who is one of the best musicians of the city and an outstanding soloist."

"Don't you see now how much influence a landlord can have on a community?"

HAMILTON POLICE GET GUN TOTERS

Hamilton, March 17.—Last night a squad of detectives raided the home of Rocco Perry, 166 Bay street, who was named as the father of the children of Olive Rutledge, who committed suicide by jumping from the seventh story of the Bank of Hamilton building. They arrested Ross Carbone and Louis Gurozzy, who were today sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined \$100 each by Magistrate Jeffs for being in possession of revolvers. Perry was in the house at the time.

ARREST FIVE IN RAID.

Montreal, March 17.—In a raid made last night by federal officers on Henri Julien avenue five persons were placed under arrest and a still with a capacity of 80 gallons of whiskey and a quantity of materials seized.

Scenes in Suppression of Revolt in South Africa



PRETORIA, Union of South Africa, March 16.—An official summary of the operations in the Rand area in suppressing the revolutionary outbreak there, issued today, makes acknowledgment of the assistance given by the loyal citizens and the help offered to the authorities from every quarter of the union.

People of all shades of political conviction, says the statement, came forward to help the government suppress "a social revolution by bolsheviks, international socialists and communists."

The accompanying photographs show British troops arriving at a mine in the Rand district after thousands of workers had gone on strike. Below, strikers crowding about troops sent to preserve order and protect property at another mine.

Day's Legislative Doings at Ottawa

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Commons.
The debate on the address will be continued when the house resumes this afternoon by A. W. Neill (Comox-Alberni), who declared that he was the only independent in the house, having been elected to oppose the Meighen government, after which he was free to follow his own course. If the Liberal government could put his platform, which he laid down, on the statute books, he would support it.

In the Senate.

The Senate meets at 3 o'clock.

YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Commons.
Debate continued by T. L. Church, Conservative, North Toronto; Sir Lomer Gouin, Liberal, Outremont; D. M. Kennedy, Progressive, Edmonton; A. J. Lewis, Progressive, Swift Current; A. M. Carmichael, Progressive, Kindersley; J. A. McElvie, Conservative, Yale, and A. W. Neill, Independent, Comox-Alberni.

In the Senate.
Sir George Foster moved for production of order-in-council appointing Hon. P. C. Larkin, high commissioner in London; Senator Bradbury asked for information regarding Arctic exploration; Senator McMeans gave notice of an amendment to the criminal code respecting appeals. Tributes to deceased senators by party leaders.

WILL TAKE OVER BRYANT'S ASSETS

Montreal, March 17.—Arthur Levin has been named interim receiver to take over the assets of Hersey R. Bryant, pending judgment on a petition which has been filed in court, declaring Mr. Bryant to have been a silent partner in the firm of Dunn and Company, of 4 Hospital street, which assigned a short time ago to Alexander Burnett, trustee.

The petition asks that H. R. Bryant be declared bankrupt and his assets included with those of J. H. Dunn in satisfying the claims of creditors. It was presented at the request of certain creditors after an investigation by Mr. Levin, who was appointed a short time ago, following a previous petition to act jointly with Alexander Burnett as liquidator.

ART EXHIBITION TO OPEN FRIDAY

Toronto, March 17.—The 50th annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists, which will open here this evening, will hold many surprises for the regular gallery patrons as well as much that is startling and new to the onlooker.

Portraits and figure painting have an unusually large representation this year, landscape always preponderating. Of outstandingly large canvases the pictures that are painted for gallery purposes only, there are few. Another feature to be noted is that there is an unusually large number of names of painters exhibiting for the first time, including the younger men and women.

CREW DEFEND LIQUOR SCHOONER

New York, March 17.—Fifteen special revenue agents today arrested 4 men after a pistol battle aboard a two-masted schooner said to have been loaded with contraband liquor in the East River at the foot of Tiffany street, the Bronx. More than 30 shots were exchanged. The schooner, whose cargo of liquor was said to be worth nearly half a million dollars, was seized together with two automobiles and a large moving van, which the authorities said were to have been used in transporting the contraband.

