

# DECLARES BRITAIN'S POSITION MERITS NO DOLEFUL SYMPATHY

British Irresistible Optimists in Action, Mr. St. Loe Strachey Declares—Famous Editor Refutes "Blue Ruin" Talk—Dominions to Decide on Foreign Policy for Selves.

Mr. Strachey said: "I am amazed, and, in a sense, perturbed, because people seem to think that the condition of England is very bad, that our national morale has been shaken and that we are in a bad and perilous way. I regret that such a mistaken view should have got hold of the people of Canada and should be widely entertained because in my belief it is entirely contrary to the facts.

"John Bull has always been inclined to talk differently from his thoughts, and acts, and from the real circumstances. You remember the old story of the Frenchman who said to the Englishman, 'Splendid, magnifique—or, what would you say, 'pretty good'? When the Englishman says things as bad as possible, or that the condition of the country is terrible and that we are going to the dogs, if he spoke in accordance to his thoughts he would say the condition of the country is at heart sound and normal.

"Our high taxation, our unemployment, our perplexities, of many kinds, are not bending the nation in the very least. The reaction from these unfavorable conditions is all the other way. John Bull used to be accused of wanting to take things easy. He now sees that as an impossible attitude.

"What he is determined to do now is not to take anything sitting down, but stand up and fight it out.

"To anyone who knows the facts and looks closely you see this resolve to make good running throughout the country in every class and in every village and city, men are thinking of what is their duty on the economic side of citizenship, how to fight waste,

how to get rid of the burdens of the war by making our shillings and our sixpences do double the work they used to do.

"As regards our prestige in European countries and indeed throughout the world I am sure I am not exaggerating when I say that our prestige has never stood higher. The British Empire was never more trusted and looked upon with less suspicion, less accused of selfishness and arrogance than it is now. Several of our critics may still say that we have been too indulgent to our late enemies and our late allies, but at the same time most of them, I think, are willing to admit that our refusal to look at matters from the point of view of self interest has raised us in the estimation of the world.

"As to our relations with the other free communities in the Commonwealth of Nations which make up the Empire it is happily not necessary for me to say anything in Canada, you know, and we know and the world at large knows, that nothing will be done or can be done by Britain to commit the other parts of the Empire against their will. "Freedom and union" are the two principles upon which our Commonwealth of Nations has been built up, that remains our guiding star. It is in that sign that we shall lead the world. Pitt said that England had saved herself by her own exertions and would save the world by her example. It is my firm belief that the British Empire has saved itself by its efforts and will now help to save the world by the example which it is offering mankind, of how a Commonwealth of Nations can be run and ought to be run."

## THE MARKETS

### TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.57; No. 2 North, \$1.52½; No. 3 North, \$1.50.

Man. oats, No. 2, CW, nominal; No. 3, 50½c; No. 1 feed, 48½c; No. 2 feed, 45½c.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 92c.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$28; shorts, per ton, \$30; middlings, per ton, \$36; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—40 to 43c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.23 to \$1.26, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, 67 to 69c. Buckwheat—No. 3, nominal. Rye—No. 2, 30c.

Man. flour, first pat., \$8.20, Toronto; do, second pat., \$7.70, Toronto. Pastry flour, bags, \$6.30.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat. per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$6; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50. Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$20.

Baled hay—No. 1, \$20. Cheese—New, large, 24 to 24½c; twins, 24½ to 25½c; triplets, 26c; Stilltons, 27c. Old, large, 30c; twins, 30½c; triplets, 31c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 47c; No. 1 creamery, 46c; No. 2, 44 to 45c. Dairy prints, 40 to 42c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 78 to 80c; extra, loose, 75c; fresh firsts, 60 to 65c; storage extras, 46c; storage firsts, 43c; storage seconds, 38 to 37c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 30c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 24 to 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 27-30c.

