

All-Night Smudges No Help

Smudge fires failed to save market gardens in Greater Winnipeg area from heavy damage as the mercury hit the skids during the night for an all-time low of 23.7 degrees.

Market gardeners in widely scattered sections of the district all reported "fairly heavy" damage, particularly to such tender crops as asparagus and beans.

Previous low record for May 24 was set with 24 degrees in 1897. The official reading today was made at 4 a.m.

Winnipeg's record of nearly nine degrees of frost made it only 12 degrees warmer than Neepawa, coldest spot in Manitoba during the night.

No frost was experienced in Alberta and most of the western half of the prairie escaped damaging frosts.

Forecast for the holiday was not too disheartening. A high for today of 32 degrees was forecast, becoming cloudy this afternoon.

Forecast for tomorrow and Wednesday were not available at press time.

City Man Drowns In Boat Accident

William Letters, 3055 Jameson Ave., East Kildonan, drowned Monday in a boating accident while on a fishing trip near Farlane, Ont.

An ardent sportsman, Mr. Letters was on holiday with five other Winnipeg men at his home in Red Deer Lake. He was alone in his boat when the accident occurred.

The 48-year-old drowning victim was a travelling freight claim agent for C.N.R. based in Toronto.

Mr. Letters is survived by his wife, Doris; two sons, Donald, two and one-half years; and Barry John, 10 months; his mother Mrs. Jean Letters; his father, Mr. C. Phillips, all of Winnipeg.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Mordue Funeral Home.

TLC Leaders Mend Rift on Red Issue

OTTAWA, May 24—Percy Brough, president of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, and Frank Hill, head of the powerful Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, today confirmed they have reached an amicable settlement of the dispute which has torn the Trades Congress with dissension since last summer.

Both Mr. Brough and Mr. Hill refused to disclose details of the settlement. However, it was obvious that any settlement reached had to deal with the two major points in the dispute.

Changes by Mr. Hill and a group of international representatives of A. F. of L. unions in Canada that the T.L.C. executive was too lax in its treatment of Communists in the Congress.

That the present method of voting at T.L.C. conventions was unfair to the international unions.

Purge Communists While the principals in the reported settlement remained silent, unofficial sources close to the T.L.C. executive indicated that the two leaders have reached a tentative agreement in which Mr. Brough will force member unions to purge communists from their ranks or face expulsion from the Congress.

On the second point, both leaders admitted in press interviews that "some concessions"

Winnipeg Tribune

Sun Warms City Holiday Events

Winnipeggers today celebrated the 139th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth. They thronged to a large variety of sporting events, went to the beach to open summer cottages, took to the open road or just loafed in the backyard.

By 8 a.m. parties of young cyclists and picnickers were gathering on street corners and at bus stops bound for a day in the parks and the country.

Beach trains expected to be loaded by the time they left Winnipeg. The bright sun and promise of warmer weather lured out citizens who shivered through the week-end.

In Greater Winnipeg, sports fans were treated to the most attractive May 24 card in recent years.

Three community clubs—Fort Garry, Crescentwood and Riverview, planned sports days this afternoon. Another club, Windsor, scheduled a sing-song and fireworks display 5 p.m.

Baseball Games A baseball team from Warren, Minn., reached town today for games at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

On the east they had pushed to the banks of the Whangpoo, opposite the city.

Heavy Fighting Reports from the southern edge of the city gave a graphic picture of a battle of attrition through the streets. Some Nationalist soldiers were said to be among them.

Heavy fighting was reported near the edge of the old French consular and international settlement. No Communists had managed to get through the lines erected by the Nationalists in that area, it was reported.

It was considered possible some foreigners in the Hungoia area, five miles southwest of the city, might be taken out.

Red Junks Run The garrison commander said Nationalist planes spotted 100 Junks at the mouth of Choupiu river, up-river from the centre of Shanghai. Thirty were reported sunk with a large loss of life.

The garrison said the Communist commander there for a crossing attempt. Another Red concentration of Junks near Tungka, a few miles down-river from the centre of the city, was said to have been broken up by government planes and naval gunfire.

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It came from an impressive early-Sunday raid of a 40-apartment building on downtown Slater Street of 24 police and one police woman.

The seizure of a large quantity of pills, arrested George Lim, restaurant proprietor, on a charge of unlawful possession of drugs and announced information had been dropped which might lead to further arrests. The charge was gained Monday for lack of evidence.

