

FOOD PRICES IN OLD LONDON ARE ONCE MORE SOARING

Millions of the British Capital Are Threatened With Famine Level Rates and Consternation Reigns Following Strike of the Transport Workers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

London, May 23.—Once more London's millions are threatened with an immediate rise in food prices to famine level because certain sections of workers want more pay. One hundred thousand transport workers are on strike; the whole trade of the port of London, where 120 ships are lying at anchor, is at a standstill and prices

of provisions have already begun to soar. The food question, indeed, is the gravest feature of the situation, and consternation reigns at the chief markets. The immense markets in Smithfield are remaining open all of them, but the strike is fully operative. If the strike lasts any length of time the famine is bound to be much more acute than last year.

PICKPOCKET HAD HIS NERVE; TRIED TO ROB A POLICEMAN

Officer in Plain Clothes Was Warned and Captured the Alleged Thief.

A man giving the name of Thomas Francis ran foul of a snaf at the Grand Trunk depot yesterday afternoon, when, it is alleged, he attempted to pick the pocket of Policeman Alex. Ewen, who was in the act of assisting a lady friend into a coach on the 2:05 westbound train. Ewen being off duty at the time was in plain clothes.

Francis was taken into custody after a rather exciting chase, and is now at the Carling street station, charged with pocket-picking. Two other men who were operating with Francis made good their escape, although the officer at first had all three crowded into the narrow passageway in the coach.

It is thought that Francis is one of a party of men from the other side of the border, who came across to work on the trains in the holiday excursion crowds. The prisoner claims that his home is in Toronto, but Dayton, Ohio, car tickets were found in his possession.

He is a man of 40, is stout, weighs 220 pounds, stands six feet tall, although stooped, is clean shaven, and has a dark complexion.

A Warm Battle.

According to those who witnessed the affair, Ewen first became aware of the operations of the men when a man who was standing near by "tipped" him that his pocket was being picked. Jumping about quickly he showed the three alleged thieves his police officer's badge, whereupon they bolted from the car and made off.

Francis proved less fit for the sprint than the others, and was taken into custody in the premises of the Cook-Fitzgerald Company. While awaiting the arrival of the patrol with his man at the corner of Richmond and Bathurst streets, one of the pair who had escaped returned, but was not recognized by Ewen. As the pickpocket passed, however, he swung suddenly and struck the officer in the face, causing the blood to flow freely from his nose. The man then made off, but Ewen, with the assistance of others, managed to retain his hold on his prisoner.

The men, it is alleged, operated in the same manner in the narrow passage beside the smoking department as did Harry Davis, the little Hebrew who a few weeks ago was arrested in the act of "dipping" into the pocket of a Winnipeg



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STRONG EVIDENCE FOR PHYSICIAN

A Witness at Bad Axe Trial Shows Prosecution Inferences Astray.

MRS. SPARLING'S BANKING

Cashier Testifies That She Gave But One Note to Doctor and That in 1909.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Bad Axe, Mich., May 23.—At the Sparling case this afternoon, the defence again scored strongly when evidence was introduced, tending to clear up many of the transactions from which the prosecution had drawn inferences unfavorable to the accused.

Darley Leach, cashier of the Uby Bank, where both Dr. MacGregor and Mrs. Sparling did their financial business, was the first witness for the defence during the afternoon. He testified that in the four years subsequent to the death of her husband, Mrs. Sparling's business at the bank had been mostly on the debit side of the ledger. During that time he said the bank had discounted more than 100 notes for her, and that the score of notes for the woman, the amounts which she was indebted to the bank at the various times totaling \$5,381.90. Of all the notes which Mrs. Sparling gave during that period, the bank had record of but one for \$38.50, which had been given to the doctor, that being early in 1909. The witnesses testified that the latter part of last year Mrs. Sparling gave a mortgage of \$1,250 to clear all her notes at the bank as well as some trading bills and undertaker bills.

