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OF GREAT BRITAI IN RUHR INVASION

Cabinets of Two Countries Hold Conference on Question of Transportation.

MAY SOLVE QUESTION

If Parley Fails British Will Probably Withdraw Troops From Germany.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 15. - British and French cabinet ministers met here today in a conference which, if it fails to evolve a program for British cooperation with the French and Belgians of solving the Ruhr transporta- | ham University. tion problem, is considered likely to result in the early withdrawal of the British troops from the Cologne

The conference was begun i Downing street at ten o'clock this morning. The British ministers at morning. The British ministers at the meeting were Prime Minister Bon ar Law, Lord urzon, secretary for foreign affairs, and the Earl of Derby secretary for war with the Frenc cabinet represented by M. Letrocquer minister of public works.

It is understood, as the conference started, that the French request for additional transport facilities through the British zone was being received sympathetically. The British main-tain that the French have little need or more railway lines to handle coal shipments to France, but it is realized that the French have a problem equally serious in the transporting of

supplies from France into the occu-pied territory.

The question may be settled temporarily by the transfer of a six mile section of the British zone containing souble track railway line, to the

FRENCH AND BELGIAN MINERS STRIKE TODAY

Thousands Cease Work, Dissatisfied With Wages Paid Them.

BY WEBB MILLER.

ecial Cable to The Advertiser Paris, Feb. 15.-French and Bel ian miners quit work by thousands

today in a strike over wages. by the French Miners' Federation, es not start officially until tomorow morning, workers at many pits many years past, stated that the em. Several thousand Belgian orkers walked out at Cuesmes in onnection with a nationwide demand or a 25 per cent increase in wages. The National Council of Confeder ted Miners of France has thus far refrained from joining the strike in his country. This is welcomed by

erators as a favorable sign, bu Eclair admits that a majority of miners in the Loire Valley will walk out tomorrow. The strike is exected to be partially effective in the lord, while the Pas De Chalais and nzin coal basins await Saturday's terview with employers and a The French press today expressed

fear that Germany would interpret he coal strike as encouraging reistance in the Ruhr. The Petit aristan appeals to the patriotism of e workers not to give the Germans

The Unitary Federation of Under ound Workers, which is directing morrow's general strike, issued nunique, denouncing the failure the operators to make concessions to make satisfactory legislation of eir position.

"The silence of the employers mereemphasizes the emptiness of eteral government promises," the cominique save.

"It proves indisputably the patrons etermination not to consent to any in dealing with their nderground slaves.

THINK WARNER TO GET JUVENILE COURT POST

Attorney-General To Make Recommendation After Thorough Canvass.

Special to The Advertiser Toronto, Feb. 15 .- No definite an uncement has been made in regard the appointment of a judge for the venile court in London, but from hat can be learned today ii apears that Rev. Quinton Warner will named by Attorney-General Raney r the appointment.

Several names are before me, tated Mr. Raney to The Advertiser, and I shall make a recommendation fter a thorough canvass of the sit-ation. There is not any particular cedure I have to follow

By that it is meant that the recom endation of any civic or other body ould not have to be followed, and en the member of the riding is cally consulted in such matters Il the preliminaries are over, and r. Raney has two names, Mr. Barand Mr. Warner. From the naway in which his recommenda-s have been vouched for, it tems by that the attorney-general will



COL. JOSIAH WEDGOOD. British M. P., has been appointed as the first representative government board of Birming-

Huron and Bruce Train Cancelled Owing to Heavy Drifts.

SNOWPLOWS ARE OUT

Trouble.

The severe storm that is sweeping this part of the country continues to play havoc with the railroads. The morning Huron and Bruce train on but four fire companies quickly exthe Grand Trunk had to be cancelled tinguished the blaze. The fire was today, owing to the heavy snowdrifts in the vicinity of Clinton. The afternoon train, which left here for Wingham yesterday at 4:40 p.m., did not arrive in that town until 6

o'clock this morning.

