

THE TENSION IS PASSING

Confidence That Lloyd George and Briand Will Reach Understanding.

London, May 17.—Tension over the Polish revolt in Silesia, which over the week-end threatened a crisis in the ranks of the Entente, seemed to-day to have passed, for the moment, at least. Exchange of views on the subject has been proceeding between London and Paris, and there seems to be confidence that Lloyd George and Briand would reach an understanding when they meet. It appeared probable that the two premiers would hold a conference early next week. It is possible that a discussion of Silesia will be taken before a full meeting of the supreme allied council.

It was believed that M. Briand would appear before the French chamber on Thursday, make a statement of his views and demand a vote of confidence. Should he receive this, he would be in a strong position in urging a compromise settlement of the Silesian question before the supreme council.

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Eastern Coal Operators Will Be Present in Ottawa on Saturday.

Ottawa, May 17.—The non-appearance of the expected head officials of the Dominion Coal Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, an explanation from a representative of the companies that they would be present on Saturday morning, the carrying over of the official ruling of the chairman, Dr. Michael Steele, of a motion authorizing the calling of witnesses as to the cost of coal in western mines, and a tentative threat of the chairman to resign and his refusal to put the motion, featured a lively meeting this morning of the parliamentary fuel committee.

The trouble, which commenced at the committee meeting yesterday when Dr. Steele ruled out of order a motion to call certain western operators, came to a head with the receipt of telegrams from the eastern operators that more time would be needed to secure the information desired. The motion to call the western men was eventually put and carried, after some discussion.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

The Medicine Hat bye-election is on June 27th. Coal strikers of Antwerp have resumed work. Bootleg liquor flooding northwestern Quebec. Four more companies investigating Tyndinaga oil fields. Sgt. Sarie, in charge of R.C.M.P. post at Creston, B.C., drowned. Lord Hugh Cecil proposes Ireland be made independent kingdom. Bread in Ingersoll sells at ten cents, lowest price for several years. Senator Jounart has been appointed French ambassador to the Vatican. French communists have borrowed \$30,000 and bought headquarters in Paris. Megantic reports at Montreal disappearance at sea of C. H. Turner, passenger.

MONTREAL STOCK BROKER SENTENCED TO PRISON

Montreal, May 17.—Gerald H. Bruce, a former partner of the firm of Oswald brothers, stock brokers of this city, was sentenced this morning by Chief Justice DeCarie to two years imprisonment on each of the charges on which he was found guilty. The sentences are to run concurrently. Bruce, whose defalcations involving in all the sum of \$325,000, forced the firm of Oswald brothers into liquidation a few weeks ago, was tried on three charges. He was acquitted of the first charge and found guilty on the other two.

THREE MILLION MEN ARE UNDER ARMS IN EUROPE

France Controls Two-thirds of This Total by Under-standings.

Washington, May 17.—France and Poland lead by large majorities other continental nations of Europe in military effectiveness now under arms, according to British statistics received here to-day. The table of continental armies follows: Austria, 30,000; Belgium, 105,000; Bulgaria, 35,000; Czechoslovakia, 147,000; Denmark, 15,000; Finland, 35,000; Greece, 250,000; France, 309,000; Germany, 100,000; Hungary, 35,000; Italy, 300,000; Netherlands, 21,000; Norway, 15,000; Poland, 600,000; Portugal, 30,000; Rumania, 160,000; Spain, 190,000; Sweden, 65,000; Switzerland, 200,000; Serv Croato Slavene State, 200,000. France controls approximately two-thirds of the slightly more than three million men reported under arms in Europe by her understandings concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, and Jugo-Slavia.

DR. HODGETTS RESIGNS POSITION AT OTTAWA

He Calls the Civil Service Commission Incompetent and Autocratic.

Ottawa, May 17.—A bitter attack on the civil service commission is made here by Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, in announcing his resignation from the health department. In a statement, Dr. Hodgetts says: "After ten years of service with the Commission of Conservation as medical adviser of public health, and after four years of service overseas (1914-1918), I was transferred from the Commission of Conservation to the Department of Health by an order-in-council which gave me the privileges as regards salary which I enjoyed while with the commission, and I fully expected the 'scrap of paper' would be lived up to.

"Subsequently, the civil service commission, which has not on its whole personnel any professional expert competent to pass intelligently on questions relating to public health, classified the position which I have temporarily held since my transfer at a figure below that which I have been receiving, with the result that acceptance meant being degraded, and my salary was actually lowered. In other words, it was an 'Irishman's promotion', to accept service in the department, but a professional man could expect no other treatment from the civil service commission."