An analyst worked all weekend on the prize capture of the raid — a duck, larry-looking substance believed to be opium he could be accused of having trouble in his analysis.

The substance was finally identified as a special type of pepper made from the wild bladder of a snake.

This rare commodity was one of a number of material taken during the raid, mostly in the form of quarter-stamped pills and pellets.

It was turned out to be cooking materials or medicinal items of long standing in the mysterious German politically.

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STRIKERS STORM STATION



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Link with CCF Only Hope For Liberals, Says Drew

By L. F. EARL (Times Staff Writer)

FLIN FLON, May 24—Progressive Conservative leader George Drew Monday predicted the Liberal party had no hope of getting a majority in the next Parliament.

With a slim lead in the last election, he declared it was certain to lose a number of seats June 27. The only way it could form a government after the election was to join with the C.C.F., which itself had no chance to form a government.

Either there will be a Progressive Conservative government after June 27, he declared, or there will be a kind of alliance he had indicated.

"For the voter the situation is reduced to the fact that a vote for any candidate supporting Mr. St. Laurent will no longer be a vote for a Liberal government but a vote for Mr. Coldwell and his Socialist supporters, a vote for a government which will be formed after that pattern."

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New Russ Air Cheers Big Four

PARIS, May 24 (AP)—The Big Four foreign ministers today got down to the business of deciding Germany's future with Russia determined at least outwardly — that agreement should be reached.

Britain and France expected to start at today's second session when the Russians mean to go with a surprisingly aggressive attitude.

Russia's Andrei Vishinsky, spokesman for Foreign Minister, Gromyko, of France, told Schuma, German minister, that the Soviet government would not be convinced by your argument, nevertheless I will consent to your proposals here.

The Soviet foreign minister agreed to a western proposal that if there is time for German problems are discussed, the council should try again to agree on a settlement here.

Bevin said if Russia remained full agreement on Germany a pre-condition to taking up Austria and Vishinsky replied, smiling.

They are going to agree on all questions here.

Western conference sources who reported these exchanges after the meeting noted that they followed the conciliatory line on Germany that most carried out May 12, to let the Berlin blockade.

But they were "liberalized" elsewhere they reported.

The western sources said they expected to get a better line today on the long Vishinsky will keep on smiling, and agreeing.

Under the first agenda item, "the problem of German unity," the west plans to propose disjunctive of its plan for unifying Germany politically.

Mr. Drew said that he had not explored and acted upon collection of taxes from the head office of Ontario and that applies to the Free Press holding company," he said.

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Tax Pool Favored By Drew

(Special to The Winnipeg Tribune)

FLIN FLON, May 24—George Drew, national leader of the Progressive Conservative party, Monday said the Winnipeg Free Press misinformed its readers on his stand on Dominion-provincial relations.

Mr. Drew said he had insisted that Ontario's financial advantages should be pooled and shared with other provinces.

"Anyone relying on the press for the Free Press — as to my stand on Dominion-provincial relations would be completely misinformed," he said.

"To even seem to suggest that the premier of Ontario I objected to pooling the taxes collected on head offices in Ontario."

"That is simply not true. I have stated that, as premier of Ontario, the financial advantages obtained from the head offices of large companies being located in Ontario should be pooled, and shared among other provinces," Mr. Drew said.

He said he was surprised that the Free Press criticized Bay Street. "The company that controls the Free Press and its associated newspapers has its head office on Bay Street in Toronto."

"I assure you that under our proposals to the Dominion-provincial conference, Manitoba would not have lost one cent in collection of taxes from the head office of the Free Press holding company," he said.

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Strikers Storm Station

BERLIN, May 24 (AP)—An uneasy truce settled over embattled Berlin again today after a bloody riot Monday night resulted in two deaths.

The violence erupted suddenly after a comparatively quiet day. A howling mob of about 3,000 striking railway workers and their sympathizers tried to storm an elevated-railway station.

Soviet-controlled German railway police fired on them. A 45-year-old man, shot in the head, died instantly. A 16-year-old youth also was reported killed. Two other persons suffered minor wounds.

Angry Mob More bloodshed was averted by firm action on the part of British authorities, who demanded that 200 eastern police evacuate the station.

The British-supported railway police yielded after West Berlin police took over the two-story station.

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Today's Chukle

Husband: "Honey, if I had it to do over again, do you know whom I'd marry?"

Wife: "No, I don't, Who?"

Wife: "Oh, no, you wouldn't!"