

RETAIL MEN IN SESSION

W. Y. Mills Re-Elected As President.

J. C. Campbell, Dominion Secretary, Speaks—To Observe Monday, July 3rd.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association Thursday morning W. Y. Mills was re-elected president unanimously. The other officers elected are: First vice-president, H. Moore; second vice-president, Bert Abernethy; third vice-president, E. Walsh; secretary, Gordon Smith; treasurer, Frank Kinneer.

W. Y. Mills presided and introduced J. C. Campbell, Dominion Secretary, Ottawa, who discussed the work of the Dominion Board and dealt with a number of matters of vital importance to the retailers. The application of the minimum wage law and the automobile tax. He expressed his conviction that the automobile dealers were to have refunded to them about \$1,000,000 collected as taxation last year.

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dent, I desire to thank the members for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office. I assure you of my continued interest, and urge the members of this city to a quickened sense of their responsibilities as merchants towards one another as well as to the welfare of the community whose interests they should constantly endeavor to better serve.

Early Closing. Action was taken on the proposal to observe Dominion Day on July 3rd, Monday, instead of on Saturday, for the convenience of the people, and L. C. Lockett suggested that the merchants make the announcement in the advertisements in the Daily British Whig.

Early closing during July and August was adopted, and all stores will close at 5 p.m., instead of at 6 p.m. It was pointed out that the adoption of daylight saving time by Kingston was the cause of much embarrassment to persons coming to the city, and that the early closing will mean 4 p.m. to persons residing in the country.

President Mills stated that some further action had to be taken respecting transient traders as the municipalities had not sufficient power to deal with the matter effectively. He stated that the report was circulated that the action of the custom officials in making searches for smuggling was due to the Retail Merchants, whereas this was not so. The merchants depended upon a campaign to buy-at-home. The custom officials acted upon their own initiative only.

The report of the treasurer showed receipts of \$423.35 and there was a balance on hand of \$55.77.

Chicken Like Table Leg at Each Corner

Fort William, Ont., June 8.—A four-legged chicken was hatched out here by a Red Wyandotte hen belonging to J. Macdonald, 119 East Gore street. The bird has a leg at each corner, arranged so as to scamper around on all fours like a cat, and is apparently quite normal otherwise. The owner is wondering whether the breed may be perpetuated, so his roost chicken may yield four drumsticks.

ARMAMENT EXPENDITURE.

South Africa Reduces Outlay by 33 Per Cent. London, June 8.—South Africa, Latvia and Holland are the countries which have been most prompt to reply to the League of Nations' recommendations regarding the limitation of expenditures on armaments. South Africa has given an undertaking that its defence expenditure in the forthcoming year shall be thirty-three per cent. below the present standard, and that the next year's provision will probably be no greater.

No International Loan To Be Given Germany

Paris, June 8.—All idea of an international loan to Germany has been given up by the committee of bankers, and they are meeting today to agree upon a form of their report to this effect which will be submitted to the reparations commission.

AMATEUR RADIO FELLOWS MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Toronto, June 8.—Owners of amateur radio transmitting stations in Ontario will have to mind "their P's and Q's from now on." The government has appointed an inspector and will be appointing others to investigate complaints against amateurs who persist in causing interference. In other words, the government has decided there should be certain more strict traffic regulations in the ether just as there are on public highways. Cameron Duncan, B. A. Sc., is the first "other cop." His jurisdiction extends all over the province, but he will act principally in Toronto. Mr. Duncan is a parliament inspector, being engaged in private duties as well. Besides being empowered by the government to make an investigation into all amateur sending stations against which there are complaints from time to time, he will issue licenses for receiving stations and examine candidates for the government certificate of proficiency in the operation of radio equipment. Should special complaints be made against commercial broadcasting stations to the effect that they are "splashing over" their wave length, etc., Mr. Cameron has authority to look into these matters as well, on instructions from Ottawa.

R. H. Knox Elected to University.

Yorkton, Sask., June 8.—R. H. Knox has been elected by acclamation to the board of senators for the University of Saskatchewan, as the successor of Dr. Patrick, for the Yorkton district. Mr. Knox is considered one of the ablest scholars in the province, and is in touch at all times with the educational problems of the day.

MEETS DEATH BY ACCIDENT

Frank Emmons Fatally Injured At Work.

Windlass Bar Struck Him in the Stomach With Great Force.

