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THE WEATHER

Strong winds and gales fresh northeast and north winds with rain in most places. Probably rain and snow on Saturday.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PASS THE BUCK TO THE CITIES TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES

MINISTER OF LABOR ISSUES A STATEMENT

Says Unemployment Problem Should be Dealt With by Local Bodies—Government will be Glad to Cooperate—Conference Arranged With G. W. V. A. and Cabinet.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The attitude of the dominion government toward the unemployment situation in Canada is set forth in a statement which was issued this evening from the office of the minister of labor. It says, in brief, that unemployment problems are the more direct concern of the municipality or province in which the unemployment exists, and that they should be dealt with primarily by such municipality or province. Federal aid should be given only when the problem becomes too difficult to handle locally. The government of Canada, it is announced, is willing and anxious to do what is necessary to aid the local bodies in solving the problem of unemployment, but it cannot assume obligations which properly belong to a particular municipality or province. Through the department of labor, the federal government will be glad to co-operate with the provincial authorities as necessity appears, and through the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, it will continue to give special attention to disabled or partly incapacitated soldiers.

"Obviously," says the statement, "there can no longer be any recognized distinction between the physically fit returned man and other unemployed workmen. The disabled or partly disabled returned soldier must and will continue to receive special attention."

After reviewing briefly what the federal government has done to try and improve the situation, the statement draws attention to the fact that the purchase of Canadian-made articles will help to reduce unemployment. "If every citizen will do his or her part in giving employment, where and when possible," it closes, "and will purchase only the product of Canadian labor where obtainable, the unemployment problem will be minimized."

A conference on the unemployment situation between the premier and other members of the cabinet, and representatives of the G. W. V. A. has been arranged for tomorrow morning.

GOATS AND FOWLS FOR THE FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 10.—The Reparations Commission announced today that Germany must deliver to France and Belgium a total of 1,740,000 fowls within four years, 25,105 goats within three years and 15,250 pigs within one year. The German representatives have agreed to this programme. The commission also announced that Germany has almost completed delivery of the live stock advances required under annex 4, paragraph 6 of the peace treaty. Germany has been instructed by the commission to deliver within six months 30,000 horses, 125,000 sheep and 90,000 cattle, including 30,000 in calf.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McDonald of Boston are at the Barker House. W. W. Stewart of Rothesay is in the city.

AMERICAN DYE COMPANIES MAY FORM A GIGANTIC MERGER SOON

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 10.—The British dyestuff interests are stirred by reports of the formation in New York of a two billion dollar merger of five great American aniline companies. They fear that this will mean an American bid for the dye business of the world. The head of the largest British dye combine, the Whetmore Dyestuffs Corporation, is watching the effect of the move and does not deny the prospect of a further British combination of dye interests. The dye interests believe that the American combination is a result of governmental assistance especially in matters of research.

COOPERATIVE CAMPAIGN TO REORGANIZE EFFICIENCY OF THE DRY GOODS TRADE

A Conference Being Arranged With Leading Members of the Trade in Great Britain, Canada and the United States—Plan a Close Co-operative Campaign—Retail Merchants Will Play an Important Part.

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Plans will be consummated soon for an extensive international cooperative campaign to reorganize for the efficiency of the dry goods business between the United States, Canada and Great Britain, according to J. R. Quilter, secretary of the British Drapers' Chamber of Trade, which has arranged a conference of more than a hundred leading members of trade in the three countries. The plans were discussed tentatively, Quilter said, during a recent visit of the British delegation to the United States and Canada, and everywhere in Britain there is a desire for the closest co-operative campaign which is gaining a tremendous impetus, according to Quilter.

ON SCIENTIFIC LINES

"It is planned that the organization in Britain will be conducted on scientific lines wherein the reciprocal relations of the research departments of dry goods associations in the United States and Canada will cooperate. Retail merchants of the association will also play an important part.

The research section will soon be established and institute inquiries with a view of developing the latest methods of distributing, trading and counting house practices, and similar matters that ordinary trades have difficulty in learning.

Such close co-operation will be a bond which will bring the English speaking nations closer together, not only commercially, but politically, as will also the merchandise section, which deals with classes of fabrics, designs and market prices, so that traders may obtain accurate information from acknowledged experts. There will also be sections devoted to publicity, display, law accountancy, education and employment."

