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## SOVIET SPRING DRIVE BEGINS

### The Bolsheviks Launch Attacks Against the Polish Line.

## POLES RESIST VIGOROUSLY

### AND HOLD ENEMY IN CHECK IN MOST SECTIONS.

The Reds Compelled to Retreat From Several Newly-acquired Positions—The Fighting Still Continues.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Warsaw, March 25.—Bolshevik attacks have been launched against the Polish line at scattered points along a front of approximately four hundred miles, and the long prepared attack by the Russian Soviet army seems under way.

## THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN CONDENSED FORM

### Tidings From All Over Told In a Pointed and Pithy Way.

Ice conditions at Port Arthur indicate a late opening of navigation. In Peel County, W. H. Taylor was nominated for the Dominion Parliament by the farmers.

American bankers are negotiating with the C.F.R. for the purchase of \$12,000,000 equipment trust notes. The rectorship of All Saints church, Ottawa, has been offered to Rev. W. Netten, M.A., at present rector of Trinity church, Cornwall.

G. E. Macdonald, general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C., has resigned from the government service.

Canadian National earnings for the week ending March 21st were \$1,577,062, an increase of \$85,749 over the corresponding week last year.

The offer of Harris, Forbes & Co. of \$555,770.30 at 6 1/2 per cent. for Hamilton debentures to cover work undertaken last year, will likely be accepted.

Cleveland is to be headquarters for a \$25,000,000 commercial aviation company, to begin operation May 1st, with two trans-continental lines and a number of intra-state routes.

From all shades of political opinion in Toronto, there comes approval of Premier Duffry's proposed date for the provincial election date, bringing it on in October of every fourth year.

Premier Duffry introduced in the Legislature, Wednesday afternoon, a motion to fix the salary of the Minister of Mines at \$6,000 a year, which will date from the 24th of November last.

Word has been received in Toronto that Dr. M. Flanders, who held a captaincy in the imperial army, has accepted the position of municipal inspector of Bombay, India.

Lewis Gompers, brother of Samuel Gompers, labor leader, is dead at Brooklyn, after long illness. He was president of the Retail Tobacco Dealers' Association.

Justices Lachford and Riddell will investigate timber limits, pulp and mining concessions under the control of the Ontario Department of Lands, Forest and Mines.

The result of the Argyleshire election is: Sir William Sutherland, 10, 187; Rev. M. MacCallum, 5,498. Sir William Sutherland, on appointment as a junior lord of the treasury, sought re-election.

Gross traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the third week of March amounted to \$1,320,407, as compared with \$1,235,013 in the same week of 1919, an increase of \$85,394.

Dutch manufacturers plan a campaign to introduce the wooden shoe to the American continent. Representatives of several large factories will try to interest dealers in Canada and the United States.

A meeting of the property committee of the county council was held on Thursday morning. The members made an inspection of the county property, and will recommend some necessary repairs.

Toronto Missionary Murdered. Pekin, March 25.—J. B. Menzies, a Presbyterian missionary of Toronto, Ont., has been killed by robbers at Swatow, province of Szechwan, according to advices received in missionary circles here.

WILL NOT USE ARMY TO BLOCK STRIKERS  
(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 25.—The war office today denied that any plan of action had been considered to starve the miners into a strike, by the use of the army as a blockading force. A statement will be issued tonight, it was announced.

## ARE TO PROCLAIM FIUME A REPUBLIC

(Canadian Press Despatch) Rome, March 25.—Fiume is on the eve of momentous events, says a despatch direct from that city. Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio and the Fiuman national assembly have decided to proclaim Fiume a republic, but will probably not take action until after the meeting of the Supreme Allied Council, at San Remo, Italy, on April 21st. The populace, the despatches claim, is determined not to submit to the Jugo-Slavs.

## THE LORDS APPROVE NEW DIVORCE BILL

### Despite the Opposition of the Episcopal and the Catholic Peers

London, March 25.—The House of Lords, by a vote of 93 to 45, yesterday passed the second reading of a bill introduced by Baron Buckmaster, proposing important divorce reforms.

The bill, which is based on the majority report of a Royal Commission, extends the ground for divorce to cover, among other reasons, three years' desertion, habitual drunkenness, and cases where a sentence of death has been commuted to life servitude.