At present there is little trouble being experienced on the main lines east and west. No. 17, from Mon-treal, was 35 minutes late today, and No. 6, from Chicago, was on time.

There is one snowplow at Wing-ham now, and it will precede the afternoon train to London, while an-While the general strike, declared other plow will go ahead of the 4:40 from this city to Wingham.

John Eyre, who has been in charge

of snowplows on the G. T. R. for topped, as word of the plan reached drifts on the Huron and Bruce branches this year are the worst he has ever experienced Officials of the C. P. R. report their trains running fairly well on time. The two snow plows on the London division are on the road, as well as the ones at Woodstock and Guelph

BRITISH SHIP IN PERIL THINK WIRELESS BROKE

Navy Radio Catches Message From Distressed Vessel on

Associated Press Despatch San Francisco, Feb. 15-The British steamer Tuscan Prince has gone on the rocks at an unknown position between here and Seattle, and is breaking up fast, according to a wireless message received here by he Radio Corporation of America at 6:15 a.m.

The Tuscan Prince, a freighter 5,275 tons, owned by the Prince Line, sailed from San Francisco for Seattle last Sunday. Her home port is New-

Associated Press Despatch. Seattle, Feb. 15.—Peril to the Britnavy radio station here caught

Loss Will Total Two Millions as Huge Packing Houses Burn.

STOCK IS DESTROYED

Packers Claim Fire at Omaha Most Disastrous in Their History.

Associated Press Despatch. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15 .- A fire that was still burning fiercely early this morning and that was called by veteran packing men, the most destruc-States packing industry, has destroythree nine story buildings of Armoun and Company's plant in South Omaha with an estimated loss of \$2,000,000. Two other buildings used as lard refineries were threatened.

More than 1,000 men are already

emporarily without employment as a Twenty-one fire companies concen trating their efforts on preventing a further spread of the flames. The fire started from a defective motor. The firemen experienced great difficulty in making water connections because of the sub-zero weather and low pressure further hindered then the streams barely reaching the sixth

story at times.

Huge stocks of lard melted and ran over the buildings like liquid fire, nullifying the efforts of the firemen and made the fire the most spe lar as well as the worst in Omaha's

history. The Main Lines East and West Experience Very Little

Firemen became encrusted with ice encrusions and ice in the ice i air by the explosion of an ammonia tank and was taken to a hospital. Six other firemen were overcome of

injured.
Swift and Company's plant was threatened when the roof of the feed

City Clerk Prompts Spending Bodies on Carrying Out of New Order.

City Clerk Sam Baker is again notifying the public utilities commis-ion, the board of education, the L and P. S. commission and other public spending bodies that their com-

"I am endeavoring to hustle this am endeavoring to hustle this book along," he stated, "and as we have reached the salary section I am forced to prompt these departments again. The police department figures only have been submitted. The city council has ruled that the names and salaries of all civic em-

ployees be printed in this municipal year book. This was suggested in 1922, but the aldermen state that the other departments declined to co-operate, the utilities commission and the school board being the chief offenders.
When all these figures are avail-

able a report will be prepared for the city council, in order that the question of holidays may be exhaustively Employees at the city hall seem quite favorable to the suggestion that their holidays with pay be eliminated, if as a concession, they are granted

GIVE BILL SECOND READING TO REDUCE INDEMNITIES

overtime pay.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Feb. 15 .- The bill reducto \$1,500 was given second reading in the Legislature yesterday and re-Associated Press Despatch.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—Peril to the British steamer Tuscan Prince, somewhere in the Pacific, was indicated at 4:10 o'clock this morning, when the paying station have been supported by the paying radio at the paying station have been supported by the paying station have been supported by the paying the paying station have been supported by the paying station to the paying station and present the paying statio A measure, brought before the house by John Queen, calling for of dependent relatives of persons al-ready in this country, was defeated.

Single Woman Is Blamed For Surrender of British

Miss Gertrude Bell Includes Politics in Numerous Activities in Near East—Has Muzzled All Opposition.