THE BIG GARRISON PARADE TO THE CITY PARK IS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30

Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. E. Burstall, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., inspector-general of Canadian forces, who is well known in Kingston, will arrive here on Thursday afternoon. On Friday morning he will inspect the R.C.H.A. On Saturday morning he will make his official inspection of the Royal Military College. During his visit he will be the guest of the District General Officer Commanding and Mrs. W. B. Shuttleworth, King. The parade of the troops of the garrison, which will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. W. B. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., will form up in artillery park on Sunday morning, and is slated to move off at 9.30 o'clock. It will proceed to the city park, and will be

MUST DROP POOL DEMAND

For British Government Or the Mine Owners Won't Concede It.

London, May 17.—The industrial position in Great Britain was little altered yesterday, the most notable pronouncement being that of Mr. McGurk, Lancashire miners' representative, who declared that the miners' federation should realize that some attention must be given to the idea of dropping the demand for a national coal profit pool. He added that the strike would last until Christmas before the owners or government would concede the demand for a pool.

Efforts to induce continental workers to refuse to handle coal for England have seemingly been abortive. The recent statement by Frank Hodges, miners' secretary, that no good purpose would be served by direct action, has checked the railway extremists.

Disorders of a minor character continue to be reported, but they are occurring mostly in Scottish districts only. The public utilities are keeping in operation. In London the tramways power house is being operated by naval ratings on account of the electrical workers strike in sympathy with the miners. At Newcastle, trams are being run with machinery operated by oil fuel. It is announced that it is unlikely that coal will be reverted to.

CANADIAN WAR VETERAN NOT TO BE DEPORTED

Proceedings at Syracuse, N.Y., Halted—Man to Pay Hospital Bills.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 17.—Deportation proceedings started against Alexander McCallum, Canadian war veteran, his wife, who is ill, and eight children, because of his inability to pay two hospital bills, have been halted, according to word sent here from Washington, by Congressman Walter W. Magee. Vigorous protests were registered with him by the Americanization League workers and the local British war veteran command. He was to have been sent back to Canada. McCallum came to Syracuse from Philadelphia, Ont. He has promised to pay the \$200 in hospital bills at the rate of \$5 week and thus close the case. The immigration authorities have agreed to drop the case.

FARMING CORPORATION ASSIGNS

Calgary, Alta., May 16.—By consent of all parties concerned, a receiver has been appointed for the Noble Foundation, Limited, the largest farming corporation in Western Canada and perhaps the largest in the world. By a court order issued by Justice Simmons in Calgary, H. F. McDonald, of the inspector's staff of the Merchants Bank, Calgary, is named as the receiver. Late W.A.D. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, May 17.—Wm. A. D. Fitzsimmons, until recently a member of the staff of the Ontario hospital, died suddenly this morning at the age of seventy-six. He was a son of William Fitzsimmons and is survived by his wife.

TRENTON HAD BAD SCARE

Trenton, May 17.—Trenton had a big fire in the making on Sunday, but thanks to the department's excellent fire fighting apparatus the blaze did not get beyond control. Today Martin's ice house, besties a garage and other business in the same building, is smouldering, but all danger of spreading is over. The Martin property is what was left of the old brewery landmark. During the fire some dwellings caught fire—H. Burke's, A. Lovett's, J. McMaister's, besides Powers' coal yards, but the flames did not make any headway there. Mr. Martin's loss will be heavy.

ALL ON WRONG SIDE

Paris, May 17.—Charges that the French government usually suffers a loss in its business ventures were made in recent debates in Parliament. It was asserted that the government's operation of the state railway, post-office, telephone and telegraph lines, the gasoline monopoly and its sale of American and French supplies left over from the war, were all unbusinesslike, and the cause of heavy balances on the wrong side of the ledger.

ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

Cochrane, Ont., May 17.—What is believed to be a record for local real estate is the price of \$250 per foot just paid for a lot on a Sixth Avenue corner. The site is that formerly occupied by the Cedric Hotel, and the purchaser gave \$16,000 for the property, which has a forty foot frontage. There is considerable activity in real estate here at present.

The Atlantic cables have been damaged by storms and may have to be raised.