AMUNDSEN LEAVES NORWAY.

Christiania, March 17.—Captain Raoul Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, left here today for New York, on his way to Seattle. He plans to leave there about June 1, on his long expedition into the icebound Arctic regions.

CATHCART PIONEER DIES AT PARIS HOME

Edward Kneale, Born In Isle of Man, Came To Canada When Six Years Old.

PARIS BOY WINS PRIZE

Leads In Essay Competition In Connection With Brantford Motor Show.

Special to London Advertiser.

PARIS, March 16.—It is expected that the tax rate will be around 38 mills this year.

The Y. M. C. A. directorate is making an effort to reopen the "Y" here. Mayor Rehder stated today, The Kwanis Club and the board of trade are co-operating to make it a success.

The Brantford motor show has apparently whetted the desire of Parisians for new motor cars. Several made their appearance here during the last few days. About 20 new cars have been purchased in and around Paris this season.

The death occurred here today of Edward Kneale in his 77th year. Born in the Isle of Man, he came to Canada when six years old. His parents settled in Cathcart in pioneer days. He learned the shoemaking business, and for years ran a successful business in Cathcart village. He came to Paris some 20 years ago, and since then ran a shoe repair shop at Paris Junction. He was married to Miss Jane Reed of Cathcart 52 years ago, with one daughter, Mrs. Fred Wells of Canning, and one son, J. A. Kneale of the Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto, survives him. In religion he was a Methodist and in politics a Conservative.

Bert Lilley of the local high school won the first prize at the Brantford motor show, donated by the Brantford Expositor, for an essay. The second prize went to a Brantford student.

Town Clerk Barker has received 5 or more tenders for garbage collection.

Chief Green had a giant visitor last night in the person of a young Irishman who sought refuge in the cells for the evening. He was only 20 years old and was 6 feet, 6 inches in height. He proceeded on his way this morning.

C. E. Walker, president of the Paris Board of Trade wired Deputy Minister of Highways McLean yesterday asking him if the provincial highway between Brantford and Paris could not be improved. Cars have to be towed through by a team in some places.

Commissioner Sowton, eastern territorial commander for the Salvation Army, is coming to Paris next Monday. He will speak in the Methodist Church. Mayor Rehder will preside and members of the council will also speak.

KILL TWENTY IN AFRICAN RIOT

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announced, and further disturbances occurred, in which large numbers of the surrounding district participated. Mobs halted rickshaws and walked. The efforts of armed police to clear the streets proved unavailing.

When the situation became menacing the riot act was read, and the demonstrators were exhorted to disperse quietly. Instead, they advanced toward the police, waving flags and shouting. Women were used as shields by the men to delay the police fire.

Meanwhile military forces had arrived and, upon the mob attempting to rush the police, were ordered to fire. Seeing 50 of their number cut down by the bullets, the remainder of the mob stampeded.

Following this occurrence, the demonstration ceased, and at the time the dispatch was filed, the situation was characterized as normal.

Nordheimers Closing London Retail Store

On April 1 the Nordheimer Piano and Music Co. of Toronto, will close the London retail branch and their pianos will then be sold by W. McPhillips, Limited, at 238 Dundas street. In order to close the business quickly all pianos, organs, phonographs and records will be sold at exceptionally low prices. Those intending to purchase an instrument should attend this sale tomorrow.—Advt.

PREDICTS INDIA'S GREAT FUTURE

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love for India. In 1917 this official had declared that India should attain a self-governing status step by step. A commission of investigation was ordered. A report followed, and Indians gave evidence later before a joint committee of the two British houses.

The Amritsar massacre had stirred up the Punjabese. They were smarting under that insult, Mr. Wadia said.

