

INSURANCE FOR WORKERS

Lloyd-George's Measure Compelling Protection for Certain Laboring Classes

A despatch from London says: David Lloyd-George, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Thursday introduced the long-promised plan of State insurance against unemployment, sickness and invalidity. Every worker whose annual earnings fall below the income tax level of £160 (approximately \$800) will be compulsorily insured against illness so as to assure him the receipt of five shillings per week during his incapacity. Toward this the worker would contribute about one-half, the same being deducted from his wages, while the balance would be paid jointly by his employers and the State. The weekly assessment against the insured would be eight cents in the case of a man and six cents for a woman, representing, as the Chancellor put it, "two pints of ale or one ounce of tobacco." Every one in the class mentioned between the ages of 16 and 65 is included in the plan. The employers would pay six cents weekly for every employe and the Government

contribute four cents for each of the insured.

Mr. Lloyd-George estimated that his plan would affect 14,700,000 men and women. Provision is made whereby women will receive thirty shillings in maternity cases on condition that they do not work for a month following child birth, and for free medical attendance for every contributor.

The state would also help in the crusade against consumption providing \$7,500,000 to aid local authorities in building sanitariums and \$5,000,000 towards their maintenance.

Although in cases of permanent disability the sick allowance would be five shillings weekly, ten shillings would be allowed for the first three months in the case of men and seven shillings six pence in the case of women.

Those who can be shown to have invited incapacity would receive no insurance, though any necessary medical treatment would be provided.

COURT MOURNING ENDED.

This Week Sees Opening of London Season's Festivities.

A despatch from London says: The period of mourning at Court being at an end, mourning was discarded on Sunday, and there will be an advent of brilliant costumes at this week's balls and dinners. The season's festivities have already commenced, and debutantes are rushing to luncheons, to dinners, to balls, and to bed just before dawn. King George, Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other members of the Royal Family attended a memorial service at Windsor on Saturday, on the first anniversary of the death of King Edward. Many friends of the late King were present and a great many wreaths were sent to the chapel. The Archbishop of Canterbury conducted the services.

THREW HIMSELF INTO RIVER.

Arthur Durocher Commits Suicide at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Arthur Durocher, aged 19, is said to have committed suicide by throwing himself into the river off the Thompson Line wharf on Friday. Constable Nadeau found a hard hat, in which was a Chinese laundry check, on the wharf Saturday. On the check was written the name "Arthur Durocher." Further inquiry showed that a sailor on the Frontenac had seen a young man throw himself into the river on Friday, and that the man had been swept away in the swift current. Durocher's father said that the young man had been drinking heavily and had left the house in a passion at noon on Friday, threatening to drown himself.

FOREST FIRE NEAR KENORA.

Feared That It May Spread Over a Wide Area.

A despatch from Kenora, Ont., says: A big bush fire is raging near the east end of Clearwater Bay, about 16 miles from here, and, with the very dry conditions that are at present existing, it may spread over considerable territory. East of here, between Tache and Ignace, and four miles from the latter point, a fire is raging, and there are also fires in some portions of the country very close to the main line of the C.P.R. Fire rangers started for

Clearwater Bay several days ago, and men have also been sent east along the line to battle with the serious outbreak there. Conditions are regarded as serious.

DREADNOUGHT DAMAGED.

Double Bottom Buckled Up When Put in Dry Dock.

A despatch from London says: The Dreadnought cruiser Invincible was seriously damaged while being docked at Portsmouth on Tuesday for an overhauling. The moment the great weight rested on the wooden blocks the steel frames strengthening the vessel's double bottom buckled, forcing the keel upward. The frames were bent like a bow, the immense weight of the ship bulging them out on both sides. The dock was immediately refilled and the Invincible floated out. An examination showed the extent and serious nature of the injury and repairs are likely to be long and costly. The Invincible has given continual trouble ever since she was put in commission. Her guns have not been fired for more than a year, owing to difficulties with the electricity operated barbettes.

YOUTH DIES FROM LOCKJAW.

Allan J. Latham's Knee Grazed With Rifle Bullet.

A despatch from Brockville says: Allan J. Latham, fourteen years old, son of Robert Latham of Sherwood Springs, was shooting fish two weeks ago, when the bullet from a rifle grazed his left knee, causing a slight scratch. Nothing was thought of the injury until Saturday, when lockjaw developed, and death ensued on Wednesday night. The deceased had been assisting in planting a garden after sustaining the scratch.

EXPORTS GREATER.

Britain's Imports, However, Show a Large Falling Off.

A despatch from London says: The April statement of the Board of Trade shows a decrease of \$38,326,000 in imports and an increase of \$2,001,000 in exports. The principal decreases in the imports were \$5,000,000 in foodstuffs, \$7,500,000 in raw cotton, and \$6,665,000 in raw wool. The exports of cotton goods increased \$6,250,000, but other textiles, metals and machinery showed losses.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 9.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.40 to \$3.45, Montreal freight. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.10; second patents, \$4.60, and strong bakers', \$4.40, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1, Bay ports; No. 2 at 27½c, and No. 3 at 95c.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 red and white, 84 to 86c, outside.