Frank Emmons, a laborer residing on Sixth street, was fatally injured in an accident while at work on Johnson street, Thursday morning. He was engaged with a number of men in removing a building, when an accident happened to the windlass and he was struck by a bar with great violence in the stomach. He was removed to the General Hospital by James Reid's motor ambulance and was treated by Drs. L. J. Austin and S. J. Keyes. Examination showed a very serious wound to the stomach and abdomen, and not hope of his recovery was entertained. He passed away at 1 p.m.

The work on the building was being done by Mr. Uproove, contractor, who had taken it as a sub-contractor from R. N. F. McFarlane. He had Emmons in his employment as a laborer attending to the windlass, the horse was operated by a horse. While the horse was going around and winding up the rope, a bolt suddenly broke in the bar to which the horse was hitched, and the bar flew back with great force, striking Mr. Emmons in the abdomen. The deceased was forty-two years of age and is survived by his wife. The circumstances were reported to the police. The coroner, Dr. D. E. Mundell, who investigated the accident, has decided that an inquest will not be necessary, as the affair was of a purely accidental nature.

BRITISH OCCUPY BELLEEK TOWN

Artillery Fired on Irish Irregulars—Will Irish Problem Become Worse?

Belfast, June 8.—Belleek was occupied today by British troops which advanced this morning to take the salient from the Irish irregular forces holding it. An engagement between Irish irregular forces in Belleek district, and British troops, which advanced this morning in the area, began at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when signals were sent up indicating that the British troops were being fired upon. The British artillery then opened up, landing two shots near Belleek fort in Free State territory.

May Yet Consult People.

London, June 8.—The Right Hon. C. A. McCurdy, member for Northampton, chief coalition whip in the house of commons, in a speech yesterday, hinted that the Irish problem might become worse, and consequently circumstances might arise which would make it only right that the government consult the people.

Pope Receives Ottawa Prelate.

London, June 8.—A Reuter despatch from Rome states that the Pope yesterday received the Right Rev. J. M. Emard, new archbishop of Ottawa, and discussed educational matters.

G.T.R. Weekly Earnings.

Montreal, June 8.—Grand Trunk railway traffic receipts for ten days ended May 31st: 1922, \$2,803,249; 1921, \$2,401,220; increase, \$402,029.

ADVISES MAKING END OF BESTOWING TITLES

In View of Australia and South Africa Joining With Canada.

London, June 8.—Discussing the opposition in South Africa and Australia over the bestowal of certain titles, the Manchester Guardian says it looks as if the king's advisers would do well to make an end to bestowing such titles upon citizens of the dominions. A hint of this was plainly given, it continues, when Canada politely requested that the practice be ended, as far as Canada was concerned, and the trouble has now spread to Australia and South Africa.

MORVICH MAY RUN AGAINST SNOB II.

Both Rival Thoroughbreds Likely to Run in Aqueduct Races.

New York, June 8.—The possibility of a meeting between Morvich, Benjamin Block's unbeaten colt, and Snob II, J. S. Cosdon's imported sensation, considered by turf followers the fleetest three-year-old of the season, loomed as a result of the announcement by Fred Burlew, Morvich's trainer, that he was pointing the colt for the Carlton stakes at Aqueduct, June 17th.

Snob's entry in the race, which is limited to three-year-olds, and over a distance of a mile, was by no means certain, but if the winner of the historic Withers stakes is successful in the \$50,000 Belmont classic meet next Saturday there is a strong possibility that the rival thoroughbreds will meet later for the first time. Morvich's impost for the Carlton would be 122 pounds, three pounds less than Snob would be asked to carry if victorious in the Belmont. Burlew's decision incidentally assured eastern race followers their first glimpse this season of the Kentucky derby winner before he is sent to Latonia, Ky., for the \$50,000 "Special" and the derby.

THE INSURANCE BILL IS NOW IN DEADLOCK

Appellate Judges Decline to Pass Upon Constitutional Question Involved.

Toronto, June 8.—The stated case submitted by the attorney-general as to the validity of the Ontario act to legalize reciprocal insurance, was ordered off the list in the first divisional court yesterday afternoon. Chief Justice Sir William Meredith, expressed no opinion as to the court's power to hear the stated case, one involving two dominion acts, but suggested that the Ontario Reciprocal Act be proclaimed, that test prosecutions be instituted, and, thus, that the questions now before the appellate court be passed upon in the resultant litigation.

TREES ARE NEWSPAPER IN JUST 205 MINUTES

Berlin, June 8.—How quickly can a tree in the forest be converted into the paper on which the printed news is sold on the street? A paper manufacturer in the Hartz district made the test, which is recorded in "Der Papier Fabricant."

