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UNEMPLOYMENT GREAT PROBLEM IN BRITAIN

Government is Trying to Find Means to Stimulate Industrial Development.

LONDON, April 19. — Premier Stanley Baldwin says the problem at present eclipsing all others in Great Britain is how to stimulate industrial development, and in a letter to the Conservative candidate in the by-election in the Hanley division of Stoke-on-Trent, recalled by the death of Samuel Gloves, Labor M. P., the Premier claims that the Government is trying to solve the problem.

Premier Baldwin claims that the Government had a record of achievement along the line of encouraging industrial development that could not have been attained under such a system of nationalization such as is advocated by the Labor Party. He admits, however, that there are black spots in the industrial sphere, but says the Government hopes to help the coal-mining industry and the heavy industries on the road to recovery.

With this object in view, the Government is now investigating the question of rating reform in order to see to what extent the producing industries can be relieved of their inequitable and increasing burdens.

In the meantime, the Government is expediting practical reforms, the Premier says. It has recommended the appointment of a Royal Commission on the coal industry, and a special board appointed recently to ascertain a means of finding employment for the large numbers of miners who are out of work.

It was only by practical methods, based on experience and a consistent policy, the Premier continues, that the Government can help industry to recover.

The Premier concludes by claiming that steady improvement in the country's trade returns shows that the Government's policy is sound.

The Liberal candidate in Hanley is Walter Neukin and the Labor nominee, Arthur Hollins.

INHERITS BIG FORTUNE

Exchange Seat Sells For \$395,000

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, April 19.—Value of membership on the New York stock exchange soared to \$395,000 today with the announcement that arrangements had been concluded for the sale of the seat at this record figure which is an increase of \$20,000 over the previous high mark.

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\$60,000 Voted For Flyers Reception

(Special to the Guardian) NEW YORK, April 19.—The board of estimate today appropriated \$60,000 for the reception and entertainment of the German-Irish crew of the trans-Atlantic monoplane Bremen. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Illinois Freed Of Outlaw Gang

(Special to the Guardian) BENTON, Ill., April 19.—Charles Birger was hanged at the County Jail at 9.15 a. m. today and Southern Illinois was freed at last of the murderous rule of the gang that for years held itself above the law and ruled the coal mine district.

CANADA'S PART IS SMALLEST

Truth Waxes Cynical Over Appointment of Hose as Naval Chief.

LONDON, April 19.—The editor of Truth, a weekly paper that on more than one occasion has criticized Canada's naval efforts, makes caustic reference today to the Canadian government's recent appointment of the director of Canadian naval services, Commodore Walter Hose, to the post of chief of naval staff. "Whether this represents anything more than an exchange of names I cannot pretend to say," the editor remarks.

Contributions by Great Britain and the dominions towards naval defence, according to the estimates for 1927-28, are given as follows in a parliamentary return:

Great Britain £58,000,000; Canada £364,850 (\$1,725,000); Australia £5,736,000; New Zealand £667,324, including the first instalment of its contribution to the naval base at Singapore; South Africa £125,470.

The proportion of expenditure on naval defence to the total import and export trade for 1926-27, respectively, is given as follows: Great Britain 2.87 and 2.83 percent; Australia 1.63 and 1.91 percent; New Zealand .60 and .70 percent; South Africa .09 and .07 percent.

The expenditure per head of population for 1926 and 1927, respectively, is given as follows: Great Britain 25 shillings 8d, and 25 shillings 6d; Canada 8 pence and 9-1-2 pence (16 cents and 19 cents); Australia 16 shillings 6 pence and 13 shillings 5 pence; New Zealand 8 shillings and 9 shillings 4 pence; South Africa 1 shilling 9 pence and 1 shilling 6 pence (contributed by the European section of the population only.)

SAD ACCIDENT

Young Boy Seriously Injured by Fall from Horse Is Still in Critical Condition.

Mr. Preston McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill, who was seriously injured a few days ago and taken to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, is still in a critical condition. He has regained consciousness but is suffering intense pain and the symptoms indicate that he has a fracture of the base of the skull. However, there is a good chance for the boy's recovery, meantime his parents have the sincere sympathy of many friends in this community.

It appears that the injured boy, who is only 17 years of age, met with the accident while taking a horse belonging to Mr. John Power, out for exercise, the animal bolted while McNeill was getting into the saddle, throwing him off while his foot was still in the stirrup. The horse ran out to the street and while turning he slipped and fell, relieving young McNeill from the stirrup. The young man was picked up unconscious and taken into the McKinnon Drug Company's store and was afterwards taken to the P. E. Island Hospital still unconscious. As above mentioned, he has since regained consciousness.