Nurse Gibb's Movements.
That the nurse, to return to her home in Port Huron, was due to act on the part of Dr. MacGregor, was the testimony of Miss Myrtle Dugan, who took the nurse and swore that the failure to catch the train was accidental. She said that she with several other friends, who were with a Miss Gibb, were desirous of seeing a wedding party away, and that they also missed the train. The doctor was not there at the time, she declared.

Lemuel Douglas, a chum of Seyrel Sparling, testified that he was to the Bad Axe with the doctor on the night of August 2, 1911. He said that Seyrel was ill on that trip. That was two days before the time the prosecution claims the arsenic was administered. David Wright, an uncle of Mrs. Sparling, was sworn for the defense, and stated that he had worked on the Sparling farm. He declared that Albert Sparling had fallen from a pick-up truck, and that before he died, and that Seyrel had also sustained injuries by running into a wagon during the year 1910.

That the case will go into June is the opinion of the attorneys, who, nevertheless, are hopeful that it may be concluded this month.

ARRESTED BY POLICE, ONCE LIVED IN LONDON

Four Alleged Women Pickpockets Gathered In By Toronto Police.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, May 23.—Four women, alleged pickpockets, said to be known to the police all over Canada and the United States, were arrested tonight by Detectives Tipton and Cronin on charges of vagrancy. They were Mrs. Sadie Seymour and Cecelia Parker, alias O'Brien, of Chicago; Mrs. Estelle Emerson, Cleveland; and Sarah Gorman, New York. The latter claims to have lived in London.

That they have accomplices, the police feel satisfied. The four women told the police that they had been in the city only a few hours, but declined to say anything concerning their mission to Toronto. A few days ago the police learned that a game of alleged pickpockets were crossing the border at Windsor, but before the authorities there had time to gather them in they had boarded trains for different eastern points.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY—MOSTLY FAIR.

Toronto, May 24.—The low pressure has been transferred to the northern portion of the continent. Local thunderstorms have occurred today from the Georgian Bay region to Quebec, and showers have occurred in many portions of the Maritime Provinces. In the Western Provinces the weather has been fine and warmer.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 50-58; Vancouver, 48-58; Kamloops, 50-75; Edmonton, 36-70; Calgary, 40-64; Prince Albert, 34-72; Qu'Appelle, 32-62; Minnedosa, 42-68; Port Arthur, 28-52; Pelly Sound, 52-78; Toronto, 44-52; Kingston, 52-64; Ottawa, 48-78; Montreal, 50-70; Quebec, 42-62; St. John, 50-70; Halifax, 30-53.

Today's Probable.

Western Ontario—Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; thunderstorms in some localities, but for the most part fair and warm.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN DELEGATES ARRIVE FOR BIG CONVENTION

Many Ladies From Eastern Canada Reached the City Last Night.

A large delegation of visitors to the National Council of Women's annual meeting arrived in the city last night, coming from Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Halifax and other places. They included members of the executive board, and some of the main officials of the Council. The St. John delegates arrived on the 10:30 train, and others will reach London by various trains today and on Saturday.

Among those who kindly loaned their autos and carriages for the use of the delegates were Colonel Galtshore, George H. Belton, Dr. Westland, George M. Reid, Philip Pocock, and others.

Several members of the local council formed a reception committee, composed of Mrs. Yarker, Miss McMillan, Miss

Moore, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. R. M. Graham, Mrs. Samuel Stevely, Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. E. B. Smith.

Today's Programme.

Starting with the devotional exercises this morning at 9:30 in the Normal school, the day will be mainly occupied with meetings of various committees, and at night a reception will be tendered the delegates in the Normal school. Members of all societies affiliated with the local council are cordially invited to be present at this reception. Addresses of welcome will be given by Mayor Graham and Mrs. Boomer, president of the local council, to which Mrs. Bullock, of St. John, N. B., will reply on behalf of the visiting delegates. This will be an excellent opportunity for the guests and local women to become acquainted, and as the same interests are shared by practically all who will attend there should be no atmosphere of formality in the gathering, and a pleasant time is assured.

