

MOST PATHETIC SCENES WITNESSED IN MONTREAL

Striking Postal Workers Plead With Postmaster Gaudet To Be Re-Instated.

One Man's Wife At Death's Door And Has Seven Children—Another Striker Had Nothing To Eat For Four Days.

Montreal, June 25.—Pathetic scenes were witnessed at the main post office here, when strikers with families of six, seven and eight children, sons who are sole supporters of aged parents, some with tears, begged Postmaster Gaudet to take them back into service. Mr. Gaudet said he received letters so poignant, that after the first two or three lines he could not bear to read to the end. Of 112 who yesterday sought reinstatement unconditionally, one of the saddest cases was that of the father of seven children. He told how his wife was in delicate health and when the news of the strike reached her, she fell senseless to the floor and is now at death's door. The man was immediately taken on. Another striker, a young man, knelt at Mr. Gaudet's feet and clung to his knees, begging to be reinstated. He said he was the sole supporter of his aged mother, a widow, and he had had nothing to eat for four days. At the end of the interview he broke down and passed into a condition of nervous hysteria bordering on convulsions. At strike headquarters, the action of the group who waited on Postmaster Gaudet yesterday is strongly repudiated. Offers of financial assistance have been made and accepted from A. Gaynor, president of the

Federated Association of Letter Carriers of the United States. The offer made by a letter received at strike headquarters, it was stated. Conditions in Toronto. Toronto, June 25.—John MacClelland, head of the International Association of Machinists in Canada, arrived in Toronto early to-day and spoke at a mass meeting of the postal strikers this morning. He said the Montreal postal strikers were standing firm and advised the Toronto strikers to disregard reports to the contrary. A very small letter carrier service was started in the downtown district today, covering only the larger buildings. Postmaster Lemon stated it was merely supplemental to the wicket service, and people who wanted mail should still come to the post office. The men were not in uniform, the strikers having kept their uniform. About fifty-five of the postal strikers have returned to work to date, the postmaster said this morning. Their status will be decided by Mr. Lemon. Far few persons called at the main postal station this morning. Only 100 instead of the usual 1,000 were in line at 9 a.m. There is nevertheless a steady stream of people calling for their mail.

Five Seamen Perish In An Oil Explosion; Shot Up Thirty-Five Feet From the Holds

New York, June 25.—Five men were reported missing and six more likely to die after an explosion aboard the Standard Oil Company freighter Egremont Castle of British registry, which shook the entire Brooklyn water front yesterday afternoon. The vessel was being loaded with naphtha, kerosene and gasoline and a general cargo for the Far East. A 200-gallon case of gasoline lit so like a bomb while being slung from a lighter into a twin hold aft, which already contained 250,000 gallons of the inflammable oils. A series of minor explosions culminated in a final blast which sent longshoremen shooting up from the holds to the deck, 35 feet above, like corks popped from charged bottles. The explosions started a fire and a two-alarm call for fire apparatus was coupled with the turning out of 500 police reserves. The Egremont Castle rapidly became a menace to shipping and pier property, and was towed down Buttermilk Channel into the lower bay by six tugs and beached on Gowanus Flats. Four fire boats followed, pouring tons of water into the burning hull.

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DEPOSITORS CLAMOR FOR REIMBURSEMENT

As Result of Home Bank Failure—Appear Before Commons Committee.

Ottawa, June 25.—A delegation of Home Bank depositors packed the large committee room of the House of Commons this morning to state their case to the banking and commerce committee. So numerous was the delegation that the room in which the banking committee usually meets was not large enough to accommodate it. "Time for talk is over—time for action is here," declared W. J. T. Lee, counsel for the depositors. If anything was to be done for the depositor it should be done this session, he went on. Many persons in Toronto were being compelled to go to charitable institutions as a result of their losses in the Home Bank. Simple faith of simple people in Canadian banks of ninety years standing would be rudely shaken unless the government acted to reimburse the depositors. It was a moral duty to restore their losses, he declared. At the close of the hearing, Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, stated that the request of the deputation would be carefully considered from all angles. He added, however, the suggestion that it would be fair, before the question was settled, that the Government should have a report from the liquidators as to how much could be realized from the assets and from the double liabilities of the shareholders.