Barley—Malting qualities, nominal, 67 to 68c, outside.

Oats—Ontario grades 35½ to 36c, outside, and 37½ to 38c on track, Toronto. No. 2 W. C. oats, 39c, and No. 3, 38c, Bay ports.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 60c, Toronto, and 55 to 55½c c.i.f., Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 at 80 to 81c, outside.

Rye—None offering, with prices purely nominal.

Buckwheat—No. 2 quoted at 52 to 53c, outside.

Bran—Manitobas at \$22, in bags, Toronto, and shorts \$23 to \$23.50, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$22, in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.70 to \$1.75, and small lots, \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11c per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.50 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$12 to \$13, on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$11.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 80 to 85c per bag, and New Brunswick at 95c to \$1.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Yearling chickens, 15 to 16c per lb.; turkeys, 19 to 21c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

DAIRY MARKET.

Butter—Dairy prints, 18 to 20c; inferior, 16 to 17c. Creamery at 23 to 24c per lb. for rolls, 21½ to 22c for solids, and 21 to 22c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots quoted at 18c per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 14c, and twins at 14½c. New cheese 13 to 13½c in a jobbing way.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon, long clear, 10½ to 11c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$20; do., short cut, \$23 to \$23.50; pickled rolls, \$19 to \$20.

Hams—Light to medium, 15c; do., heavy, 12 to 13c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 17c; backs, 18 to 18½c.

Lard—Tierces, 10½c; tubs, 10¾c; pails, 11c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 9.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 40½ to 40¾c, car lots ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 39½ to 40c; No. 3 C. W., 39½ to 39¾c; No. 2 local white, 39 to 39½c; No. 3 local white, 38½ to 39c; No. 4 local white, 37½ to 38c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.30; seconds, \$4.80; Winter wheat patents, \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.60; straight rollers, \$4 to \$4.10; in bags, \$1.80 to \$1.90. Rolled oats—Per barrel, \$4.35; bag of 90 lbs., 2.05. Corn—American No. 3 yellow, 60 to 61c. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, \$23 to \$24; Manitoba, \$22 to \$23; middlings, Ontario, \$25; shorts, Manitoba, \$24 to \$25; mouillie, \$25 to \$30. Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 19c. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 11¾c. Butter—Choicest, 20½ to 21c; seconds, 18 to 20c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, May 9.—Wheat—May, 97½c; July, 98 5-8 to 98 3-4c; September, 91 5-8c; No. 1 hard, \$1.01; No. 1 Northern, 99 to \$1.00½; No. 2 Northern, 96 to 99c; No. 3 wheat, 94 to 97c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 51c. Oats—No. 3 white, 30¾ to 31½c. Rye—No. 2, \$1.04. Bran—\$21.50 to \$22. Flour—First patents, \$4.60 to \$4.90; second patents, \$4.50 to \$4.80; first clears, \$3.10 to \$3.55; second clears, \$2.10 to \$2.75.

Buffalo, May 9.—Wheat—Spring, No. 1 Northern, carloads store, 1.047-8; Winter, No. 2 red, 95c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 57½c; No. 4 yellow, 56c; No. 3 corn, 55½ to 56c; No. 4 corn, 54½ to 54¾c, all on track through biller. Oats—

RUSHING IN IMMIGRANTS

Inspector Lawrence Secures Many Convictions at Cloverdale, B. C.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says: Two weeks ago the Canadian Immigration Inspector, H. G. Lawrence, who has but recently been appointed, instituted a special effort to stamp out the wholesale railroading of undesirable foreign immigrants across the international boundary in the Blaine district. Here are a few figures of the results during a fortnight. One hundred and fifty persons were arrested, brought before the Magistrate

at Cloverdale, and fined amounts varying from \$10 to \$50, and then ordered to be deported. Two of the alleged ringleaders, who are said to have charged from \$2 to \$5 for each man piloted across the border line, are now in jail at New Westminster, and two hundred persons were turned back at the boundary, being refused admission, but were not placed under arrest. The intending immigrants were mostly Russians, Greeks and Italians.

FIRED FROM WINDOW.

The Drunken Freak of a Young Montrealer.

A despatch from Montreal says: Crazed by constant drinking, Jos. Belleau, a young French-Canadian residing at 287 Delisle street, seized a revolver on Friday afternoon and opened fire from a front window at passers-by on the street. Mr. D. Mallette, a neighbor, was wounded in the back, and Constable Mailleux in the arm in attempting to arrest him. Neither victim is seriously injured. When the police finally forced their way into the house by a rear entrance they found Belleau had collapsed, and was lying in a drunken stupor on the floor. His mother, with whom he had been living, said that he had been drinking heavily, and had the idea that he was being persecuted by humanity in general.

SAINTARY REFORMS.