TEST IS CONDUCTED BY PAPER MANUFACTURER IN GERMANY.

Three flourishing trees with birds singing in the branches were cut down at 7.35 a.m., the trunks, stripped of their bark, were immediately taken to his factory, and in less than two hours transformed into pulp and paper. At 9.30 a.m. the roll of paper was loaded on a motor van for delivery at a newspaper office two and a half miles away. At 11 copies of the newspaper printed on the paper, which three hours and twenty-five minutes earlier was a live tree, were on sale in the streets.

STUDENT'S NECK BROKEN BY DIVE INTO A POOL

Doctors Fight Against Death—Conscious But Unable to Speak.

Grove City, Pa., June 8.—Three doctors, assisted by students of Grove City college, yesterday continued their efforts to keep the flame of life alive in Edwin Leslie, president of the sophomore class, whose neck was broken when he dived into a swimming pool. All night the students and doctors by artificial respiration fought death, and while the young student was unconscious physicians were mystified for, they said, they had never heard of a similar case where the patient lived any length of time. Leslie's head struck the bottom of the pool. Fellow students rescued him and practically all night he was conscious but unable to speak. An X-ray picture showed the broken neck.

UNJUST TO VETERANS.

Conscientious Objectors Retained in Civil Service.

London, June 8.—At the resumption of the 3rd national conference of the British Legion, which was opened on June 3rd, under the chairmanship of Lord Haig, a resolution was passed to the effect that the retention of conscientious objectors in the civil service was a flagrant injustice to ex-service men. The resolution demanded a cessation of the wholesale reduction in salaries as long as the conscientious objectors were retained in the service, and called upon the government to find employment for the ex-service men.

WILL REMAIN IN EMPIRE

Griffith Submits Revised Irish Constitution.

Lloyd George Returns For the Final Discussion in Ireland.

London, June 8.—The revised draft of the Irish constitution brought to London yesterday by Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, provides among other things, says The Evening News, "that Ireland shall remain within the empire in the same way as a dominion."

"Decisions of the privy council," says the newspaper, "shall be final in all constitutional matters concerning the Free State, subject to certain conditions. Assent of the crown must be obtained to all legislation in the Free State. The oath of allegiance provided in the Anglo-Irish treaty shall be observed."

The News says it is understood there also have been some modifications in the earlier provisions in the draft giving the Free State wider control over foreign affairs than the imperial government was prepared to concede.

The discussions are being resumed today, the News asserts, in a distinctly more promising atmosphere. Prime Minister Lloyd George is returning to London today, when it is hoped the preliminary conversations between Secretary Churchill and Mr. Griffith will have prepared the way for a full and final discussion.

British to Occupy Belleek.

Belfast, June 8.—A British military column comprising artillery, infantry and engineers advanced into the Belleek district on the Fermanagh Donegal border this morning, with the reported intention of occupying Belleek by nightfall. Republican forces are said to be falling back before the British advance.

Resume Conferences.

London, June 8.—British ministers and Irish delegates prepared to resume their conferences to-day with a prospect of extended conversations before another full meeting of the treaty signatories can be held.

Proceeding Satisfactorily.

London, June 8.—Irish negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily, it is officially stated, and a full conference of the treaty signatories will probably be held tomorrow when Premier Lloyd George will be present.

PEERAGE BESTOWAL CAUSES CRITICISM

Africans Resent Elevation of Sir J. B. Robinson, Banker and Mine Operator.

London, June 8.—The conferment of a peerage on Sir J. B. Robinson, the South African banker and mine operator, in the King's birthday honors, is severely criticized in South Africa, says a Reuter despatch from Cape Town. The Cape Times says the conferment "is likely to have a most regrettable reaction here upon the loyal affection of both white races for the royal house."

LENINE IS IMPROVING.

Is Unable to Take Active Part in Government Yet.

Moscow, June 8.—G. N. Zinoff, one of the Communist leaders and a close associate of Nikolai Lenine, visited Lenine Sunday. He reported the premier was improving. There have been no further official bulletins issued regarding the state of Lenine's health since that of Sunday. It is reported, however, that Lenine cannot be expected to play an active role in the government for some time. M. Rikoff and M. Turupoff, the latter of whom Lenine named as his deputy, and who is vice-president of the Council of the People's Commissars, continues for the present to perform Lenine's duties.