On enquiry, the Guardian was informed that the injured boy was resting quietly, but not out of danger. It is expected that five days will have elapsed before there is any change in his condition.

LEGAL FEES IN CUSTOMS PROBE

Totalled \$112,536.—Of This Amount Hon. N. W. Rowell, Chief Counsel for the Commission, Drew More Than \$50,000.

OTTAWA, April 19.—Legal fees to solicitors engaged by the government in connection with the recent customs inquiry totalled \$91,326. In addition to that the lawyers engaged in this investigation received living allowance which totalled \$14,845 and travelling and other expenses amounting to \$6,365. The total amount paid to the counsel was \$112,536. Of this sum, Hon. N. W. Rowell, chief counsel for the commission drew \$44,000 in fees, \$2,200,000 as living allowance and \$3,140.00 as travelling and other expenses; R. L. Calder, received \$12,038.00 in fees, \$3,375.00 living allowance, and \$1,138.00 travelling and other expenses; G. C. Lindsay was paid \$8,685.00 in fees, \$3,885.00 living allowance and \$1,050.00 travelling and other expenses; R. B. Law received \$10,142.00 fees, \$4,085.00 living allowance and \$988.00 travelling and other expenses; W. F. O'Connor who acted as counsel during the investigation by Sir Francis Lemieux received \$7,400.00 fees, \$270.00 living allowance and \$141.00 travelling and other expenses.

The three commissioners drew \$23,850.00 for living allowance and \$3,677.00 for travelling and other expenses. Hon. J. T. Brown, Chief of the Commission, was paid \$8,600.00 living allowance and \$1,436.00 travelling and other expenses. Hon. Ernest Roy received \$7,650.00 living allowance and \$1,342.00 travelling and other expenses; Hon. W. H. Wright received \$7,600.00 living allowance and \$988.00 travelling and other expenses. Sir Francis Lemieux who conducted the investigation in its early stages, drew \$1,032.00 travelling and other expenses, including the expenses of his secretary.

This information was given in the House of Commons this afternoon in answer to a question by T. L. Church, Conservative, Toronto, Northwest.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, Ont., April 18.—The debate on the treaties with certain central and southern European countries which began this afternoon was continued last evening until eleven o'clock. The Conservative opposition made a straight frontal attack on the basis that Canada was making treaties under the favored nation clause and getting the worst of it.

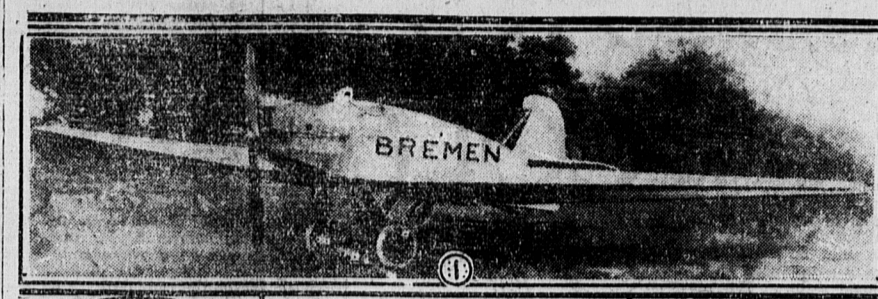
Finance Minister Robb argued that the balance of trade with these countries was in favor of Canada. The angle of the opposition was that Canada was the dumping ground of European manufacturers and labor without any corresponding advantage.

This afternoon was taken up almost wholly with the Quebec Harbor Commission loan of \$8,500,000. It was strongly opposed by the opposition on the grounds that the Quebec Harbor was not a paying proposition. It was pointed out that Quebec had borrowed about \$30,000,000 on account of its harbor and had only paid on interest a little over \$1,000,000 whereas the interest due at 5 percent was between four and five millions. At six o'clock there was no report and the debate stands over.

Companies and individuals interested in private bills are very much worried over the outlook. Only two hours each week are now devoted to these measures, of which one hundred and seventy three were on the order paper yesterday. It becomes a very easy matter for any member or group of members to occupy an hour in discussing any bill and incidentally talking it out, and when it is talked out thus rather than being adjourned, it goes to the bottom of the list. That was the fate last night of the Sun Life bill wherein a company with three hundred and fifty million dollars of investment has a capital of only two millions and seeks to raise it to four.

The Bell Telephone bill is in similar peril. It seeks to double its capital of seventy five million to one hundred and fifty million. Then there are a number of international bridge and railway bills and on the whole there is a spirit of apprehension and unrest lest they all be successful.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLYERS AND THEIR PLANE



This is the Junkers monoplane Bremen and crew who essayed the first westward crossing of the Atlantic ocean. No. 1 shows the Bremen. No. 2, Baron Gunther von Huenfeld, financial backer of the flight, and one of the three persons aboard the plane. No. 3 shows the plane as it arrived at Dublin from Berlin last month. Nos. 4 and 5 are, respectively, Capt. Herman Kehl and Col. James Fitzmaurice, the Bremen's co-pilots. The map shows the route of the flight, with No. 4 the reported first sighting of the plane over Kingsport, Nova Scotia.