Associated Press Despatch. London Feb. 15.—British commitments in Mesopotamia, which have long been a cause of intense dissatisfaction among a large part of the public here, are all traceable to the London Feb. 15 .- British commit-

the Daily Express. "The reason why the British taxpayer pays out his money in Arab istration of Mesopotamia is

has even muzzled the opposition. influence of one woman, according to during the war and retains the post of oriental secretary to the high com-

missioner. "Her influence in the civil adminlands," sayr the newspaper, "is a romantic one—the wonderful woman huntress, poetess, explorer and traveler, Miss Gertrude Lowthian Bell."

Recalling Miss Bell's numerous activities, especially in the near east, the Express continues: "Her last and greatest role is in politics. From Bagdad she has become the Egeria of the cabinet and to a great extent."





INHERIT ESTATE OF OLDEST V.C. Mrs. O. B. Sheppard (right) and Mrs. Margaret Armstrong (left), two Toronto women, inherit the medals and estate of the late Sergt. George Richardson, V.C. hero, who died in London, Ont., recently. Mrs. Armstrong, tive in the history of the United Sergt. Richardson declared, reminded him of his wife in the days of their

SUGGESTS OLD STREET CAR FOR A SHELTER AT BYRON

Captain A. G. Elson Asks City Railway Company To Place Derelict Car 72 Near Springbank Loop To Protect Passengers From the Elements.

vesterday commented to The Advertiser on the alleged lack of shelter accommodation at the Byron loop, today further stated that he had today further stated that he learned that the London Street Railway Company had recently "wreck-

of the street railway system, this morning wrote a further letter to R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the London Street Railway Company, asking that this car, rather than be destroyed, be placed on the side track at the an emergency solution of the shelter problem

Letter to Company.

vey said in part:
". . . I might respectfully retorium, and surrounding locality, that and numbers of girls and other derelict cars, namely 72, be side-tracked on the rails already placed R. G. Ivey this morning stated that for standing car purposes near the immediately upon receipt of the compresent the vital question, until such part of the Byron patrons, he ou and your board could decide. "Again this morning the waiting

Captain A. G. Elson of Byron, who and built an open fire, thus keeping from freezing, there being a regular zero blizzard blowing. "I am informed that three or four weeks ago car No. 56, and a few days before that another car, the number of which I have not in my pos were smashed up and burned at the

on the above-mentioned siding, and In this regard the captain, in the would have furnished shelter and parname of the numerous Byron patrons tial comfort to the waiting people." Car Was Late. Yesterday afternoon the captain

stated to The Advertiser, the 5:20 car left Dundas and Richmond streets at about 5:45. The next trip scheduled "When that car was as late as that it would have been only courtesy to wait, the remaining fifteen or twenty minutes, so as to nick to a the same corner at 6:10. In the past the custom has been to appoint a commissioner to minutes, so as to nick to the same corner at 6:10.

The captain, in his letter to tur. minutes, so as to pick up the many who nightly endeavored to make conquest, on behalf of the villagers of however, the 6:10 car. As it was, quest, on behalf of the villagers of however, the 6:10 didn't leave Dun-Byron, and those from Byron Sana- das and Richmond until around 7 p.m. one of your 'soon to be abandoned forced to wait in the blizzard nearly

This would solve at plaint made by Captain Elson on the time as other action on the part of the matter up with the board, and has asked for a report. "It will only be a matter of a few

people there suffered terribly from days," he said to The Advertiser, the cold. They collected fallen "until we have arranged for some he said to The Advertiser, branches, etc., from the trees nearby sort of remedy.

plete salary and wage list is required at once for publication in the year OFFICE OF ASSESSOR

He and Martin O'Sullivan Turn Over Keys to Successors.