ADVICE GIVEN BANKERS.

To Urge Their Clients to Invest In Canadian Resources.

Montreal, June 25.—Sir Henry W. Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, was the principal speaker at yesterday's session of the thirty-first annual convention of the New York State Bankers Association. Sir Henry was enthusiastically received by the large gathering which crowded the convention hall of the Mount Royal hotel. Sir Henry placed before the gathering the fine investment values of the great natural resources of the Dominion, which he stated had hardly been scratched. The economic situation of the United States and Canada demanded that these natural resources of Canada be developed along sound and practical lines, and he urged the Bankers, as counsellors of those who had money to invest, to educate their clients to the benefits to be derived from investments in the vast mineral and other natural resources of Canada.

A PERFECT SCORE BY CANADIANS AT OLYMPIC.

London, June 25.—Competing at the British trapshooting championships for five-men teams, the Canadian Olympic representatives won the event with a perfect score of 100, each of the marksmen breaking C twenty birds. The United States team was second.

GOVERNORSHIP PROTESTED.

Further Objection to Importing Officials From England.

Melbourne, June 25.—The cable report that W. S. Royce, British Labor member of Parliament, was to be appointed Governor of Tasmania has caused considerable excitement in that island. The Melbourne Age, commenting on the appointment, says: "Now that Labor men are in the running for state governorships, the Conservatives, who have hotly resented the appointment of Australians to such positions, as is done in Canada, may be expected to abandon their last objections. If a Labor governor has equal claims with a Conservative governor, why should import these party nominees from the other side of the world when we have Australians distinguished enough for the office as a matter that confounds understanding." Charlton, the Labor leader, points out that the Australian Labor party opposed the importation of state governors.

THE CHURCH UNION BILL DEBATED IN THE COMMONS

Amendment to Committee's Report Is Moved By Lisgar Progressive Member.

It Aims At Removing the Delaying Clauses So That Union May Become Effective On The 10th of June, 1925.

Ottawa, June 25.—The debate on the Church Union Bill opened in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon with a full attendance of members and a large number of spectators in the galleries. The House at once went into committee upon the bill and J. L. Brown (Progressive, Lisgar) announced that he proposed to ask the House to strike out the second clause, which provides for a reference to the courts and to insert another clause in substitution. Mr. Brown, outlining the principles which he believed should guide Parliament, said that the House should not act as a judge of church doctrine or church polity. Parliament was simply asked to give legal sanction to the carrying out of an agreement made by the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. There were two questions only which Parliament should ask. The first was whether each of the contracting parties had followed the course which best harmonized with its own constitution. The second was whether proper provision was made for the rights of minorities. The amendment proposed to refer certain matters in regard to the union to the civil courts. This constituted a challenge to the Presbyterian Church as to whether it had a right to determine its own destiny. The purpose of those bodies who entered into negotiations for the union, and who finally applied to Parliament for a bill, was to avoid litigation. Now the committee of the House of Commons was trying to force them into that which they had sought to avoid.