## "I HAVE DONE NOTHING OF WHICH I'M ASHAMED"

### Declared W. A. Pritchard in Dramatic Conclusion of Address to Jury.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Winnipeg, March 25.—Leaning over the table between him and the jury box, looking into the eyes of twelve jurors, holding his right hand aloft dramatically, and declaring in ringing tones: "I have done nothing of which I am ashamed; nothing for which I need to apologise," W. A. Pritchard, one of the strike leaders, brought his two-day address to a close at ten o'clock last night. R. A. Bonnar, K.C., said that defence would close its case tonight. Friday and Saturday will be taken up by the crown counsel's address and the summing up by Justice Metcalfe.

## WINNIEPeg Will Introduce Proportional Representation in House

Winnipeg, March 25.—Ten members will introduce the electoral division of Winnipeg in the Manitoba legislature, according to a bill distributed in the legislature.

## U.F.O. Members Want More Pay

Toronto, March 25.—It was whispered about the corridors of the Ontario Legislature yesterday that the Hon. J. A. A. Macdonald, minister of Finance, has introduced a bill to increase the salary of the Minister of Mines at \$6,000 a year, which will date from the 24th of November last.

## Reclassification Retroactive

Ottawa, March 25.—In Parliament this discussion occurred: Mr. Stevens—Having reference to reclassification of the civil service, did the Government pledge itself to the Railway Mail Clerks' Federation to make such reclassification, when finally passed, retroactive?

## Killing Time in Legislature

Toronto, March 25.—The Ontario Legislature is becoming increasingly proficient in the art of killing time. The House is now in the third week of the session, and still the debate upon the Speech from the Throne drags along. Hon. Peter Smith was expected to make his budget statement to the House today, but that was dependent upon the debate on the speech being wound up yesterday, and the Treasurer must postpone his speech until next week.

## Owned by Sir Sam Hughes

Lindsay, Ont., March 25.—A double frame dwelling belonging to General Sir Sam Hughes was totally destroyed by fire at his ranch in Haliburton. The house was occupied by William Roberts and W. Austin, who run the ranch for the General. They were awakened by the cries of Mr. Austin's baby and with great difficulty made their way out of the house.

## Beer and Wine Referendum

Winnipeg, March 25.—If bone-dry prohibition is defeated in Manitoba at the plebiscite to be conducted this year by the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government will probably hold a referendum on sale of beer and light wines, Premier Norris intimated yesterday to a delegation from the Army and Navy Veterans' Association.

Canadian Pacific Railway earnings for week ending March 21st were \$1,500,000, an increase of \$451,000.

## GERMAN MINISTRY TO RE-ORGANIZE

### A Coalition Government is Said to be the Only Feasible Thing.

## G. BAUER TO BE PREMIER

### THE SUCCESSOR TO NOSKE TO BE A CIVILIAN

The Proposition For a Labor Cabinet Has Been Definitely Jettisoned—This New Form is All That is Required Because of New Elections.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Berlin, March 25.—Conferences over reconstruction took place yesterday and it was decided that the Ebert ministry will not retire on a body but merely be subject to "freshening up." A leading democratic deputy declared that was really all that was required in view of the proximity of the new elections.

Definite announcement was made that the Majority Socialists would surrender the ministry of defence to the democrats as the Scheidtmann party is only too glad to dodge the uncomfortable assignment of overhauling the army. Noske's successor, it is believed will be a democrat and a civilian whose immediate task will be to "weed out" the reactionary elements in the army. Gustave Bauer will retain the premiership, it is said, and the proposition for a labor cabinet is definitely jettisoned; the Majority Socialists, having succeeded in inducing the others to oppose the scheme. The assembly leaders today declared the coalition ministry was the only feasible basis for a government.

## THE NEW CABINET

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, March 25.—Ebert in despatches to the Amsterdam Telegraph report the formation of a new German cabinet with Gustave Bauer remaining as Premier, and Dr. Schiffer as vice-premier. Dr. Herman Mueller is said to have been given the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. Herr Gessler, Mayor of Nuremberg, has been appointed minister of national defence. A number of portfolios have been distributed among socialists and democrats.