\$40,000 Damage

(Canadian Press) LETHBRIDGE, Alta., April 19.—Forty thousand dollars damage was caused last night when a 25,000 barrel tank in the Imperial Oil Company's farm at Coultis, Alta., on the Alberta-Montana boundary exploded. I. Coover, Gauger, who was on the tank when the explosion occurred, was blown 75 feet and seriously injured.

fully opposed. More time for their discussion or some form of closure is demanded, but from out the impasse no way has yet been definitely devised.

According to an estimate just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the population of Canada is 9,520,000, an increase of nearly 1 million since 1921.

OTTAWA, April 19.—All afternoon was spent on the \$8,500,000 loan to the Quebec Harbor Commission and at six o'clock no decision was arrived at. The attitude of the opposition is that immense sums like \$5,000,000 and \$48,500,000 should be based on revenue producing powers, but after expenditures which represented \$3,000,000 there were interest arrears of \$5,000,000 there and nothing to show for it.

Government members endeavored to show that it was prejudice against Quebec, but speakers like Stevens and Cahane made it plain that Quebec like Vancouver must stand on its own bottom in respect of a loan which had in view revenue looking after interest, sinking fund, and amortization charges.

The opposition did not object to vote money to build up Quebec as a national port, but it did object to doing so under subterfuge in the way of a loan which would never be paid off.

Seven Hundred Living On Short Rations

(Canadian Press) ASHLAND, Wis., April 19.—Seven hundred inhabitants of Madeline Island, only six miles from the Wisconsin mainland in Lake Superior, are living on short rations and fighting influenza as efforts to give them succor go forward here. Their plight and their efforts to relieve it have been related by telephone which connects by cable with the mainland. The influenza outbreak was described as not serious.

Moscow Has Twenty-One Deaths During Easter Celebration

(Canadian Press) MOSCOW, April 18.—Twenty-one deaths fifteen of them from vodka were reported in Moscow over the Easter celebration. Six of the dead were killed by violence or accident while many persons were wounded with pistols and knives in drunken brawls. More than 1,500 arrests were made.

About four and a half million bottles of vodka, two million bottles of wine and thirty eight million eggs were consumed during the holidays. On the first day ambulances were unable to cope with the calls.

With brains befogged by vodka men fell under automobiles, busses and trams, while others even drank kerosene and fought with fists, knives and other weapons. At the Easter celebration hooligans started smashing shop windows but the militia soon put a stop to this.

CLARENCE DEMAR WON BOSTON MARATHON YESTERDAY

Veteran Wins Hub Classic For Sixth Time. —Jimmy Hennigan Finished Second And Joie Ray, One Of World's Greatest Middle Distance Men, Third.

(Canadian Press) BOSTON, April 19.—Clarence Demar, the 39 year Melrose printer, won the Boston Marathon today for the sixth time. Pressed hard most of the way by Joie Ray, veteran middle distance runner attempting the marathon for the first time, Demar ran a steady race and was out ahead all the way after pulling out of the pack of the 241 starters. His time was 2:37.07 4-5, a new mark for the course, which was made the full Olympic distance for the first time last year. Jimmy Hennigan of Boston, veteran of many Marathons, pulled ahead of Ray near the end of the race and finished second. Ray came in third almost in a state of collapse and was carried into the Boston Athletic Association Club House. Hennigan's time was 2:41.01 and Ray's 2:41.36 4-5.

Miners Oppose New Wage Contract

(Canadian Press) BULLETIN.—SYDNEY, N. S., April 19.—A referendum vote of Nova Scotia miners today approved with an overwhelming majority the basis for agreement on a profit-sharing plan on a new wage and working contract, presented by the new owners of the British Empire Steel Corporation. Some time ago at the negotiations carried on to formulate a contract to replace that

LIBEL ACTION IS RESUMED

(Canadian Press) COBOURG, Ont., April 19.—Production of the original message to the Canadian corps notifying the force that the Armistice had been signed and would take effect at 11 a. m. on November 11, 1928, was sought by Frank Regan, counsel for the defence at the resumption today of the hearing of General Sir Arthur Currie's \$50,000 libel suit against W. T. R. Preston and F. R. Wilson.