Beans, Can. handpicked, lb., 6c; primes, 5 to 5½c.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 12½ to 13c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 12½ to 13c; 5-lb. tins, 13 to 13½c; 2½-lb. tins, 14½ to 15c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28c; cooked hams, 41 to 42c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 23 to 25c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 36c; special brand breakfast bacon, 38 to 39c; backs, boneless, 30 to 37c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22; 70 to 90 lbs., \$20.50; 20 lbs. and up, \$19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$43.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per barrel.

Lard—Pure tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 19 to 19½c; prints, 20 to 20½c; shortening tierces, 13½c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14½c; blocks, 15 to 15½c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8.75; do, good, \$6.75 to \$7.50; butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$4.75 to \$5.25; do, com., \$4 to \$4.75; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do, good, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, med., \$4.50 to \$5; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$4.50 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$4.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bolognas, \$3.25 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$3.50; springers, choice, \$90 to \$100; do, fair, \$40 to \$50; feeders, good, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, choice, \$11 to \$12; do, good, \$9 to \$10; do, grassers, \$5 to \$6; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6; good lambs, \$13.50 to \$13.75; do, med., \$12 to \$12.50; do, bucks, \$10.50 to \$10.75; do, culls, \$11 to \$12; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$12.10 to \$12.35; do, f.o.b., \$11.50 to \$11.75; do, country points, \$11.25 to \$11.50; do, off cars, \$12.50 to \$12.75; select premiums, \$2.27 to \$2.32.

### MONTREAL.

Oats, No. 3 CW, 57c; extra No. 1 feed, 54½c; No. 2 local white, 51½c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$8.50; seconds, \$8; strong bakers', \$7.80; winter pats., choice, \$7.20. Rolled oats, bag, 90 lbs., \$3.35. Bran, \$29.25. Shorts, \$31.25. Middlings, \$37.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.

Cheese—Finest wests, 21 to 21½c. Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 44c; No. 1 creamery, 43 to 43½c; seconds, 42 to 42½c. Eggs—Storage extras, 46c; do, firsts, 41c; do, seconds, 36c; fresh specials, 75 to 80c; do, extras, 70c; do, firsts, 65c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, Quebec, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Canners, \$2 to \$2.15; cutters, \$2.50 to \$2.75; bulls, \$3 to \$3.50; calves, com. and med. suckers, \$9 to \$10; hogs, mixed lots, \$12.25; select, \$12.75; sows, \$10.

## NINETEEN FREE STATE PRISONERS ESCAPE

Republicans Effect Rescue in Daring Manner.

A despatch from Dublin says:—Nineteen political prisoners escaped from Mountjoy Prison Friday night in a wholesale jail delivery, as the result of a plot. They are still at liberty, although the police are combing the city for them. In accordance with a prearranged plan, three men dressed as policemen arrived at Mountjoy with three supposed prisoners. No sooner were they inside the prison than they all produced revolvers, gagged the wardens and released nineteen men held for political offenses. All made their escape before the alarm was raised.

The civic barracks at Phillipstown and Tullamore, about 10 miles apart, in Kings County, were attacked from the streets at 2.30 o'clock Friday morning. There was intermittent rifle firing for 20 minutes, but no one in either of the barracks was injured. Before the attacks the assailants cut the telegraph wires.

Thursday's conferences at London between Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, and President Cosgrave of the Free State Cabinet concerning the boundary situation as between Northern and Southern Ireland failed to help matters.

The influential weekly, Irish Truth, urged an appeal to the League of Nations on the ground that the award of the Boundary Commission violates the terms of the Anglo-Irish treaty and that the British Privy Council lacks jurisdiction to settle the dispute.

## Two Men Killed and Third Injured in Kenora District

Kenora, Ont., Nov. 29.—Two men were killed and another was seriously wounded at Graham, Ont., yesterday, when two trappers ran amuck Raoul St. Germain has been placed under arrest charged with murder.

Canadian National Railways investigation department officials say that St. Germain and William Lefebvre came into Graham from a trapping expedition, evidently under the influence of liquor. The men, police say, pulled guns and began to shoot. Mike Laczko, section laborer, was shot dead, and C. Xzroid, section foreman was badly wounded. St. Germain then turned his gun on his partner, Lefebvre and killed him.