## Agreement With Ruhr Workmen

(Special to the Whig) Paris, March 25.—The German Government has reached a definite agreement with the Ruhr valley workmen, where a general strike has been paralysing industry, and where hostilities between soldiers and workers have been in progress for several days past, according to news reaching French semi-official circles today from Berlin.

## A SINN FEIN M.P. ARRESTED IN DUBLIN

### Sixty-five Sinn Fein Prisoners Guarded by Troops at Belfast.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Dublin, March 25.—William Cosgrove, Sinn Fein member of parliament for Killkenny north, was arrested at his home this morning in Dublin.

## Prisoners Guarded by Troops

(Special to the Whig) Belfast, March 25.—The sixty-five Sinn Fein prisoners, who sailed from Queenstown yesterday aboard a British ship, arrived here this morning. The men were removed from the ship under a strong guard and taken to the city jail, which has been fitted up with barbed wire protection and the prisoners will be guarded by troops.

## Rosedale Holdup Sentence

Toronto, March 25.—Alexander Stewart, sixteen years of age, was yesterday sentenced to three years in Portmouth penitentiary by Judge Coatsworth in the sessions and to be whipped once with a strap, five strokes. Stewart had previously pleaded guilty to the following charges: robbery with violence of Samuel Walters, two of theft and receiving, one of shopbreaking and one attempted hold-up of George Wright.

## The Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal

Montreal, has resolved to confer the degree of doctor of divinity on Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., B.A., a graduate of the college, and now minister of Stanley Presbyterian church, Westmount.

## Thieves Broke into Prince Bismarck's Mausoleum at Friedrichshagen

and carried off silver wreaths from the casket.

## AID TO THE ARMENIANS

F. Wagg, Mindemoya, in the district of Algoma, is one of many Canadians who has found a practical way of helping the Armenians in their distress and poverty. Mr. Wagg is helping by going through his community in search of subscriptions and that he has been rewarded by success is evidenced by the generous sum he has been enabled to forward to the treasurer in Toronto. He also promises more later on and expresses the hope that what he has sent may be of some use to help our starving brethren. Mr. Wagg sums up his experience in securing contributions in the following words: "I think I never collected money