ence-St. George) said he intended to support the bill as it was reported from committee. He was moved to do so in consideration of the property rights of the large minority who were opposed to union. The bill as reported from committee guarded in the most effective manner the rights of minorities. Parliament also had a responsibility in the matter of guarding against "the reckless casting aside of sacred ideas of those who were dead and gone," those who had left donations to Presbyterian libraries and colleges, which were committed to the dissemination of Presbyterian doctrine. Property thus accumulated belonged to the old Presbyterian Church. R. J. Woods (Progressive, Dufferin), contended that it should not be necessary for the churches applying for the charter to have behind them the unanimous support of their congregations. Majority rule was accepted in almost all organizations today, and complete unanimity on a subject of this kind was practically an impossibility. He admitted that those opposed to Church Union had their rights, but abundant provision had been made for safeguarding these rights. No congregation was being coerced and compelled to come into the union. Question of Minority. It was the minority and not the majority, said Mr. Woods, who was asking for a reference of the matter to the courts, and he declared that the minority was very small. Other church bodies had come to Parliament, asked for incorporation and obtained it. If Parliament was wise it would comply with the wishes of the majority in this case. Any other course would be a dictation by State to Church. T. W. Bird (Progressive, Nelson), declared that it was not for Parliament to assume the role of an ecclesiastical court of appeal, and it would be a serious thing for the church to admit that Parliament had this right. The right of the church to adapt itself to changing circumstances and times was fundamental. If the advice of Mr. Duff were accepted, the Presbyterian Church might as well be assigned a place among the fossils, which were fossils because nature had denied to them the right to change their constitution. Mr. Bird said that a man might attend Knox Presbyterian Church in the morning and Dominion Methodist Church in the evening and he would not know the difference. Mr. Duff asked whether the Shorter Catechism would be taught in the Sunday schools of a union church. "No it is not taught now," replied Mr. Bird. "Methodist and Presbyterian children are taught from the same literature issued from the same press at the present time." After debating for eight hours and until one o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, parliament decided to defer further consideration of the measure until Thursday.

A STRIKING TRIBUTE TO WOODROW WILSON

Democrat Mob Cheered for Ten Minutes at Mention of His Name.

New York, June 25.—With a roaring demonstration for Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic national convention interrupted its business yesterday afternoon while delegates and visitors joined in a noisy and yet respectful tribute to the late president, idol of the Democracy. Cheers for Cleveland, Jackson, Jefferson and Bryan had resounded through the big garden, but when the temporary chairman, Senator Harrison, mentioned the name of Wilson, the noise and enthusiasm broke loose. State standards came up quickly from their places, and soon the floor was jammed with a mass of milling, marching delegates, prancing about chanting the songs which became famous in the war days of Wilson. Chairman Harrison, sensing that the gathering wanted to give a demonstration for the former president, calmly took a chair, and sitting down to rest from the rigors of his keynote speech, waited for it to subside before beginning anew. Convention officials made no effort to stay the demonstration, and it was ten minutes before the state standards began to return to their places as the band struck up the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Admiral to Open Exposition. Toronto, June 25.—Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Lawrence Field, C.B., C.M.G., one of the heroes of Jutland, now in command of the British squadron circling the world, has consented to open the 1924 Canadian National Exhibition on Saturday, Aug. 23.

THINK THAT SMITH WILL BE NOMINATED

As Democratic Candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

New York, June 25.—Scouts for the Smith headquarters assigned to "missionary work" among the state delegations, reported to-day their candidate, Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, and to his campaign manager, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that they were "winning votes." On the basis of these reports and the strength of conference the governor and Mr. Roosevelt personally conducted with democratic leaders, it was announced at headquarters that confidence in the struggle, had expanded and "there was not a question but what Mr. Smith was rapidly approaching the presidential nomination."

HEN MOTHERS HOUNDS.

Litter of Five Only go Back to Mother for Food.

Toronto, June 25.—Five young dear hounds on the farm of F. Cavden, near Fort Credit, have deserted their mother for the sheltering wings of a hen. Four weeks ago, when the litter was born, the hen was brooding and for lack of eggs she spread her wings over the struggling puppies. Since then the animals have left her only to go to their mother for food. Even while they are feeding, the big hen stands guard over them. Now, in their four weeks of life, the little animals have grown too large to completely shelter under the hen, but she still stays with them. A tremendous explosion of oil at New York shook waterfront and kills five men.

ANDERSON BROS. HOLD THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC

Turnout of About 20 Cars Paraded Through Streets Wednesday Afternoon.

Anderson Bros., well-known wholesalers and retailers of meat, groceries, fruits and provisions, held their annual picnic Wednesday afternoon to McCallum's Grove. There was a splendid turnout of about twenty cars belonging to the firm and to the employees and let by one of the trucks with pipers the procession paraded the principle streets and let the citizens know what "was up." The cars carried Anderson Brothers' streamers on the windshields. The committee in charge has arranged a splendid programme for a big afternoon.