Sir George Bury, former vice-president of the C.P.R., and Mrs. Doris Blumenthal, were married at Reno, Nev., on Wednesday.

DENIES INTERFERING IN U.S. PROBLEMS

British Ambassador Says His Remarks Misstated by Senator Watson.

Washington, D.C., June 8.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, feels that his recent public reference to the American merchant marine and other matters referred to by Senator Watson of Indiana in his tariff speech in the senate yesterday was erroneously described and has shown to Secretary Hughes a stenographic copy of his address in Chicago. The state department possibly may take some steps in the matter.

The ambassador delivered his speech on March 12th, giving some figures to show the extent of the trade of the United States with Great Britain. He suggested that this resumption of foreign trade and prosperity that comes from it are largely dependent upon the capacity of the British empire to buy "your goods and to pay for them with dollars in America."

ORDER PROBE ON GASOLINE

To Investigate the Soaring Gas Prices.

United States Congress to Protect Auto Owners Against Profitreing.

Washington, June 8.—Congress and the department of justice joined hands yesterday to protect the 17,000,000 automobile owners of the United States against soaring gas prices. While the department of justice launched its probe of recent increases in the price of gasoline, the senate manufacturers' committee was being organized for an investigation of its own. Representatives of the big gas and oil companies will be called before the committee to explain why prices are going up.

The report of the federal trade committee on the gasoline industry, which shows a record-breaking gasoline reserve, is being made the basis for both probes.

The same investigation will deal particularly with the following features:

1. The profits made by marketing petroleum companies within the last few years.

2. Whether there is any natural reason for the gradual price increase, and whether there has been a tacit agreement between the marketing companies to raise prices arbitrarily.

3. A check up on all prices charged each month during the last few years.

4. Comparison of the difference in price in various sections, and the reasons.

The committee will have the authority to require the presence of any witnesses an dth production of the books and records of marketing companies.

WORK OF THE CHURCH TO ROOT OUT EVIL

Says Rev. Dr. Gordon, Retiring Moderator of Presbyterian General Assembly.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—The Presbyterian General Assembly opened its sessions here last evening in St. Stephen's church, when Rev. Dr. Charles W. Gordon, the retiring moderator, preached the sermon. Dr. Gordon's subject was "God's Eternal Quest," and his text Isaiah, chapter IV. His concluding words were: "Every land is God's land, however over run with briars and thorns; and to every man who has come back to God and entered into fellowship with Him there is given a great enterprise—that he should begin at once to root up the briars and thorns that trip and tear the feel of all wayfarers, that choke and hinder the upgrowth of tall, clean fir trees of which homes and temples may be built, and the fragrant and beautiful myrtle trees that bring joy and beauty to the landscape."

ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADER RECEIVES WARM WELCOME

He Speaks Before the Eastern Ontario Liberal Convention in Ottawa.

Ottawa, June 8.—The warmth and cordiality of the reception extended to F. Wellington Hay, the new leader of the Liberal party in the Ontario legislature, and addresses by H. H. Horsey, honorary president, Gordon C. Edwards and Mrs. Norman F. Wilson, joint presidents; Dr. M. McKay, M.P., for North Renfrew, and Alex. Smith, were the most notable features at the opening session of the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Liberal Association at the Chateau Laurier yesterday. The enthusiastic cheers which greeted Mr. Hay as he entered the assembly hall left no doubt regarding the fealty and devotion of his followers in Eastern Ontario. About 150 delegates from all the provincial and federal ridings, including Kingston, are in attendance.

OUJIA BOARD Baffles U.S. Supreme Court

Washington, D.C., June 8.—The supreme court yesterday announced it would not determine what is a oujia board.

The question was presented in a case brought by the Baltimore Talking Board Company, which protested against taxation of such boards as sporting goods, and insisted that should the court refuse to hold that the board "is a grade of motor automatism, involving considerable subconscious action of intelligence," that it would at least classify the smaller boards as "children's toys."

The lower Federal courts sustained the government's contention, that the boards should be classed as sporting goods.

The Lake of the Woods control bill went through committee of the legislature.

Costs More to Run C.N.R. Than It Does the O.P.R.

Ottawa, June 8.—To earn one dollar in revenue, the Canadian National Railways expended during March \$1.10; the Canadian Pacific expended \$2.29 cents, and the Grand Trunk \$4.22 cents. The ratio for Canadian National Railways last year was 124.3 per cent, the Canadian Pacific \$2.51 per cent, and the Grand Trunk 90.82 per cent.