Then there were other troubles in India. Of the 350,000,000 of people, 70,000,000 were Mohammedans. They demanded that the sultan of Turkey be allowed his rights as leader of the Mohammedan world. However, today they were not satisfied that England had carried out her promises in regard to this matter, made when the war was entered. The peace treaty with Turkey, they thought, was not satisfactory.

Referring to Gandhi, Mr. Wadia remarked: "He is a personal friend of mine. He is a follower of Tolstol. If the British Government kicked him he would kick back. Mr. Gandhi is a saint. He took it for granted that all Indians were saints. They are no more saints than Canadians."

"He is an anarchist, but not of the bloody kind. He believes 'If they kill me, I am ready to go to the gallows for my principles.'"

Robert Darragh, photographer, was the "booster" at the club this week. Solos and prize drawings were other interesting parts of the program of the day.

St. Thomas Topics

JONAS DOXSTATER, WANTED in this city on a charge of operating a still at his home in the east end of St. Thomas, was arrested in Ingersoll. He was brought to this city by Detective McElroy Thursday afternoon.

MEASUREMENTS OF ALL BUILDINGS on Talbot street are being made by Assessment Commissioner Freck and his assistant. The assessment notices will not be delivered in the business district for several months yet, however. The residential districts will be assessed when Talbot street is completed.

F. H. KETTLE, GARAGE OWNER, of this city was awarded a judgment for \$6.75 and costs in the county court today as the result of a suit brought against him by the city of St. Thomas. The plaintiff claimed was due him for rental of a car let to the defendant. The award covered the cost of gasoline and oil used. Major Abel claimed that the car was loaned to him and nothing was said of rental at the time.

MRS. SUSAN HEARD, 224 TALBOT STREET, this city, died at her home on Thursday morning, following a year's illness. Mrs. Heard was born in Alvington 59 years ago, and had resided in St. Thomas for the past 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Heard, and one son and three daughters by a former marriage and four brothers. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Thomas Cemetery.

DONATIONS TO THE PRINCESS MARY memorial fund now totals \$320.25. The money will be used to furnish a ward in the Elgin Memorial Hospital.

WANTS BYLAW TO CURB LOITERERS

Special to London Advertiser.

ST. THOMAS, March 16.—Chief of Police Armstrong has made an appeal to certain members of the city council for a bylaw which will make it an offence for men and boys to loiter in the doorways and entrances to buildings, from where, it is alleged, they molest passing girls and women.

At the present time the police of St. Thomas have not the power to interfere with loiterers while they stand on private property, as long as they are not violating the law in other ways. Because of this laxity the police find it difficult to protect women from coarse remarks, and many complaints have been received. The chief was promised that the matter will be taken up immediately. Meanwhile, the police have been instructed to keep street corners clear.

NOT IN FAVOR OF WHITE WORKERS

LONDON, March 16.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—An Indian political delegation from Suva, Fiji Islands, which came to London to inquire to the possibilities of immigration to their country has concluded its here. It is believed it will report unfavorably for Indian immigration for labor purposes, as Europeans on the Fiji Islands are strongly opposed to any proposal of equal status. The outlook for the sugar crop on the islands is gloomy as there is not sufficient labor sight to harvest it.

The Season's Greatest Clothing News! FRANK TURNER

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I have taken over the Scotland Woolen Mills' London store with the intention of giving the men of London the best clothes value that was ever given in London at \$15. I have figured costs down to a minimum so that I can give you clothes to measure at \$15.00 that other tailors are asking \$25.00 and \$30.00 for.

To-morrow will be my opening day and I want to be judged by my values. I invite you to come to my store and see my selection of spring materials. You will, of course, be under no obligation to buy unless you wish to. If you do order a Suit or Overcoat I will guarantee to please you, fit you and satisfy you or give you back your money. Yours faithfully,

(Signed) FRANK TURNER
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New Spring Styles and Materials

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Come and be your own salesman. See my materials. Judge for yourself. There's plenty of variety for every sort of man.

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