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Grand Trunk Directors Urge Acceptance of Government's Offer Comprehensive Report Coming on St. Lawrence Waterways Project

AID SOCIETY TELLS SORDID STORY OF ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE

Pigs Eat Dead Stock While Children Run Scantily Clad.

PARENTS ARRESTED

Very little in the way of bad treatment of children escapes the eyes of J. J. Kelso and the officials of the Children's Aid Society. The sordid story of the alleged neglect by parents of eight young children in Gainsborough township, as told by The World's St. Catharines correspondent, had a quick result yesterday when Robert Duncan, one of the society's inspectors arrested the mother and father, Ned and Emma Druen, in the west end of the city, and charged them with alleged neglect.

Up to November 1, last, Druen and his wife were living and working on their 160-acre farm in Gainsborough township. They owned a well built brick house, several barns, two horses, six cows, and five pigs. The man is 42 years of age, and the woman 36, and they have a family of eight children, ranging from a 15-year-old girl to a 17-month-old baby. Druen and his wife left the farm and came to Toronto in search of work, leaving the children, the farm stock and the farm house in charge of a 15-year-old girl, one of the children, who was left in the house, and since November the mother has returned to the farm three times, and the father once to, so they claim, replenish the stock of food.

Quick action followed the receipt of the report and Inspector Robert Duncan was sent out to locate the children's parents. In a very short time Mr. Duncan found that the couple were rooming in a house near the junction, and that the man was employed in a local packing house and earning 45 cents per hour; the woman had work in a factory and was making 40 cents per hour. Both parents have been in constant work since November.

Mr. Duncan had to wait until six o'clock last night before he could catch the parents together in their rooming house. He quickly got to business and told them the story of this alleged neglect. They both appeared generally surprised that any such charge should be brought against them. They claimed they had left plenty of food for the children's needs and were of the opinion that the older children were quite capable of looking after the younger ones and running the house. When asked by the inspector how the children were expected to obtain heat, the parents replied that there was plenty of wood about the place they could pick up to feed the fire with. The father acknowledged that he knew some of his stock had died, but made no further comment on the matter.

Mr. Boyle, the St. Catharines agent of the society, is on his way to Toronto and will be there today. He will take the couple back to St. Catharines when they will be charged in the local police court with the alleged neglect of the children.

Says Japanese Junkers Menace Church in Korea

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Rev. A. E. Armstrong, foreign missions secretary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, lecturing on missions in the orient here tonight, emphasized the menace to Christianity in Korea by the Junker party in Japan. He said it was not an infrequent occurrence in Korea for churches to be fired by the Japanese when congregations were assembled for worship and soldiers and police could take care that the worshippers had no chance of escape.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES.

New York, Feb. 4.—France: Demand, 15.04; cables, 15.02; Marks: Demand, 1.00; cables, 1.02.

WIFE MURDERER SENTENCED TO PAY SUPREME PENALTY

George Copen to Hang on May 5 for Crime of Unusual Atrocity—Crown Attorney Says Last Word—May App. cal.

After an hour and a half's deliberation a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was returned against George Copen at 5.20 yesterday afternoon by the jury in his trial in the assizes before Mr. Justice Latchford for the murder of his wife, Fannie Maude Copen, in the night of November 28 last.

Copen will suffer the death penalty on May 5, by the sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Latchford. Following the pronouncement of the verdict the prisoner, who accepted the whole proceedings with an almost expressionless face, was asked if he had anything to say. He rose from his seat in the dock, but did not hear, and the question was repeated. "Not guilty," was his answer. Then sentence was imposed by Mr. Justice Latchford.

ALLIES ABANDONING PRESIDENT WILSON

French Paper's Comment on
Grey's Letter Advising Ac-
cepting Reservations.

Paris, Feb. 4.—Commenting on the letter of Viscount Grey, British ambassador to the United States, to the Times, with regard to the American opposition to the peace treaty, The Echo de Paris, under heavy headlines, says: "The allies are abandoning President Wilson."

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS TO MEET IN TORONTO, FEB. 26

Kingston, Feb. 4.—Commandant Evans of Kingston issued a call for the provincial command convention of the Army and Navy Veterans to meet in the city of Toronto on the 26th and 27th of February. The convention will be held in the Prince George Hotel and on the 26th the members of the Toronto unit will be banqueted by the members of the Toronto unit. Delegates will gather from all points between Ottawa and Rainy River.

RELIEF TRAINS FOR VIENNA.

Copenhagen, Feb. 4.—The Danish trades unions despatched their first relief trains to Vienna today. They carry 50 tons of foodstuffs and six tons of clothing. Other trains will follow periodically.

The Ice Field Movie.

The unprecedented ice movie continues on the Toronto waterfront. Coming down to Queen street from Kingston road on Tuesday you observed that a big slice of the field that was frozen in-shore by last week's zero spell had broken away, and had drifted a mile or two into the lake, where it lay like a long, dead Arctic ribbon, which a sudden wind might tear to shreds.