MR. CRAWFORD HEARD FROM

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Lindsay Crawford, national president of the Self-Determination for Ireland League, has telegraphed to The Canadian Press, Limited, in reference to the recent demonstration against him at Moncton, N. B., that he did not say on that occasion that he was willing as a British citizen to "kiss" the flag. Mr. Crawford says:

"I was trying to explain to the mob that I was quite willing to kiss the Canadian flag, but my voice was drowned by noise."

"At all our meetings," says Mr. Crawford's message, "the word Canadian is in evidence, but it is arrant nonsense to call Canadians 'Britishers.' It is equally ridiculous to label Moncton by describing a riotous mob of irresponsible youths as 'citizens.' Not five per cent. of the mob were returned soldiers and there were sixty returned men at the meeting as supporters of the Self-Determination league." Mr. Crawford again asserts that the man who put the questions at the Moncton meeting was the "local Orange leader."

MINTO MINERS CANNOT VOTE

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 9.—There is a possibility that the vote taken in the Minto, N. B., district will be waived by the United Mine Workers' leaders when they meet here to count the vote in the recent election for executive officers. The Minto locals are not in good standing with the international, being seven or eight months behind in the union payments. George Bagnell, candidate for president against Robert Baxter, is a New Brunswicker.

Mrs. F. P. Tinker

Mrs. Tinker wife of F. P. Tinker of Ottawa and daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Tibbits, of Andover, N. B., died on Monday morning, December 6, following an operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. When her condition became hopeless she was removed to her home in Ottawa where she passed away at the age of 44 years.

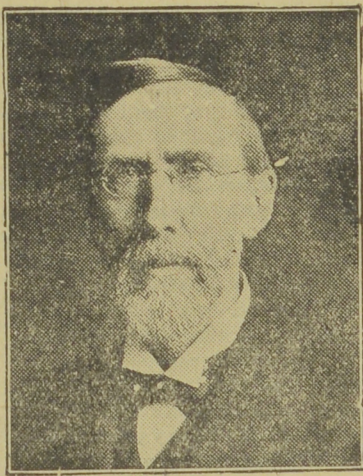
Rabbi Hains Naturalized

Rabbi Abraham Max Hains of Fredericton, a native of Russia and Louis ublin, of Bathurst, a hide and fur trader, also a native of Russia, have been naturalized as British subjects.

SIR GEO. FOSTER A BRIDEGROOM

Geneva, Dec. 10.—Sir George E. Foster, head of the Canadian delegation to the League of Nations assembly, was married here this morning to Miss Jessie Allan.

The ceremony took place at 10.30 o'clock in Holy Trinity church and was attended by many of the delegates.



THE BRIDEGROOM.

The bride was given away by A. J. Balfour of the British delegation. Sir George was attended by Hon. N. W. Rowell and Mr. Payne of the Canadian delegation.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The bride is a daughter of the late Sir Wm. Allan, who was a personal friend of Hon. A. J. Balfour and a well known imperialist. Her family, both on her father and mother's side, have long been identified with political affairs in Britain and especially Scotland. Miss Allan was a great traveller and is well known in Canada. She has done a good deal of writing and been actively interested in women's work.

Evidence by Commission

In the non-jury case LeRoy Plov Company vs. J. Clark & Son, Limited being heard before the York County Court, Judge Wilson presiding, W. G. Clark completed his evidence Thursday afternoon and the reading of the evidence taken at New York under commission was begun. The reading of the evidence was finished this morning and J. J. F. Winslow for the plaintiff began his argument. R. B. Hanscock, C. C., is for the defence. The plaintiff claimed \$336 and that amount was acknowledged by the defence which entered a counter claim for \$400.

On the Way Home.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McDonald of Boston are at the Barker House today. They are on their way home after spending some time hunting on the Miramichi.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON THE IRISH QUESTION EXPECTED FROM PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE TODAY

BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES OF PACKING PLANTS

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Between 125,000 and 200,000 employees of packing houses throughout the country including thousands in the Chicago plants, today were awarded a Christmas present in the form of 5 per cent. increases in wages for the period from July 5, 1920 to December 5, 1920, by the decision of Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler, United States Administrator in the packing house industries.

The decision denies all but a few of the demands for wage increases effective after December 5, 1920, on the ground that the cost of living is declining rapidly and shows indications of continuing to decline. The retroactive award is made. Judge Alschuler states, to cover the period when the cost of living was at its peak and when wages were not sufficient to meet the needs of the workers.