TITANIC DISASTER REPORT TO BE SWEEPING ARRAIGNMENT

Captain Smith, Ismay and the British Trade Board To Be Censured.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., May 23.—The Senate committee on commerce today considered the report on the Titanic disaster, which the committee will submit to the Senate next Tuesday. It will be a sweeping arraignment of the conditions under which the great vessel swept along through the iceberg area to her doom, with its immense loss of life.

It is understood the report will severely criticize Captain Smith, of the Titanic, as mainly responsible for the disaster because of failure to heed the warnings of swift vessels, the British Board of Trade for lax inspection, J. Bruce Ismay, who was a passenger, and will point to the lack of discipline in the time of danger. Captain Lord, of the Californian, will figure in the responsibility because of failure to take necessary steps when near the Titanic, whose rocket signals of distress were seen aboard the Californian. Congress will be asked to reward Captain Rostron, of the rescue ship Carpathia.

Titanic legislation will be pressed as the result of the conclusions announced.

Warnings of the Ice.

London, May 23.—The White Star Company today delivered its reply before the Titanic board of inquiry to the assertion of the board of trade, supported by the evidence of the manager of the Marconi Company, that the Titanic was navigated in an oblique space in which, according to warnings sent out from several steamers, there was ice.

Counsel for the company recalled the officers of the Titanic to the witness stand, and all of them replying to a question said the only warning they could remember was that received from the Californian reporting ice north of their course.

The Solicitor-General, Sir John Simon, drew their attention to the fact that on their evidence in chief they had referred to warnings in the plural.

They replied that the other messages referred to a tank steamer, which was adrift in their track.

Sir John Simon also called attention to the fact that the Titanic was reported by the Californian on April 12, so that by the time the Titanic reached the position the ice would have drifted to the south.

THREE GODERICH HOTELMEN HAVE LICENSES CUT OFF

Political Spleen Alleged To Be Cause of This Action.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Goderich, Ont., May 23.—The license commissioners met this afternoon and cut off the Huron House, J. R. Reynolds; King Edward, Robert King; and the British Exchange, M. J. Farr. The latter was instrumental in having three men arrested.

In the investigation, wherein Chairman Patterson and Inspector Asquith were asked to resign. They have three months to sell out. Feeling is running high, as it is felt that a very unfair deal has been handed out to M. J. Farr, who has the nearest and best conducted farmers' house in town, and who would not condone crookedness. Political spleen is alleged by fair-minded citizens. All three men are Liberals.



LADY TAYLOR, Distinguished Hamilton lady, who is a delegate to the convention of the National Council of Women.

THOUSANDS COULDN'T VOTE

Montreal Labor Officers May Sue Employers for Not Closing.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, May 23.—The officers of the Labor party in Montreal are contemplating action against a number of manufacturers who failed to close their factories on the day of the provincial elections, in accordance with the statute from 1 to 6. By the plants not closing many thousands of workmen, the labor officials say, were unable to vote.

The matter will be taken up at a meeting of the labor organization tonight.

PROSECUTOR MENACED

Threatened With Death by Industrial Workers, It Is Alleged.

[Canadian Press.]

Los Angeles, Cal., May 23.—The United States grand jury investigation into the Industrial Workers of the world adjourned yesterday until Friday.

An incident that served to "put determination" into the Government officials to go to the bottom "as one of them expressed it, was the receipt of a note by Government Prosecutor Robinson threatening his life if he did not cease his activities.

"Stop your investigation into this case or you will turn up missing," the note said.

It was unsigned, and it was written on a piece of scrap paper and shoved under the door of Mr. Robinson's office. A like note was received by Secret Service Detective Chas. Delacour, of San Diego

M'BRIDE ON WAY TO OTTAWA TO GET HIS POUND OF FLESH

Borden Government Placed in Embarrassing Position By B.C. Premier, Who Will Demand Pacific Coast Fleet and an Increased Subsidy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Ont., May 23.—Premier McBride is coming to Ottawa from England next month to collect his pound of flesh for delivering a solid Conservative contingent from his province last September. He wants two things: a Canadian naval unit with ship-building plant for the Pacific coast, and the fulfilment of his demands for better financial terms for British Columbia.