Reorganization of the city assessment department was completed this afternoon. Stephen Grant and Mar- Is Badly Scalded tin O'Sullivan, retiring assessment commissioner and senior assessor, respectively, handed in their keys this morning, marking their actual retire- Gordon Logan Is Removed to ment after long and faithful service

with the municipality. While his appointment has yet to be ratified by the council on Monday,

Other members of the staff are clerk, R. Ashton, and two stenographers, Misses Hodgins and Waldock. The staff totals 9, as compared with 22 in 1922.

art of a message. It said: "S. O. S. house by John Queen, calling for uscan Prince ashore. Position—" At the free entry to Canada from Europe his point the vessel's wireless set apof dependent relatives of persons aljective this year is not a sweeping for the vessel's wireless set apof dependent relatives of persons aljective this year is not a sweeping throughout through the transfer throughout throughout throughout throughout through the transfer throughout through the transfer throughout increase in assessment throughout

"They will merely take care of the natural increase," he stated, "as well as the readjustment of errors, etc."

Mr. Glass directs attention to the new by aw passed by the council setting April 30 as the last date for the receipt of income returns. cautions all who do not wish to run foul of the law to meet the requirements as speedily as possible.

The authorities point out that the reduction in the staff of assessors this year means that the four remaining will have to work with greater despatch, and all citizens are asked to co-operate as much as possible by answering questions without taking offense or creating a delay.

The following extract from the tatutes is quoted in this respect: Clause 16: "It shall be the duty of every person to give all necessary in-formation to the assessors, if required by them, in order to enable them to do their work."

CITY HAS 400 TONS COAL. The city still owns about 400 tons of bituminous coal which may be purchased at the current prices. Re-lief Inspector McCallum is making a determined effort to dispose of this without further delay.

Grand Master Here

Tonight the Masons of London' ten lodges are en fete to receive the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C. Read about it on page seven.

Carrying Water

Victoria Hospital.

pail of hot water to an auto, Gordon Harry Bennett is officiating as the Logan, of 62 Wilson avenue, was so new commissioner. Sam Glass will badly scalded that he was rushed to in this province, and for ten months be his chief assistant, as well as inLogan was employed at Kilpatrick

one of the celebrated minita units in this province, and for ten months during the war was agricultural representative in London under the milli-Logan was employed at Kilpatrick Bros.' hardware store, East London. ing members indemnities from \$1,800 four assessors, A. Barr, Alf. Burwell. bank building on the corner of Ade He was carrying the water from a F. England and W. J. Gray: one laide and Dundas streets, when he slipped on the ice-coated sidewalk. ance Company. His legs and feet were scalded. Dr. Angus Graham attended him. He is resting quietly at present

SUES C. P. R. FOR LOSS ON LEMON SHIPMENT

Catalano and Sansone Claim Fruit Was Delayed on Montreal Docks.

Two more suits have been entered Heir to British Throne Insists Upon Seeing Horribly Mutilated for hearing at the next sitting of the county court.

Catalano & Sansone are suing the Canadian Pacific Railway for half the value of a carload of lemons which they claim were left by the defendants on the docks at Montreal for a month after arriving from Italy. They stated that they took the lemons under protest when they came to London. The railroad officials claimed they did not know the destination of the consignment.

The plaintiffs are now endeavoring to collect from the C. P. R. the sum of \$511.78, which amount, they claim, they lost through the poor condition they lost through the poor condition of the fruit on its arrival here.

T. B. Escott & Co. is seeking to collect the sum of \$666.98, plus interest, from A. E. North of this city for the alleged balance due them from the defendant for goods sold and delivered to him.

IS PERMANENT POST New Commissioner Has Spent Long Term in Public Office. Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Colonel W. R. Mayberry Is

Chosen to Make Investigation

Among Govt. Employees.

Ingersoll, Feb. 15 .- Col. William R Mayberry of this town, former M. L. A. for South Oxford, has been appointed special commissioner to inestigate partisanship among govrnment employees in the province of vestigate partisanship among Ontario Ontario. Col. Mayberry answered he conflicting stories current during he past few days regarding his cumored appointment by stating in an nterview with The Advertiser today that he was notified Monday by Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor,

that he had been chosen to fill the new position. When questioned as to what the exact duties of his office would be. Col. Mayberry replied that he was absolutely in the dark on that point, and didn't know a thing other than he would be asked to make a personal investigation of alleged cases of partisanship among government employees in the province and re-port his findings to the Dominion

government "I expect further instructions will plained, "and until that time I think would be unwise to make any statement regarding my plans for executing the new office. To be canid, I have no idea myself what proedure I will take, and will not know until I receive further word from the department.