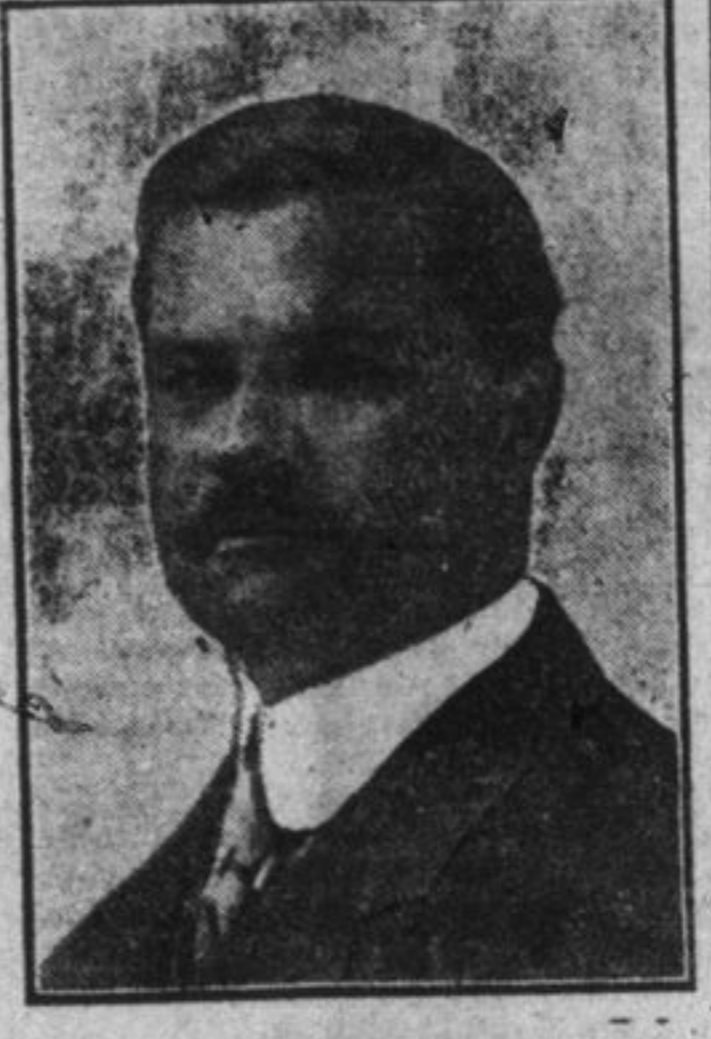
## FRANCE PUTS BAN ON SILK STOCKINGS

### Importation is Stopped as a Means of Improving the Exchange Rate.

Paris, March 25.—Ban on importation of silk stockings has been decided upon by the Government as a means to improve the exchange rate.

Twenty million women who have no large stock of silk hosiery are praying for quick restoration of trade relations with Germany, hoping the exchange rate on the mark, so favorable to France in some respects, will induce Finance Minister Francois-Marshall to take drastic action allowing them to obtain the coveted silk stockings.

Last year, instead of exporting silk hosiery, France was obliged to import from the United States twenty million pairs, valued at half a billion francs.



FRANCIS M. HUGO  
Secretary of State for New York State; candidate for the governorship.

## WILL VISIT JAMAICA

### Prince of Wales to Spend Two Days on Island.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 25.—The Secretary of State for the colonies, Lord Balfour, has announced that the Prince of Wales will visit Jamaica on the return voyage from Australia for a stay of two days. The Governor will declare one day public holiday and has asked the public to make arrangements as at Christmas to make the poor as happy as possible. Jamaica is greatly pleased to learn the Prince of Wales will visit them. Special arrangements will be made by merchants and planters to entertain the prince in every part of the island, so that the holiday spirit shall be general. The people in the various districts hope the Prince will be able to pass through the interior, to receive popular greetings. The Legislature will vote money to defray the expenses of the public demonstrations.

## TAX EXEMPTION CARRIED

Canadian General Electric Agreement Extended by Peterboro. Peterboro, March 25.—A by-law to extend for another ten years the tax exemption on the local plant of the Canadian General Electric Co. was carried by a substantial majority. In return for this extension the company agrees to expend upwards of a million dollars on new buildings, representing extensions to the local plant which will give employment to a large number of men.

## APOLGY FOR QUEBEC MADE BY GAPT. PLANTE

### At G.W.V.A. Banquet in Montreal—The Quebec Boys Lacked Leadership.

Montreal, March 25.—"I'm sorry to have to say it, but I must say it. There were those people amongst us, people in high places, who threw mud at our men in khaki as they went into the line. While you in Ontario were inspired to enlist by your leaders we in Quebec did so against the wishes of some of those in authority."

## LETTER BY LEACOCK

Warns Britain Against Appalling Prohibition Disaster. London, March 25.—Professor Stephen Leacock of McGill University has a long letter in the Times in which he discusses "the appalling disaster" which has overtaken the United States and Canada in prohibition. He speaks of the prohibitionist as now having entered into his kingdom of glory, and that his enjoyment is merely the joy of persecuting his fellowmen. He further warns England that a similar crusade is coming to England, and says "the most serious warning is needed for the decent British people of any class who may be thinking of migrating to the United States and to the dry provinces of Canada. They will reap nothing but bitter regrets. Let them come instead to the spacious and hospitable province of Quebec."

## Lincoln Won the Lincolnshire

Furious, Eng., March 25.—The Lincolnshire Handicap, over a mile straightaway course, for a purse of \$7,500, was won yesterday by C. Hatry's Furious. Lord Glassey's Scatwell was second and R. Thoroughbred was third. Furious, a four-year-old, carried 101 pounds. Scatwell 127, and Monteth 190.

## WOULD OCCUPY THE RUHR AREA

### Foch and Millerand to Put Plan Through the Supreme Council.

## GERMANS ASK PERMISSION TO ENTER OCCUPIED ZONE TO RESTORE ORDER

The Allies May Allow It—Radicals Release Russian Prisoners, Who Have Been Aiding in Communist Movement.

Paris, March 25.—French officialdom is stirred by the report that armed Spartacists have occupied a portion of the neutral zone created by the treaty of Versailles. It is reported this and the treaty situation in the United States have increased the determination of Foch and Millerand to put through the Supreme Council a plan for Allied military occupation of the Ruhr Basin.