A FAMILY IS CRAZED BY SPIRITUALISM

Smashed Furniture and Then Prepared to Offer Child as Burnt Sacrifice.

Berlin, May 17.—From the village of Knechtentoden, southern Bavaria, comes an amazing story of a whole family of eleven members becoming insane as the result of spiritualistic experiments.

For some time a builder named Brenk, with his wife and five grown-up sons and daughters, had been accustomed to hold a sort of seance, at which four younger children also were present. Apparently under the belief that they had received from spirits instructions to destroy all material substances in the house, they commenced burning the furniture, including the beds. Then they smashed all the crockery.

Neighbors found them preparing to kill the three-month-old infant of one of the daughters, the father stating that he was going to offer it as a burnt sacrifice to the "spirit of pure light."

A doctor having declared the family suffering from religious mania, all eleven members were taken under police escort to a sanatorium.



SIR CAMPBELL STUART, Managing director of the London Times, who is on a visit to Canada, and will be given a dinner in Kingston on Thursday evening.

BUTTONS ON THESE GOWNS WORTH MILLION DOLLARS

Paris, May 17.—Three-quarters of a million dollars was declared to be the approximate value of a thousand buttons with tassels attached, on gowns at the Longchamps races this afternoon. Following a new fashion consequent upon the decline of the dollar and the cheapening of gold, only platinum is to be used for buttons and embroideries on summer styles. Many women wear dresses made entirely of vari-colored beads, having a fringe of real platinum. The same effect was seen in many hats which are called "hide and seek" because of the difficulty of seeing between the tassels.

HANDING OVER OF G.T.R. IS EXPECTED SHORTLY

Arbitration Board Will Be Revived and Soon Conclude Its Work.

Ottawa, May 17.—With the return to Canada of President Kelley, of the Grand Trunk railway, it is expected that the formalities will be completed immediately for handing over of that company to the government for incorporation in the Canadian National system. Simultaneously the government will revive the arbitration and the board will be the same: Sir Walter Casels, chairman, and Sir Thomas White, for the government; and Hon. W. T. Taft, for the Grand Trunk. It is expected that the proceedings will conclude within a few weeks after resumption. In the meantime, the Grand Trunk will be taken over, and though it may not be done immediately, the directorate will be entirely reconstructed. Changes in the management may also be considered.

DIG THROUGH WALL; STEAL GOODS

Montreal, May 17.—Digging their way through a brick and stone wall into the store of S. Ruckenstein, 122 St. Lawrence boulevard, robbers made off with cloth valued at \$15,000 by the owner during the night of Saturday to Sunday, but the goods were recovered and four men charged with the theft were arrested to-day.

SIR JOHN SIMON TO VISIT CANADA

Ottawa, May 17.—Rt. Hon. Sir John Simon, former home secretary and attorney-general of England, and who is probably the most eminent practising member of the English bar, has accepted the invitation of the Canadian Bar Association to attend its annual convention, which will be held at Ottawa on September 6th, 7th, and 8th.

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THE FRENCH PRESS ANGRY

And So Is Premier Briand At His Friend, Lloyd George.

Paris, May 17.—Premier Briand will threaten France's withdrawal from the Entente if Great Britain persists in her "anti-Polish" attitude, it was predicted in official circles to-day.

Premier Briand refused to meet Premier Lloyd George until he has obtained a vote of confidence from the chamber of deputies, permitting him to exert the utmost pressure.

Briand and Lloyd George probably will hold a private interview at Boulogne after the chamber of deputies meets on Thursday. Lloyd George asked for the conference to settle the differences of the two countries in the Upper Silesian controversy.

It was predicted that the meeting will be of the stormiest nature, Briand being thoroughly aroused over Lloyd George's statement before the house of commons, a statement made without consulting French interests.

FORECAST OF FRENCH DEMAND

Briand, it was predicted will demand that France be supported in her plan to keep the rich coal lands of Silesia away from the Germans. He will go further, it was believed in some quarters, and demand that France have the determining voice in settling all continental matters involving in the Versailles treaty.

France and England are the only nations left of the original Entente. Italy and the United States joined them as allies and associates during the war. Italy is concerned in the Silesian muddle, but the United States has announced that she will not take part in the settlement.

The French press continued to-day heatedly to discuss the threatened rupture. "England is taking Germany's part against France," was the universal complaint. "Every time the Allies held a conference, it was a gathering of tricksters," the Figaro declared. "Germany was the only gainer."