Office New One.

The newly-appointed commissioner pointed out that the office is a new one, and was, no doubt, created with the idea of rendering investigations as it occurred the commissioner in nearly every case being a resident of the district in which the irregularity is supposed to have taken place.
"Do you think the creation of the of the government finding an in-crease in partisanship among its emcame as a direct result perts and recorded as correct

crease in partisanship among its employees?" he was asked.

"No." he replied thoughtfully, "I don't think such is the case. As far as I know there has been no increase in partisanship during the past few years. In my opinion, the Liberal Government, after studying statistics for the last several years, has come missioner who would cover the entire province could handle these matters

August, but has been delayed in the meanwhile awaiting the decision from the Dominion railway board with reduced, but would be wiped out, and a Conser jority substituted. He expected his follows from the detailed report follows, showing the chief figures of general interest to the ratepayers of London:

Income Statement.

CFRMANS SINK missioner who would cover the entire province could handle these matters more efficiently and economically than if a new commissioner was ap-pointed to investigate each case.

Demands Diplomacy. Col. Mayberry said he realized the fact that the position is one demanding the utmost in diplomacy, tact and persistency and for this reason ing the utmost in diplomacy, tact and persistency, and for this reason would not like to make any broad statement of what he thought he would do, as he himself could not say what the exact nature of his work would be until he had received fuller instructions.

Col. Mayberry's political career has been a long and varied one and constitutions.

Col. Mayberry's political career has been a long and varied one, and he is completing his 41st year in public life. He was born in Oxford Township, has lived in Ingersoll for the past 18 years, and is one of the most esteemed and valued citizens of that district.

His public life began in 1882, when he was elected to the municipal council. From 1883-1889 he served faithfully on the county council, and was

fully on the county council, and was elected warden for 1888. This position he filled successfully, and was When he slipped while carrying a one of the youngest wardens that Ox-Col. Mayberry was formerly in command of the 24th Grey's Horse, one of the celebrated militia units tary service act.

> berry has been actively engaged in the insurance business, and is sometary of the Farmers' Mutual Insur-Associated Press Despatch.

For the past few years, Col. May-

WORK FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. representatives yesterday passed bill establishing a 48-hour work

Associated Press Despatch.

After seeing 29 of the men and him.

Mail today.

Prince of Wales Caresses

Shattered Face of Veteran

Victims of the Great War.

London, Feb. 15.-The story of a fully, and then asked where the

figured war veterans are spending were allowed to see this sufferer, who

offering them his condolences, the The member of the hospital staff

prince asked where the other seven who related the story tried to dis-

were. He was told that these were suade His Royal Highness, but so shockingly mutilated that it was prince was insigniness, but the

COL. WM. R. MAYBERRY, appointed special commissioner to in

Profits For Twelve Months Shown as \$17,927.97 in Report Just Issued.

EARNINGS \$623,006.58

Passenger Business Proves Most their utmost to assure a decisive vice Lucrative, While Park Also Returns Profits.

Notwithstanding all insinuations to Dec. 31, 1921.

Long delayed, the last annual financial statement was available for commanding the Twenty-First Fusiliers, accepted the responsibility impublicity today, revealing a surplus posed upon him as the Conservative of \$17,927.97 for 1921. The report has been duly audited by the city ex-

The annual report was due last of election day. The Liberal maj August, but has been delayed in the lity, he declared, would not only

Passengers Freight\$20.140.24

.\$623,006.55 Operating Expenditure. ...\$419,633.82

Deductions From Gross Income. terest \$78,509.67 Rental 20,000,00 Special Deduction.