The French declare this Spartacist step proves the neutral zone no longer is respected, and that the system of military guarantee under the terms of the treaty no longer exists.

## Release Russians

Paris, March 25.—It was learned that the Radicals have released many Russian prisoners, still held in various parts of Germany, and these Russians have aided in the Communist movement. They were said to have taken part in fighting at Nersburg, urging the Communists to unite against France and offering their military aid.

## Ask Permit to Fight

Paris, March 25.—Two German officers who arrived here last night from Berlin to explain to the Allies the necessity for permitting the German army to enter the occupied zone to restore order, saw Premier Millerand this morning, and told him the Ebert Government had ample forces ready to deal with the situation in the Ruhr Valley.

No decision was officially announced, but it is understood on good authority the Allies have decided to give the permission, and that all that remains to be decided is what guarantees will be asked of Germany to insure that her army will retire as soon as order is restored.

## Fighting is Resumed

(Canadian Press Despatch) The Hague, March 25.—Fighting in the Ruhr district of Germany, where it was understood a truce had been agreed to, has been resumed. The Rotterdam Courant says the Red army's strength is now one hundred and twenty thousand.

## WARREN BRITAIN AGAINST APPELLING PROHIBITION DISASTER

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## THE FARMERS PREDICT A VERY EARLY SPRING

### The Snow and Ice Disappear and the Land is Drying Up.

Toronto, March 25.—Unless all signs fail, we are in for one of the earliest springs in a long time, and yesterday's glorious sunbath and warm air worked a marvellous change in the country districts. City people who conjure up visions of snow and ice-covered fields will be agreeably surprised if they take a run out ten or fifteen miles. Practically all the snow and ice have disappeared, and the plowed lands and meadow fields are beginning to dry up. All the rivers and streams are beginning to run low, and the wheat lands are green and luxuriant, and for the first time since before Christmas exposed.

Farmers are figuring out now that with a continuance of this weather (which is improbable) April 1st will see seeding on in the high lands. The country roads are fairly passable and getting better every day. April 1st is moving day in the country, but wherever possible renters are taking time by the forelock and getting through with this ordeal ahead of time.

Never in the history of the province has there been such selling of farms and retiring from active life as this year, city men, buoyed up with hope and spare cash, taking up the burden.

## PERMANENT FORCE TO GET MORE PAY

Ottawa, March 25.—Increases in the pay and allowances of members of the Canadian permanent force are provided for in the estimates of the militia department, which will come before parliament at the present session. The increases have been ratified by order-in-council, but the militia estimates have not yet come before the House of Commons.

The new scale raises the pay of a private from \$1.10 per day to \$1.70, with proportionate increases to all other ranks.

## IRISH OPINION INFLAMED

### Can't Get Accurate Reason for the Dublin Riots.

London, March 25.—The Dublin correspondent of the London Times describes the situation in Ireland in the darkest colors. He says that the look is serious. Conditions in the north and south are extremely grave. The position, he says, is now definitely worse. Public fighting is so inflamed as to become quite irrational. The most outrageous charges against the government are accepted as gospel truth.

The correspondent says the Sinn Fein asks the country to accept the monstrous theory that Lord Mayor MacCurtain was killed by actual agents of the government. He describes the overnight rioting in Dublin as another danger signal, and says it is impossible to get an impartial version of the incident, the popular version being that the soldiers provoked and assaulted civilians.

The correspondent says the soldiers were stoned by a crowd because they left the theatre singing the national anthem as a protest against the failure of the theatre orchestra to play it. He adds that public opinion throughout the country is exasperated by a wild charge against the police and soldiers, which hardly would be human if they did not resent the campaign of murder and calumny.

## TO LAY NEW RAILS

### Grand Trunk Will Improve Montreal-Brockville Track.

Brockville, March 25.—It is understood that the Grand Trunk Railway is making arrangements to lay 140 miles of steel on the Montreal division this year, the new rails to be placed on the main line between Montreal West and Brockville, to continue the track operations which were carried on throughout last summer. The steel will be laid on the west-bound track, with an additional stretch between Morrisburg and Summerstown being covered on the eastbound track. The type of the heavy type which has been in service since 1907.