The Petit Journal asserted that "France will not allow herself to be intimidated into making concessions to Germany. Germany understands, England must understand."

UUPID IN FOREST FIRES AN ARROW

Interesting Romance Develops Amid Unpoetic Facts of Timber Investigation.

Toronto, May 17.—A romance has developed in the timber investigation which is being carried on by Justices Riddell and Latchford, though the investigation itself is a thing of unpoetic facts and figures.

The romance surrounds the future of Miss Bird Bely, private secretary to Hon. Beniah Bowman, minister of lands and forests, and G. Charles Hurdman, Ottawa, a former member of the Ontario legislature, whose wedding is announced to take place in June.

Mr. Hurdman first met Miss Bely while making private inquiries for the government with reference to the timber areas involved in the commission's investigation. During these inquiries Mr. Hurdman had frequent occasion to meet Miss Bely in her capacity as Mr. Bowman's secretary, and these meetings developed into a mutual attraction which finally led to the announcement of the coming marriage.

TO SAVE THE FORESTS

Mexico City, May 17.—Newspapers here have taken up an active campaign to save the vast forests in the states of Puebla and Oaxaca which, according to reports, are said to be suffering at the hands of the natives, who chop down and burn trees indiscriminately. Travellers from these regions tell of finding natives using ebony and mahogany and other precious woods for fuel.

CUT OUT AMERICAN SYSTEM

Melbourne, May 17.—American forms of spelling have been barred from official documents in the High Court. The Federal Chief Justice has announced that he will not allow their introduction. He ordered the spelling of the words "program" and "center" changed to "programme" and "centre." He remarked that English spelling was good enough for him.

QUEBEC COUPLE FOUND DEAD

Quebec, May 16.—P. E. Perrault, aged sixty-two years, and his wife, aged sixty-one, were found dead in their home at 9 Christie street Friday. It is thought that they died on Wednesday as Mr. Perrault, who was employed at the marine department, had not been to his office since Tuesday last. It is presumed that death was due to gas asphyxiation or ptomaine poisoning.

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HORSE NOT OBSOLETE IN WAR OR BUSINESS

Attempts to Supplant "Man's Best Friend" Have Proven Abortive.

Washington, May 17.—The horse is not obsolete, either in warfare or in business. There were more horses used per man in the European war than in the United States civil war, and after attempts to supplant the cow ponies of the west with flyvers, ranchers are now calling upon the government to assist in breeding horses for work in herding live stock.

These were the assertions of Major C. L. Scott, head of the United States army remount service, at the closing session to-day of the American Remount Association convention.

Prominent breeders, gentlemen riders, cavalry officers and polo players from all over the country were in attendance.

HUGE SUPPLIES OF OIL FLOWING INTO BRITAIN

London, May 17.—As a result of the prolonged coal strike, oil is literally flowing into England from all parts of the world because of the increasing demands for oil for fuel as a substitute for coal.

One day last week, according to official figures given out yesterday, six million gallons of oil arrived at Swansea from Persia and the United States.

DECLARE IT A SETBACK FOR CAUSE OF PEACE

Some Arrests Follow the Crazy Sinn Fein Raids in London.

London, May 17.—Three arrests have been made by the police in connection with Saturday night's attacks on residences in London and its suburbs of relatives of members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, attributed to a Sinn Fein campaign to terrorize London, in which a number of houses and other buildings were set on fire and three persons were wounded, one probably fatally. The prisoners taken, however, were not brought into court to-day.

Meanwhile experts are busy in deciphering the documents seized by the police yesterday in various places in London connected with the Sinn Fein organization, including the headquarters of the Irish Self-Determination League, these places having been raided after incendiary attacks. The documents were mostly in Gaelic.

The London press denounced the campaign as "crazy violence, a setback for the cause of peace."

"These attacks only exasperate and antagonize the public," the newspapers said.

AIDS TO MARINERS

Have Robbed Sea of Many of Its Victims.

Boston, May 17.—Radio compass stations, maintained by the United States navy at more than 100 places along the Atlantic, Pacific and Great Lakes coasts as aids to mariners in foggy weather, have robbed the sea of many of its victims, say New England seafaring men.

Last year, with but 29 stations in operation, the naval men informed the captains of 15,374 fog-shrouded vessels of their location and thus enabled them to lay their courses to their port of destination. An average time of four to six minutes was required to make the calculations upon which this information was based.