SINKING IN ATLANTIC

Wireless Message Picked Up Reports "Mocenisio" in Difficulty at Sea.

New York, Feb. 15.-The Italian steamship Moncenisio from Norfolk, shipped by way of Strassburg. Concord, N.H., Feb. 15.—The house Va., to Marseilles, is sinking about French are hiring Dutch bargemen 510 miles east of Cape Henry, Va. week for women and children in this according to wireless reports picked

found there the prince chatted cheer-

Albert Healy and Col. Robinson Speak at Official Nomination Meeting. LIBERALS CONFIDENT Sure Seat Will Be Retained by Minimum Majority of 1,500. Special to The Advertiser.

IN ESSEX VOTING

Windsor, Feb. 15.—Opposing political factions came together here today, when nominations of both Conof South Oxford, former member of servative and Liberal candidates the provincial house who has been were officially ratified.

Albert Healy, Liberal standardbearer, was the only Liberal name put up to contest the byelection of March 1. He officially accepted the trust, and in an interesting speech predicted victory for the party he represents.

He referred to the character of the late Hon. Mr. Kennedy, whose death necessitated the oncoming election, in glowing terms, and expressed the hope that he would prove a suitable successor to the beloved former minister of railways.

There was little possibility of the Conservative party emerging triumphant from the campaign, he said, but expected that Mr. Kennedy's majority of 7,750 would be materially re-

duced. He said he was certain of a minimum majority of 1,500, but never-theless asked his supporters to de

Mr. Healy further stated that it was a privilege to belong to the King government, and refuted asser-tions of his adversaries that reflected on the integrity and competence the contrary the London and Port the Liberal party under the able stanley Railroad is still a paying leadership of the present premier. proposition-or, at least, it was, until substantial Liberal majority in the He ponited out the necessity of house to insure good government Colonel Sydney Robinson, office

nominee in a flery address. He stated he was not a tended to fight up to the last minus and a Conservative ma

He expected his followers to work The meeting broke up with cheers

SERMANS SINK BARGE IN THE RHINE LOCKS

91,283 23 Émulate Admiral Keyes at Zeebrugge To Prevent Coal Transportation.

\$147.344.17 Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News. Copyright Essen, Feb. 15.-Emulating of smaller scale the deeds of Admir. Keyes at Zeebrugge and Richmond -\$39.396.50 Hobson at Santiago Cuba, a Ger man canal boat sank a loaded barge

.....\$21,468.53 in the locks between Ruhort harbo

the Rhine Herne Canal. Thus the canal as a means of trans porting coke is useless until the sunken barge is raised. The Ru! industrial area possesses a network of canals leading to the Rhine and the Ems, and the French attach great mportance to controlling the locks imping stations and harbors. Recently the French announced that the Ruhort harbor had been cleared, and that the towns of Wesel. Emmerich and Dorsten had been oc

on the Rhine and the upper level of

cupied to control the customs and the Lippe Canal. The French are relying upon canals for the transportation cke, which France needs as much as Coke is usually

to man the canal boats. THE WEATHER

Friday—Fair with low temperature.

Friday—Fair with low temperature.

Pressure has changed but little to the westward of the Great Lakes, but the area of lowest pressure, which was in the Ottawa Valley yesterday, is now south of Nova Scotia with increased intensity. The temperature continues very low throughout the west. A heavy snowfall has occurred in worth.

Laigary visit made by the Prince of Wales seventh was. He was told that no to a hospital where 36 hopelessly dis- one except the physicians and nurses Ottawa

The highest and lowest tempera-tures recorded in London during the

Wednesday-8 p.m., 29.38,

their days is printed by the Daily lay alone in still another ward. The Father Point ... prince expressed a desire to visit St. John Halifax

24 hours previous to 8 o'clock night, were: Highest, 28: lowest 1 The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were; Highest, 11: lowest, 1.

Barometric Readings.

hardly desirable for him to see them. The prince, however, insisted, and attendants accordingly took him into the ward.

With each of the six whom he line shattered face.