## ARCTIC NATIVES STARVING

### Game So Scarce Not Enough Skins Available For Moccasins.

Dawson, Y. T., March 25.—Natives of the Arctic Red River region are facing starvation because of a shortage of big game this winter, according to members of the Royal Canadian Northwest Police expedition to Herschel Island and Fort McPherson, on the Arctic coast, who arrived here today. Not even enough skins were available to supply natives with moccasins, they reported. Relief supplies have been sent to Fort McPherson.

## Cures Superficial Cancer

New York, March 25.—Fifty consecutive cases of superficial, or surface, cancer have been cured at New York Post-Graduate Medical School Hospital by an X-ray method developed by Dr. William H. Meyer. Dr. Meyer is now working on a method for the treatment of deep-seated cancer.

## WILSON PLANS TO STORE COAL

### And Keep the Miners Busy From Early in the Spring.

## AIMS TO PREVENT RUSH IN THE FALL BY GETTING IN SUPPLY EARLY

### U. S. President Has a Means of Saving the Public From Bearing the Expense of Wage Increase.

Washington, March 25.—President Wilson within a few days will sign an executive order, directing all departments of the Federal Government to purchase and store up a three months' supply of coal during May, June and July, it was learned today. State and county Governments and public utilities will be urged to do likewise.

The result will be in the opinion of experts of the National Coal Commission, that the mines will be kept busy during the dull season, the frantic rush of work in the mines as winter comes on, will be eliminated, and there will be such a saving that the 27 per cent wage increase granted the miners by the commission will be absorbed and not passed on to the public. If not absorbed the wage increase granted 500,000 miners, if charged entirely to the consumer will increase the price of coal 15 1/2 per cent beginning April 1st, it was estimated.

The issuing of Wilson's executive order will be a great step toward stabilizing the coal industry and protecting the consumer, it was believed here today. In its recommendations the commission pointed out that "irregularity of mining operations is the primary cause of the unsatisfactory condition of the industry and results in higher prices of coal and dissatisfaction among miners." The government purchases during May, June and July, if followed by State and county Governments and public utilities, are expected to iron out this irregularity.

"The annual output of the coal industry is approximately at \$1,300,000,000," it was stated today at the offices of the Coal Commission. It is estimated that by making the demand for coal even through the year, not less than sixty days can be added to the operating time of the mines. Sixty days represents about one-fifth of the total possible working days. Broadly speaking, such a saving would result in reducing the cost of the coal at the mines by one-fifth.

"The aggregate saving that would result from the addition of sixty days to the operating time of bituminous coal mines is thus about 400,000,000 a year, an amount twice as large as the increased labor cost resulting from the Commission's award."

Arrangements for a joint conference to work out application of the Commission's awards was being made here today by President John Lewis of the United Mine Workers, and officials of the Operators' Association of the Central Competitive Field.

## DENVER IS TO BANISH HORSES FROM STREETS

Denver, Col., March 25.—Denver is to banish the horse from her streets. If a bill now before the city council becomes a law, no horses, cattle, sheep or swine may, after Jan. 1, 1925, be kept within the city limits or driven on the streets.

## NEWS IN BULLETIN

It is now believed the Canadian navy may be reorganized and the gift of British warships may be accepted.

Income and excess profit taxes in the United States for 1919 will aggregate three and a half billion dollars.

A probable increase in postage on newspapers was brought up in the Unionist caucus Wednesday night.

A civilian was shot dead without provocation in the business section of Dublin, Wednesday evening.

A charge of high treason is to be lodged against General Ludendorff for his connection with the present revolt in Germany.

A despatch from Beirut says the King of Syria has given the French until April 6th to evacuate the country.

It is probable the British railwaymen may go on strike together with the miners on account of the employers refusing to take the striking employees back.

At the meeting of the Board of Works, on Wednesday afternoon, a great amount of water in the upper section of the city, Aid. H. Sargent remarked that there was so much water in his yard that it was necessary for him to go from the back steps of his house to his back barn in a pant which he kept for the purpose. The city clerk reminded the alderman that instead of keeping chickens he should have ducks.

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