LAWYER GETS THIRTY DAYS

Kitchener, Ont., May 16.—George Kelleher, a barrister, of Galt, was sentenced to thirty days in county jail by Judge Spotton, having been found guilty on a charge of theft of certain monies entrusted to him by a client in Preston with which to pay a fine.

MORE PAVING IS LIKELY TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NEEDED EMPLOYMENT

Owing to increasing unemployment, it looks as if the city council would have to provide work for a large number of men, and more road paving may be done than was anticipated. Mayor Nickle mentioned the matter to the Public Utilities Commission on Monday afternoon. He asked General Manager Folger how long it would be before paving operations could be started on Brock street from Bagot to University avenue and on Clergy from Barrie to Princess. Mr. Folger said that in one week all the underground work required in Brock street from Bagot to Barrie could be done, and on Clergy from Brock to Barrie, ten days or at most two weeks would suffice.

WANTS GAS PRICE LOWER

Discussion By Utilities Commission—Hydro Auditor Mickler Writes Apology.

The question of reducing the price of gas engaged the attention of the Utilities Commission on Monday afternoon, when R. N. F. McFarlane suggested that a reduction should be made on the first of July, and moved that General Manager Folger report at the next meeting of the commission upon the gas conditions, on how much of the bank overdraft of \$45,000 can be covered by debentures, and what rate would have to be charged in order to cover the cost of production, debentures and interest, and provide for a sinking fund.

Mr. McFarlane thought the commission could reduce the present price of gas in another month or so. R. E. Burns held that the commission would have to be careful. He would not favor a reduction from the present price unless it could be done after all costs entering into the production of gas, the payment of debentures and interest and providing for a sinking fund were fully provided for. Thomas Hewitt said that a good deal of the overdraft was made up of amounts that could not be debentured. Chairman R. F. Elliott pointed out that for a while during 1920 the commission sold gas below cost, and this loss must be made up.

The statement which Mr. Folger will prepare will show just what reduction, if any, can be made. It is thought possibly a discount of ten per cent. on the present rate of two dollars a thousand cubic feet may be made, but there is no certainty of this.

Mr. Hewitt asked when the commission expected to put reduced electric power rates into effect. Chairman Elliott stated that the permission of the Hydro-Electric Commission had yet to be secured and the provincial commission had not yet been asked about this matter owing to the auditor's statement on the last year's accounts not yet being ready. It is known however that the electrical department can stand lower rates for power.

MICKLER'S APOLOGY

The trouble over the insulting statements made some time ago by J. C. Mickler, an auditor of the Hydro-Electric Commission, with regard to Kingston civic officials, and about which a strong protest was entered by Mayor Nickle, has at last been settled. At Monday afternoon's meeting a long communication was received from the Hydro commission, and along with it a letter from Mr. Mickler, which was practically an apology. Mr. Mickler intimated that he regretted that any statements which he made while here should have been construed as detrimental to the ability and reputation of the Kingston officials. He did not intend to so reflect. He said that the Hydro system was being strongly criticized and he defended the system as strongly.

Mayor Nickle moved that in view of apologies having been received from the Hydro commission and Mr. Mickler, the matter be closed, and this was agreed to. The accounts passed included the following: Hydro-Electric Power Commission \$37,249.11; Imperial Oil Limited, \$1,878.61; pay lists, \$32,392.04.

CANADIAN MOTHER'S BOOK

Government Publication Sent Free on Application.

Ottawa, May 17.—During May so far more than 12,000 requests for copies of "The Canadian Mother's Book" have been received by the Dominion Department of Health. This is the first publication of the division of child welfare. The first edition of 50,000 copies was exhausted in April and a second impression of 50,000 is now on the press and will be distributed where requested as soon as possible. A copy of the book is sent free on application to the deputy minister, Department of Health.

MORE PAVING IS LIKELY TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NEEDED EMPLOYMENT

On Wednesday afternoon when residents of Division street, north of Princess, will present a petition asking that a sheet asphalt pavement be constructed on that street. The Utilities Commission is not favorable to being called upon to put Division street in shape for permanent paving this year as it might cost ten thousand dollars to do the underground work. The commission passed a resolution directing the attention of the city council to the fact that it had prepared the underground work in other streets for paving and that the streets were as yet unpaved. It has no objection to Brock and Clergy being added to the list, but would like a breathing spell before being asked to spend a large sum of money on Division street where it is thought a macadam-oiled pavement should suffice.