"Shingled" hair was popular among French ladies at Court fully 250 years ago.

## LAST BURIAL RITES AT WINDSOR CASTLE

Twenty Members of Royalty Pay Final Tribute to Queen Mother Alexandra.

London, Nov. 29.—Twenty members of the royal families of England and European countries yesterday, humbly and privately, paid their final tributes to the late Queen Mother Alexandra. With extreme simplicity the remains of Britain's "Fairy Queen" were buried in the Albert Memorial Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Escorted by only a small number of automobiles, the casket was taken at seven o'clock in the morning from Westminster Abbey, and conveyed in a motor hearse to Windsor Castle. The residents of Windsor, despite the fact that business had been suspended as a mark of the community's respect, saw little of the last rites for the Queen Mother. Windsor's great park, through which the cortege passed to enter the grounds of the castle, was closed to the public. The service, which began almost immediately on arrival of the remains, was brief and simple. Only one hymn, "Abide With Me," was sung. At the burial were the British royal family and the Kings of Norway and Denmark, the Queen of Norway, Prince and Princess George of Greece, and Prince Olaf of Norway.

At the conclusion of the hymn the Queen's casket was placed on the floor of the chapel and covered with flowers. A few days hence it will be placed beside that of King Edward, in the Crypt, where lies the dust also of their eldest son, the Duke of Clarence. There they will remain until the completion of the Sarcophagus in St. George's Chapel, now under construction.

Responding to the many expressions of condolence on the death of his mother, Dowager Queen Alexandra, King George to-day issued a message to the Empire, reading as follows:

"To my people: "In my great sorrow I am helped by the flood of sincere and generous sympathy reaching me from every quarter of the British Empire, and indeed from all parts of the world."

"While deeply grateful for these expressions of good will, I also rejoice that my beloved mother enjoyed the constant and warm affection of my people. It is such proofs of allegiance to my throne and family that have given me confidence and strength in the many anxious days I have had to face during the past fifteen years."

(Signed) "GEORGE, R.I."

## "KING OF THE FAIRIES" NOW WORLD CHAMPION

Shorthorn Bull from Prince of Wales' Ranch Wins at Chicago Fair.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—The "Wheat King of America" and the "King of the Fairies" divided interest to-day at the International Live Stock Exposition here.

L. P. Yates, of Fishtail, Montana, was crowned "Wheat King" when his exhibit of hard red spring wheat of the Marquis variety was adjudged the best submitted. He dethroned S. S. Wheeler, of Canada, who had taken the honor five times.

The "King of the Fairies" is a

Shorthorn bull owned by the Prince of Wales, and sent here from the Prince's ranch at High River, Alberta. The animal was declared the prize-winner among class one Shorthorns, and then was adjudged grand champion and senior champion bull, giving him the world championship. He re-

# IMPERIAL BANK

OF CANADA



## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st OCTOBER, 1925

### LIABILITIES

Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$10,678,152.00
Due to other Banks	1,873,941.16
Letters of Credit outstanding	503,784.99
Dividend and Bonus Due November 2nd, 1925	280,000.00
Unclaimed Dividends	1,399.75
Capital, Reserve and Undivided Profits	15,598,871.92

Deposits	\$28,986,149.82
	95,934,168.29

### ASSETS

Cash on hand and in Banks	\$ 5,867,732.94
Notes and Cheques of other Banks	6,643,031.04
Deposit in Central Gold Reserves	3,504,466.65
Deposit with the Minister for purposes of Circulation Fund	323,040.75
Dominion and Provincial Government, Municipal and other Securities	21,918,609.54
Call Loans in Canada and abroad	11,563,093.60

Other current Loans after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts	57,895,700.90
Bank Premises	5,056,813.14
Real Estate, Mortgages and other assets	1,392,089.56
Non-current Loans, estimated loss provided for	201,955.00
Liabilities of customers under Letters of Credit as per contra	503,784.99

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PELEG HOWLAND, President.