Mr. Regan contending that copies of the message produced from Ottawa were not exactly similar to the original, called Eytan Warburton, Kingston, a newspaper reporter to the stand. Mr. Warburton had obtained from a Kingston man now serving in the permanent military force the actual messages as received by the Kingston man's unit. He declined to give the name of his informant, Mr. Justice Ross saying he could not give protection against possible proceedings for infringement of the military secrets act. Mr. Preston urged that the man's name be revealed owing to the great importance of the matter, but W. N. Tiley, K. C., counsel for plaintiff, pointed out that the officer who actually despatched the original message was no farther away than Toronto. It was agreed to call this officer named Caldwell.

At the opening today his Lordship took the opportunity to correct an impression that Mr. Regan might have spoken offensively during yesterday's sittings. He had merely observed that the phrasing of a question by Mr. Regan was "unfortunate."

Russian Money Found On Irish Gunmen

(Canadian Press) LONDON, April 19.—The belief that Russian money is being used to foment revolutionary reaction in Great Britain was expressed by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary in the House of Commons today.

"I am satisfied that notes in the possession of Irish gunmen had quite recently been issued by a Russian bank," said the Home Secretary, replying to a question which had reference to the finding of Bank of England notes on persons described as Irish gunmen rounded up before Easter.

The Premier replied that Judge Inman had not as yet handed in his resignation.

An act to provide for the purchase of Power Road Machinery received its third reading and was passed, as was also the Fish and Game Protection Act, 1928.



TORONTO, April 19.—Maritime, strong northwest winds, partly cloudy and rather cold. Toronto cloudy. Montreal snow. Quebec cloudy. Charlottetown cloudy. Halifax fair. St. John cloudy. Boston cloudy. New York rain. High tide this morning at 10.44, and tonight at 11.27. Sun sets this evening at 6.55, and rises tomorrow morning at 5.02. New moon Friday, April 20th, 11.01 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BULGARIA IS ROCKED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Philippopolis Hardest Hit But Sofia Also Suffers Damage in Widespread Earth Tremors.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 19.—Earthquake shocks occurring first shortly after 9 o'clock tonight and continuing throughout the early part of the night have wrought great destruction in at least two Bulgarian cities.

Philippopolis (Plovdiv) less than 100 miles southeast of here, was perhaps hardest hit, but Sofia, too, was known to have suffered considerably.

At Philippopolis a number of large buildings are known to have fallen and some big trees started in various parts of the city. Dispatches state that inhabitants are panic-stricken and remaining out of doors fearing the shocks, which are reported as still continuing, will bring their homes about their heads. The city was described as in complete darkness due to damage to the electric works and it was feared there had been a large loss of life, but as a consequence of the darkness nothing could be ascertained.

At Sofia three distinct shocks were felt, the first at 9.25 p. m. and two of lesser intensity immediately afterwards. Inhabitants of the city immediately rushed in the streets in great terror. Most of the city population was spending the night in the streets, fearing to enter their homes. A check of the damage was being made.

From Haskovo reports were received of considerable damage, but details were lacking. It appeared that the shocks were centered about the Philippopolis district with the entire area between Sofia, Philippopolis and Thirpan badly shaken.

'FLAPPER VOTE' BILL DISCUSSED

LONDON, April 19.—An amendment to the "Flapper Vote" Bill, which would raise the voting age of women from 21 to 25 years, was defeated in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 339 to 16.

The amendment was moved while the Franchise Bill, as it is known in Parliament, was in the committee stage. All those voting in favor of the amendment were Conservatives.

In seconding the amendment, Captain Charles Craig, Conservative, declared that 99 per cent of young persons 21 years of age were not fit to vote, and that 99 per cent of them did not want to vote. He said that the Baldwin Government was making a great blunder for there was no demand whatever for the bill. He agreed that men and women should be placed on the same basis, but contended that the age of twenty-one was too early to give the ballot to either.

Margaret Bondfield said the Laborites would oppose the amendment, as they represented a class whose children began knocking about the world at 14, and by 21 had suffered unemployment and all the troubles of life just above poverty.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

- DR. CLIFT, M. D. Start now home prevention-cure. 112 Prince St., Ch'town. 3-13-3mos.
Reserve May 7th, for Women's Institute entertainment in Craipaud Hall. Sale of lunches, Admission 25cts. 3901-4-20-31.
Buying Live Hogs at Hunter River Station, Tuesday April 24th, till 12 o'clock noon. James E. Andrews. 3863-4-19-31.
New Chinese Laundry just opened at 154 Great George Street. Jung Shing, Proprietor. 3864-4-19-31.
Car of seed oats at Tracadie Cross. Unloading Friday and Saturday. Walter Mullins. 3895
Regular session of Wildev Lodge, I. O. O. F. this evening at 8 sharp. 3rd. Degree to be conferred. Visiting brothers welcome.