The Day in Exchange.

Sterling exchange dropped to a new low level yesterday at 3.19 or practically 25 per cent below the normal rate of 38, and the Canadian dollar depreciated to 33 cents. From England it was announced that the government had placed an embargo on the importation of American cotton. The low price of British and Canadian money as compared with the United States is making business with the republic and these countries almost prohibitive. The New York stock market was panic-stricken at the trend of events, as finance sees prospects of a heavy falling off in English business unless the exchange situation can be restored to the normal.

CANADA'S POPULATION NEARLY NINE MILLION

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Canada's population is estimated by the census branch of the trade and commerce department at 8,835,102. The census branch has based its estimate for the year 1919 on the known increases in population, as shown by the census of 1901 and 1911. Such calculations have in the past proved to be approximately correct.

TO TRANSMIT LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS DIRECT TO BERLIN

Refusal of Von Lersner to
Send it and Resignation
Will Not Affect Envoys.

THOSE WANTED

Paris, Feb. 4.—Baron von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, left for Berlin tonight, having refused to transmit to Germany the list of war criminals prepared by the allies, and having resigned his position in consequence. The council of ambassadors, after its meeting tonight, issued a statement saying that the decision of the allies with regard to Germans whose extradition is demanded for war crimes, would be communicated directly to Berlin. The text of the statement follows:

BOLSHEVIK SUSTAIN A CRUSHING DEFEAT

Russian Volunteer Army Drives the Red Forces Back Over the Don.

Archangel, Feb. 4.—A wireless despatch from Odessa today reports a great victory of the Russian volunteer army over the Bolshevik forces. The Bolsheviks were driven back over the Don river. The finest cavalry of the Reds, under command of the Generals Budenny and Doumouk, are in disorderly flight, the message says.

ALLIED MISSION SAFE.

London, Feb. 4.—Despatches from Vladivostok, dated January 31, report that after the peaceful occupation of the city by the revolutionists, the allied missions proceeded westward. It is believed they are safe.

Funeral of General Helmer Takes Place in the Capital

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—With full military honors and followed by one of the largest processions of military men and civilians ever witnessed in the history of the nation, the funeral of General R. A. Helmer, C.M.G., who passed away on Saturday after a brief illness, were conveyed to their last resting place this afternoon.

G.T.R. DIRECTORS UNHESITATINGLY ADVISE ACCEPTING GOVERNMENT OFFER FOR ROAD

London, Feb. 4.—Sir Alfred Smith, chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway, is convening a meeting of shareholders for the 19th instant, to ratify the agreement between his company and the Canadian government. He has issued a circular stating that the board of directors after long and anxious consideration, unhesitatingly advise acceptance of the agreement. The circular says: "The state of railway finance and working brought about by the war shows features common to the United States, Great Britain and Canada but the United States saved shareholders from loss by guaranteeing the companies an average income for three years. The British government at the beginning of the war saved the British shareholders by guaranteeing the income for 1914, but no such assistance was given by the Canadian government to Canadian railways. All through the negotiations the Canadian government persistently pressed the

EXCHANGE IN UNITED STATES DROPS TO THE LOWEST POINT IN HISTORY OF THE MARKET

Sterling Makes Further Decline of Fourteen Cents From Tuesday's Figure— Twenty-Five Per Cent. for Demand Loans Asked— Bankers Hopeful of Results of Investigations.

New York, Feb. 4.—The most disastrous collapse in the history of the foreign exchange market in New York, a 25 per cent. rate for demand loans, time funds reduced to the vanishing point and further withdrawals of government deposits, summarize today's serious disturbances on the stock exchange and the leading commodity markets.

THE SWEETER SIDE

Cheques in U.S. Banks Carry a
Premium for Their Recipients
in Canada.

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Bank of England Will Limit Paper Money and Prob- ably Reduce It.

CONFERENCE FAVORED

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JOINT COMMISSION WILL INVESTIGATE ST. LAWRENCE POWER

First Sitting on River Prob- lems to Commence Next Wednesday.

NINE QUESTIONS

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—(By Canadian Press)—The governments of the United States and Canada have agreed, under the provisions of article nine of the convention of 1909, to refer to the International Joint Commission, certain questions relating to the development of the St. Lawrence river for navigation and power purposes. The commission meets in New York on February 11.

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POLAND'S REPLY TO REDS TENTATIVE

Offering Terms of Peace Government.

London, Feb. 4.—Poland has sent a tentative reply to the peace offer of the Bolsheviks, stating that while it is studying the proposed treaty, it was learned today. Meanwhile the soviet government has ordered the Bolshevik troops to stand on their present lines.

FATAL FIRE IN BELGIAN SCHOOL

Brussels, Feb. 4.—Fire in a boys' school at Nivelles, province of Brabant today caused the death of four of the pupils and injury of several others. It is feared that additional bodies will be found in the ruins of the building.