Premier McBride's naval policy has been made pretty plain by the resolution he put through the provincial legislature at Victoria last session, and by his recent public statements in England. His insistence on a Canadian navy, at least for the Pacific coast, is proving even more embarrassing for the Government here than the opposition from the Quebec Ministerialists against embarking on any large naval schemes at all.

Holds Strong Hand.

In regard to the better financial terms sought by the Pacific Premier, it is very probable that he will get his demands. Ontario and Manitoba have served, and British Columbia is to come next. The case for increased subsidy is now being prepared, and Mr. Edward Goswell, an official of the British Columbia Government and ex-editor of the Victoria Colonist, is here getting the facts and documents in shape, and conferring with the justice and finance departments.

McBride will present his applications to Premier Borden as soon as he arrives from England.

The Subsidy.

The claims of British Columbia for better preferential treatment have been outstanding since 1907, when Premier McBride, having failed to induce the conference of visiting premiers to agree to his demands, left the conference in anger, and carried his case to the foot of the throne. On recommendation of the other provincial premiers, the Laurier Government granted an extra \$100,000 of subsidy per year to British Columbia for a term of ten years. Premier McBride contends that this extra amount is not nearly enough to compensate the province for the disabilities under which it labors because of the geographical position; the abnormal cost of constructing roads and railways in the mountainous districts, etc. Moreover, he points out that the province, by reason of being shut out to a large extent by the barrier of the Rockies from selling its product to eastern Canada, is not on an equal footing with the other provinces, and contributes in customs revenue far more than it receives in return from the federal treasury. When in opposition, Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster and other members of the present Government practically committed themselves to a policy of more generous treatment for British Columbia, and criticized the late Government for not doing more than the last conference of provincial premiers was willing to grant.

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CERTIFICATES

Hon. Mr. Stratton a Witness at the Farmers' Bank Investigation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 23.—Sir Wm. R. Meredith expects to conclude his commission of investigation into the Farmers' Bank by the middle of next month. The chief justice expressed his intention at the conclusion of today's sitting and intimated that the progress of the inquiry was being unnecessarily drawn out. He further suggested that the commission would visit Ottawa to take the evidence of Hon. W. S. Fielding. No reference, however, was made as to the prospective calling of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Mr. Matthew Wilson, K. C., will be called on June 11.

Hon. J. R. Stratton was the principal witness today. He stated that he had nothing to do with getting the certificates for the Farmers' Bank—absolutely nothing. He had seen no member of Parliament nor anyone in the finance department. Moreover, he had not seen Travers nor anyone else connected with the organization of the bank.

NOT MUCH DANGER OF FURTHER SLIDE

A Big Section of Port Stanley Cliff Makes a Breakwater.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, May 23.—There is no immediate danger of a further landslide at Hillcrest. When a huge section of the hill, comprising hundreds of tons of earth, slid into the lake yesterday, it left a natural breakwater which will serve for some time to guard the new face of the cliff from undermining by the waves. Yesterday, however, the water was melting into the lake, and it will not be long before it has disappeared under the water. The new cliff face is now just up to the base of the scarp, which formerly stood in the centre of the hill.

The path leading around the base of the hill to the cottages on the east side is strictly obliterated, and it is necessary to climb the cliffs in order to reach them. There is some talk among villagers of taking steps to prevent further encroachment by the waves on one of the resort's best known landmarks.

C. N. R. AT EXETER

Surveyors and Engineers Laying Out Line to Grand Bend.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Exeter, May 23.—A party of surveyors and engineers of the Canadian Northern Railway was through here today in connection with the new radial to be built through Stratford to Grand Bend. It was stated that work on the line will be rushed.