Brantford Board of Health Abolishes Common Drinking Cup.

A despatch from Brantford says: The Brantford Board of Health, following the lead of London, Toronto and Berlin, has recommended that the common drinking cup in schools and public institutions be abolished and that the individual paper cups or the spray fountains be used instead. Hereafter all meat sold on the market is to be wrapped in clean paper, instead of old used newspapers as heretofore.

CLEAN UP IN KLONDIKE.

Believed That Gold Output Will be Largest in Years.

A despatch from Dawson, Yukon Territory, says: The Spring clean-up in the Klondike district has begun. Water is running everywhere, and hydraulic plants are getting into action. All the large dredges have started, and individual miners are washing out their filter dumps. It is believed that the gold output this year will be the largest in years, early estimates placing the yield in excess of \$5,000,000. Last year's output was \$4,000,000.

FEARS THE YELLOW PERIL.

Australia's Premier Says Defence Measures are Needed.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says: That Australia fears the Orient was the opinion expressed by Frank Wilson, Premier of Western Australia, who arrived on Wednesday by the steamer Zealandia en route to London to attend the Coronation. "Unless we people of Australia prepare to defend it, we will lose it," he said. "The defence movement, the construction of an Australian navy, was not begun too soon."

No. 2 white, 37c; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 4 white, 35½c. Barley—Malt-ing, \$1.12 to \$1.15.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 9.—Choice steers sold at 6½c, good at 6c to 6¼c, fairly good at 5½c to 5¾c, fair at 5c to 5½c, and common at 4½c to 4¾c per pound. A few choice cows brought as high as 5½c and the commoner ones sold from that down to 3½c per pound. There were only a few bulls offered at prices ranging from 3½c to 5¼c per pound, as to quality. Hogs declined 15c to 25c per hundred pounds.

Toronto, May 9.—There was a strong demand for good light butcher cattle from 800 to 1,050 lbs. each, and these were even firmer than the heavy cattle at around \$5.75 to \$5.85. Common and medium to fair light butchers' ranged from \$5.25 to \$5.65. Cows were quite firm at \$4.40 to \$5.15, but bulls were not so firm, and were hard to sell. Sheep and lambs were steady, with a light supply.

\$8,000 FIRE AT LINDSAY.

Baker Lumber Company's Yards Badly Gutted.

A despatch from Lindsay says: A somewhat serious fire occurred at the Baker Lumber Company's yard in the east ward at about 5.30 Saturday evening, by which over a quarter of a million feet of beech and hemlock lumber and half a million shingles were destroyed. A G.T.R. car, filled with shingles, was also destroyed. The fire, which is supposed to have started from a spark from a passing steamer, proved a stubborn one to fight, and although under control during the night, the firemen were not released until four o'clock Sunday morning. The loss is roughly estimated at about \$8,000.

DIED ON WAY TO SCHOOL.

Montreal Teacher Collapses in a Street Car.

A despatch from Montreal says: Alexander Shewan, Principal of Lansdowne Protestant School, died suddenly on the way to school on Thursday morning. Although suffering from influenza and advised by his doctor to stay at home, Mr. Shewan started out for school as usual about 8.30 o'clock. But while he was on a street car his illness became so apparent that the conductor stopped the car at Ontario street and went to his assistance. He was taken from the car to the police station on Ontario street, but was beyond human aid by the time he was carried into the building.

A little boy named Dombreuski of Montreal was choked to death with pepper that is supposed to have been put into his mouth by an older brother.

CHINA'S FAMINE HORRORS

Ill-Fed People a Prey to Fevers---Babies Sold as Merchandise.

A despatch from Toronto says: In a letter to Rev. R. P. McKay, secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Missions, Miss A. Bostick, missionary in China, gives an account of the conditions in China at the present time.

"Wheat bran now sells for what was ordinarily considered the high price for good flour," she states, "and dried potato leaves find a ready sale. Dry, hard cakes made from the sesame seeds that have all the oil pressed from them, now

form common articles of food. Those who eat it find themselves burning with fierce inward fevers, and being unable to buy tea, drink freely of cold unboiled water, which very often results in death. Little children are still being sold from door to door, as common articles of merchandise. Most of the dead poor are just wrapped in matting and buried in trenches, where the dogs can get at them."

Dr. Donald McGillivuddy writes that the plague is abating, but vigilance is still necessary.

WILL BE BIG RAILWAY SHOPS

Largest in Canada, Outside of Winnipeg, to Be Erected in Quebec

A despatch from Quebec says: The greatest railway workshops in Canada outside of Winnipeg will be erected within a few miles of Quebec City, in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific, according to the plans presented at the board of trade building on Thursday afternoon by Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman of the transcontinental commission. The plans of this proposed

workshops are most extensive and the large meeting at the board of trade was much impressed with the project.

It was announced that tenders would be called for the erection of the new station of the Grand Trunk Pacific in Quebec at the end of the month, and the tenders for the workshops would be called as soon as details had been arranged.