A. E. PHIPPS, General Manager.

### AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

We report to the Shareholders of the Imperial Bank of Canada:— That we have audited the above Balance Sheet as at October 31st, 1925, and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet discloses the true condition of the Bank, and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

The above Balance Sheet does not include monies which have been set aside by the Shareholders from time to time for the purpose of a Pension Fund, a portion of which is invested in shares of the Bank.

A. B. SHEPHERD, C.A., of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.  
PERCY C. BAXTER, C.A., of Macintosh, Cole & Roberts

Toronto, November 20, 1925.



LAST PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN MOTHER

This fine photograph of four generations of the British Royal Family was the last posed photograph of the late Queen mother. It shows Queen Alexandra, the King, Princess Mary and one of her young sons.

cently won similar honors in Canada. Last year "King of the Fairies" took fourth place.

The Prince's entry caps a series of prize winning exhibitions in which it took practically every first premium.

Canada continued her prize winning at the exposition to-day, making up in livestock prizes what was lost in the hay and grain show, formerly Canada's strong field. First place in the wheat division went to Montana this year, the first time in 17 years that Canada has not won the place.

Robert McEwen, London, Ontario, won the carload sheep championship with a load of Southdowns that out-classed all other entries in this division. The winning of first place makes this the fourth consecutive year that McEwen has led all entrants in the carload sheep class. McEwen also took third place in the South-down competition with a pen of three wether lambs. First place in this class went to University of Kentucky, and second place to Robson and Goddard of Denfield, Ontario.

## MINE OPERATORS REFUSE PROPOSALS

"Fail to Meet the Necessities of the Case," is Answer to Pinchot Plan.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 30.—The anthracite operators to-day declined pointblank to accept Governor Pinchot's suggestions for ending the anthracite strike, begun three months ago to-morrow, on the ground that "they completely fail to meet the necessities of the case."

"It is," say the operators in a letter sent the Governor by special messenger to-night, "only on some basis that recognizes facts as the controlling influence that this controversy can be satisfactorily settled. The substitution of expediency is a policy to which we cannot subscribe."

"It is impossible for us to find in your proposals the basis of a sound and lasting settlement, and for the same reason they cannot be considered as the basis for conference and negotiations."

As a substitute for the Pinchot proposal the operators state a willingness to resume negotiations in an effort to reach an agreement, and in the event of failure to reach one within thirty days to refer all matters in dispute to an arbitration board. This board would be made up of two min-

ers, two operators and three persons "in every sense impartial," to be named by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Presiding Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the First District.

To-day's action by the operators leaves the situation exactly where it was on Friday, when Governor Pinchot issued his call for the parties to meet on Saturday, with this difference—the lines on both sides have been stiffened. Governor Pinchot probably is eliminated as an arbitrator and the end of the strike seems, in the opinion of experts, more remote.

## SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES IN ROUYN CAMP

Delay in Freeze-up Causes Lack of Many Staple Articles of Food.

A despatch from Larder Lake says:—A large number of teams are being held in readiness at the railhead of the Nipissing Central Railway in preparation for rushing supplies to the Rouyn mining district just as soon as the ice becomes strong enough to carry horses and sleighs.

Owing to the freeze-up having set in some weeks ago, then followed by moderate weather, the date for commencement of winter transportation has been delayed. This has resulted in a great shortage of provisions and supplies throughout the entire Rouyn mining district.

Many staple articles of food have entirely disappeared off the dining tables in Rouyn. Supplies in the stores have been almost depleted, while prices for foodstuffs have risen to the highest point so far in Rouyn's history.

Walter Little, the veteran freight-handler who employed a large number of teams in dealing with the freight for the mines of the Kirkland Lake district in the pioneer days, is also to conduct a similar service to Rouyn from Cheminis at the head of the Nipissing Central.

Publicity in Abyssinia.

In Abyssinia no one is allowed to use the telephone directly. All messages must be written out and given to the operator, who shouts them into the transmitter at the top of his voice, so that every one about can hear.