GRAINS DOING WELL.

Ontario Also Expect a Good Yield of Fruit.

Toronto, June 25.—Spring grains are making good growth, and farmers are now feeling more encouraged regarding these crops, says the weekly report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Roots are getting a good stand, especially mangels, and farmers are busy scuffling the crop. Fall wheat has gone ahead greatly of late and is now beginning to head, the report says. Prospects are very encouraging. Clover has picked up with the warmer weather and a fair yield is now looked for. Alfalfa is yielding generously. Fruit trees have set well as a rule. Cherries will yield heavily where not attacked by brown rot which is doing much injury in some parts. Early strawberries were caught in first bloom by frost, but later blossoms have been untouched and a good yield of this fruit is expected. Picking of early varieties starts this week, the season being two weeks later than usual.

DAVID HALL HAS BEEN 59 YEARS IN ONE SHOP

Noting the reference to the old fountain on the market square, in Monday's Whig under the daily heading of "Kingston in 1851" on the editorial page, David Hall, the veteran Brock street plumber, informed us that the late Neil McNeil constructed the fountain, which began operating on the 7th of March, 1851. Mr. Hall began the plumbing business with Mr. McNeil in the year 1865 and has been in the same shop for over fifty-nine years. He purchased the property some years ago. Mr. Hall is perhaps the oldest Kingston merchant still engaged in business.

WOMEN ADMIT FLOGGING.

A Young Matron Who Was Friend of Wealthy Banker.

New Orleans, La., June 25.—Mrs. John W. Ball, wife of a wealthy lumberman and banker of Alexandria, La., has admitted that she, her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Ball Jordan, and a friend, Mrs. Leslie Hatcher, on April 25th, flogged Mrs. Lillian Bonnette, beautiful young matron of that place, who was friendly with Mrs. Ball's husband. Mrs. Bonnette last week filed a suit for \$25,000 damages against the three. Simultaneously it was disclosed that the grand jury had returned secret indictments against the women and that previously Mrs. Ball and her daughter had been indicted for an alleged attempt to shoot Ball, who left Alexandria several weeks ago.

English Woman Tennis Star Outclasses U.S. Champion

Wimbledon, Eng., June 25.—Miss Kathleen McKane, ranking British woman tennis star, to-day easily defeated Mrs. Molla Mallory, former United States champion, in the woman's singles of the Wimbledon tournament to-day, thus eliminating the United States star. The British player won in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. She completely out-classed Mrs. Mallory.

Swamp Whiskey, Plus Poison.

Owen Sound, June 25.—That Robert Edward Street, of Wiar-ton, Ont., came to his death on Saturday afternoon last through drinking swamp whiskey, to which had been added some poison, was the verdict of the coroner's jury at Wiar-ton.

U.S. Fliers at Akyab.

Calcutta, British India, June 25.—United States round-the-world fliers, who left Rangoon this morning, stopped at Akyab on the eastern coast of the Bay of Bengal, according to messages this afternoon. Earlier dispatches reported the United States party had reached Chittagong, province of Bengal, but these proved erroneous.

On 1st July Bishop Ryan, Pembroke, will bless the new church at Fort Couplange, Que.

BELFAST DAMAGED BY GREAT STORM

Many Persons Injured in Ter- rific Tornado—Numerous Houses Are Wrecked.

Belfast, June 25.—A terrific tornado, unprecedented in the history of Belfast, struck the city last evening, resulting in extensive damage. Many buildings were wrecked and a number of people injured. The tornado swept over the heart of the city with great intensity. Roofs were torn from houses like paper, the slate shingles flying in all directions. Hundreds of people had to cling to lamp posts and railings for safety. Numerous houses were wrecked and others heavily damaged. Enormous damage was caused to telegraph and telephone wires. The sides of the railway stores here were smashed in by the violence of the storm. The tornado lasted five minutes.

BRITAIN MAKES COINS.