FALSE PRETENCES

Provincial Police Secure Conviction of Dr. Douglas.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 23.—Dr. Matheson Douglas will think some time before he speculates on his wits and the credulity of other people. He is now awaiting sentence at Cobourg under a conviction of false pretences. He was arrested last week by Inspector Boyd, of the provincial police, on a complaint made by Mr. Wm. Greve, a farmer a few miles out of Port Hope, one of a number of complaints that have come in during the past two years, and convicted today.

PRESIDENT DESCHANEL

Paris, May 23.—Paul Deschanel was this afternoon elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies.

JAPS AMBUSHED

Victoria, B. C., May 23.—Heavy losses by Japanese troops in Formosa occurred April 29 in a battle with natives, according to mail advices brought here by the steamer Awa Maru. Working toward a native camp, the Japanese forces were ambushed, and the commander, with many men, killed. Another detachment sent to Hak Ku, also was ambushed.

ARTS EXAM. RESULTS AT THE WESTERN

Miss Faye Johnston Wins the Governor-General's Medal.

CONVOCATION NEXT WEEK

Students in Each Year Took a Very High Standing—Graduating Class Excellent.

The results of the examinations in the arts department of the Western University were made public last night. The students took a high standing in the large majority of the subjects, the graduating class doing particularly well. In all the years the results are very satisfactory.

In the following lists honor course students are arranged in order of merit in three classes—I, of 75 per cent and over; II, of 66; III, of 60. General course students appear in three grades. A, of 66 per cent and over; B, 50, and C, 40.

In the fourth year Miss Faye Johnston qualifies for the Governor-General's medal, hitherto annually awarded to the student standing highest in general proficiency.

In the second year Mr. Percy R. Pococke wins the U. A. Buchner medal for mathematics. The announcement will be made tomorrow of the names of the winners of Mrs. Kerrigan's scholarship, and prizes given by members of the Alumni Association.

At the meeting of the university senate next Wednesday, the following will be recommended by the faculty: For the degree of B.A.—Kerwood Alexander, F. J. H. Campbell, A. D. Emory, H. W. Evans, Miss Faye Johnston, Mr. C. A. Redmond, Miss Irene Stockwell, Miss J. Weir, Rev. H. P. Westgate.

Convocation and conferring of degrees will take place next Wednesday evening at Western University. The following is the result of the year's examinations and class-works by years, with the exception of the French and German of the second, third and fourth years.

Fourth Year.
English and History Honors—I. Miss Faye Johnston. English—II, Miss Faye Johnston. French—Miss Johnston. German—I, Miss Johnston. Greek (Biblical)—B. Jacques, Alexander, Langford.

Hebrew—A. Langford; B. Westgate, Jacques.
English—A. Miss M. Skelton, A. D. Emory, K. Alexander; B. Miss E. Waugh, C. Langford, Miss Z. Fawkes, H. P. Westgate, O. W. Milton, Part A.—Miss F. Steer.

Modern Philosophy—B. Alexander. Economics—B. F. V. Elliott. Modern History—A. F. J. H. Campbell. British (Part A.)—A. Miss I. Stockwell.

Constitutional History of England and Canada—B. S. S. Hardy, Alexander, E. C. J. V. Westgate, C. Miss Skelton, Langford.

Church History—A. Alexander, Ryott; B. Jacques.

Greek (Biblical)—A. Vair. Latin—A. Miss I. McTurk; C. Miss M. Manley, O. W. Milton, Miss G. Hodgins, Elliott, Miss R. Jones.

Hebrew—A. Vair. English—B. Miss Manley (essay lacking), Miss Hodgins (essay lacking), Elliott; C. J. C. Mitchell (essay lacking), Miss Jones.

History—B. J. Weir, Elliott; C. Westgate (one essay lacking). Part A.—B. Vair, C. Miss McTurk, Ethics lacking, Miss Manley; O. Elliott, Hardy, Miss Manley; B. Miss Hodgins, Vair, Miss Skelton, Miss Jones.

History of philosophy—A. Hardy, R. Miss Manley, Westgate, Vair; O. Elliott, Miss Hodgins, Miss Jones. Apologetics—B. Alexander, Ryott, Campbell; C. Jacques.

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