The only increases awarded, effective after December 5, 1920, are to slack barrel coopers, whose minimum wage is fixed at 61 cents an hour; electricians and sheet metal workers whose hourly rate is less than 61 cents, and sailor gangs, whose hourly minimum is less than 57½ cents an hour. The minimum wages in the latter cases are fixed at 61 cents and 57½ cents per hour respectively.

JOURNALISTS IN LONDON WANT MORE PAY

Special to the Daily Mail by London Daily Mail and C. A. N. S.)

London, Dec. 10.—The National Union of Journalists here presented to the London newspaper proprietors a series of demands, including fixed grades of salaries of \$52, \$62, and \$73 per week, shorter hours, and improvements in working conditions. Regarding the demand the London Daily Mail says:—

"Our reply to the demands, if pressed, would be reluctant, but would be a complete shut down of the four newspapers published in this office for the period necessary. This is the only effective method by which the directors of the newspapers can obtain justice. Few newspapers are paying expenses but the Mail is not unhappy financially."

The four newspapers are The Mail, The Evening News, The Weekly Dispatch, and the Overseas Mail.

WILD GEESE ON THE MOVE

Truro, Dec. 9.—A rather unusual occurrence in bird life was noticed tonight between the hours of six and nine o'clock. Many large flocks of wild geese, possibly aggregating thousands passed over the town flying in a westerly direction. The honking indicated hundreds in a flock, some progressing slowly and at no great height others high in the air. Whence they came and why migrating so late in the season caused much wonderment and speculation, principally as to whether a sudden change in temperature in northern regions has driven the birds southwardly, also whether they are precursors of a severe winter condition at an early date.

At Woodstock Now.

F. Peacock, Provincial Director of Vocational Education, was at Fairville yesterday conferring with the School Board. He is at Woodstock today.

MRS. CARRIE CHAPMANN CATT SOUNDS A WARNING TO WOMEN

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.—"Women should beware of the reactionary tendencies that always follow great wars," is the advice of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance. "America hasn't progressive and conservative parties like England, but both tendencies are present in both parties. There is now a strong movement by the reactionary element for control of the parties, which are self-deceived. They consider they are displaying wise conservatism. I consider the English women's gaining of the vote in the face of tradition a wonderful test."

MARTIAL LAW OR TRUCE IN IRELAND

Many Reports Current in the Lobbies of Parliament as to Nature of the Premier's Announcement—Is Desirous of a Settlement of the Irish Question.

London, Dec. 9.—It is announced that Premier Lloyd George will make an important statement on Ireland on the opening of the House of Commons at noon Friday. The terms of the statement were doubtless discussed in the conference between the Premier, Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the Commons, Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, and several officials of the Irish department, which was held at the Premier's official residence in Downing street this afternoon, but no official indication was given as to what had been decided. Many reports are current in the lobbies as to what the Premier is likely to say. It is believed in some quarters that he will announce the possibility that the government will declare martial law in Ireland, although at the same time indicate the readiness of the government to enter into conversations with the moderate Sinn Feiners, with a view to settlement.

The parliamentary correspondent of the London Times says that the Premier is expected to announce more fully than heretofore the conditions on which the government is willing to open official negotiations, and may indicate how far he regards the Sinn Fein conditions acceptable.

Official circles do not conceal that the Premier desires a settlement, but intimate that he is uncertain as to whether the present moment is propitious.

Prospects of an Irish truce, which were generally regarded as having receded almost out of sight, have been revived, according to the Daily Mail, as a result of a private interview between Monsignor Patrick Joseph Clune, Bishop of Perth, and Premier Lloyd George. The archbishop, according to the newspaper, conveyed to Lloyd George what in effect was a message from Michael Collins, commander of the Sinn Fein army. It is understood the impression was given that Collins and other Sinn Fein leaders were extremely desirous of a truce, and were prepared to take definite steps to secure it.

A NOVEL LUNCHEON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the Vice President, assisted by wives of Senators gave a novel luncheon yesterday for Mrs. Harding wife of the President elect.

It was given in the large reception room, each woman taking her contribution of food. Mrs. Marshall contributed rolls, Mrs. Ashurst, wife of Senator Ashurst of Arizona, cakes, and one of them was the centre of admiration as it bore the name of the guest of honor, Mrs. Harding.