Contract for 45,000,000 for Soviet Government.

London, June 25.—The population of Russia will no longer be handicapped in the matter of coins with which to carry on domestic commerce, provided they can overcome the difficulty of gaining possession of these monetary conveniences. The British Treasury has already started on an order to mint 45,000,000 coins for the Soviet government. The contract for these coins is the first Great Britain has received from the Soviet government since the two countries patched up their diplomatic difficulties. These coins will also be the first Soviet coins ever minted. The coins are mostly one, two and five ruble pieces. The design for the money is the work of an Englishman, although suggested by the Soviets. It is exceedingly plain, one side of the coin carrying the Soviet coat-of-arms and the other the value of the coin and the date.

CANADA NOT INVITED.

No Word From Britain Yet Regarding Conference.

Ottawa, June 25.—Canada has received no communication from the British government regarding the proposed Inter-Allied conference, Premier King informed H. E. Spencer, (Progressive, Battle River), who referred in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon to press despatches indicating that Ramsay MacDonald had called a special conference and asked if Canada would participate. The prime minister added that he presumed the Government would hear from the British Government in due course regarding the matter.

Asks What C.P.R. Stock Is Held by Senators

Ottawa, June 25.—An enquiry as to the holding of Canadian Pacific Railway shares by Senators was made in the House of Commons by W. M. German (Liberal, Welland). Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, stated in reply that the information in answer to this question could only be obtained from the C.P.R. He suggested that if the question was to be answered, it should be asked in the Senate.

Depositors of the defunct Farmers Bank are to ask the government to reimburse them for their losses, says counsel.

LABOR GOVERNMENT DEFEATED AGAIN

Substantial Adverse Vote of 315 to 175—Not a Question of Principle.

London, June 25.—The Labor Government sustained another defeat in the House of Commons yesterday by the substantial vote of 315 against 175 in consequence of a Conservative-Liberal combination in referring a motion dealing with the financial provisions of the housing bill to a committee of the whole House instead of to a special committee which the government sought to impose. The defeat, however, was one of procedure and not of principle. No political significance therefore was attached to it and the other business of the House proceeded. Prior to this incident the bill which embodies the financial provisions had already passed its second reading after a motion presented by the Opposition for its rejection had met with defeat by a vote of 269 to 206. The Opposition argued that the bill was unsound in theory and practice and that its financing was thoroughly bad. The Liberals also expressed their discontent and it was

Police Must Learn How to Run.

Los Angeles, June 25.—The police here are being put through a course in physical culture by Captain Walter Yant, former physical director of the 91st division at Camp Lewis. Explaining the need for the course, Captain Yant said: "Very few policemen can run three blocks or even two. Few can go up or down a rope. Having big muscles and being able to lift heavy weights are not physical fitness. Some officers don't know how to stand. Many don't know how to breathe."

One Cent Bus Fare.

Long Beach, Cal., June 25.—One cent bus fares between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. have been put into effect here as an experiment by a private bus company. A nickel is paid to the driver as before, but a coupon good for 4 cents in trade at about 100 city stores is given with each ride.

The Hull plant of the Canada Cement Co., which has been idle for many months, will reopen within a short time. Between 300 and 400 men will be employed.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY
On "Cross-Purposes"

Some people DRIVE A CAR
For EXERCISE;
And when they do
They often give OTHER people
Quite a lot of exercise
DODGING THEM.
SOME DRIVERS are careful;
Others will take A RISK
On anything, including
KILLING their FARE.
If A WOMAN gets
KNOCKED OVER, however,
It is GENERALLY through
MISCALCULATION—
She THINKS she has to look
Where she is GOING;
But, of course, she SHOULD
Look where the TRAFFIC
IS COMING FROM.
A PRETTY GIRL can
Cross the street in safety
ANYTIME, because
MOST of the drivers are MEN—
And NO man would
Kill a PRETTY WOMAN
Who SMILED at him.
Of course, SOME WOMEN
Value their SMILES so much
They would sooner risk
Their LIVES—and they do.