

HARDING'S PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT IS REJECTED

THE QUESTION OF SENIORITY

Executives Will Not Yield on This—Men Thought to Have Accepted.

New York, Aug. 1—Railway executives of the nation today firmly but courteously rejected the programme advanced by the Harding administration for settlement of the rail strike. Willing to accept conditionally two suggestions put forward by the White House—that both sides abide by wage decisions of the railroad laborboard and that lawsuits springing out of the strike be withdrawn—the heads of 148 roads declared emphatically that it was impossible to reinstate strikers with unimpaired seniority rights, the third provision in the president's plan.

After being told by Robert S. Lovett of the Union Pacific that here was no moral or practical reason for budging from their position the executives disbanded, caught the first train for their respective headquarters and indicated that they were going ahead and would operate their roads with the forces they had assembled since the shopmen walked out on July 1.

The decision not to yield on the question of seniority was made known to the White House by telegraph after the rail heads had listened to a 20-minute address by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who, as direct representative of the president, told them, in effect, that the administration held the seniority question in minor importance with that of upholding the railroad labor board.

This action was taken in the face of a letter from President Harding addressed to T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the American Association of Railway Executives, embodying, "the terms of agreement, as I understand them, upon which the railway managers and united shop craft workers, are to agree, preliminary to calling off the existing strike."

President Harding had closed his letter with these two references: "I need hardly add that I have reason to believe that these terms will be accepted by the workers. If there is a good reason why the managers cannot accept, they will be obliged to open direct negotiations or assume full responsibility for the situation."

In addition Secretary Hoover had urged upon the executives at their morning session, that settlement of the rail strike was imperative, in view of the complicating condition introduced by the coal strike.

SHOE SHINES ARE UNKNOWN

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2—American manufacturers of shoe polish seeking foreign markets for their wares, might just as well pass up Peru, where "shines" are practically unknown, so the Department of Commerce is informed by its representative there.

Such a condition is to be expected the Department points out in a country such as Peru, where the major portion of the population are Indians who wear no shoes. What little demand does exist comes from the natives of European extraction who live in the large cities.

Temporary Registration.

Rev. G. Abbot Smith of Montreal, Church of England has been registered to solemnize marriages in the Province of New Brunswick, a date back to June 14th, last.

KITCHENER FILM IS HELD UP BY THE U. S.

Man to Whom it Was Consigned is Unable to Get Possession of It.

New York, Aug. 2—Origin or orders upon which customs officials here acted in detaining the film, "How Kitchener Was Betrayed," was not disclosed to-day although it has been learned that the film is held up presumably on instructions from Washington, and that J. Parker Read, Jr., to whom it was consigned has been unable to get possession of it.

The picture is one which caused a storm of protest in England. It purports to portray the manner in which Lord Kitchener met his death on June 5, 1916, when H. M. S. Hampshire sank mysteriously in the North Sea.

Relatives of Earl Kitchener and many high officials protested against the showing of the picture chiefly because the plot of the story was not based on facts accepted by the War Office. It had to do with the betrayal of Kitchener by a young British officer who fell victim to the wiles of a beautiful German woman spy. The woman the story shows notified the German War Office of Kitchener's sailing and the ship was sunk.

The woman spy it was clearly brought out, was Elsie Boecker, who spent some time in British jails for her activities. She is said to have boasted that she received 10,000 marks from the German War Office.

Following a spirited protest the film was changed so that the plot was laid in Russia eliminating the woman from the picture. But the new version also failed to meet the approval of Kitchener's sister. It was then taken to France where it is alleged to have created a sensation in Paris. The British officials promptly banned it and forbade its showing in Britain.

Just what part the British Government played in any in the detention of the film is puzzling. Read and others interested in the case. It cannot be conceived what object this Government would have in banning the film unless such a request has been received from London. M. D. Peterson, Secretary of the British Embassy at Washington said he was certain no such request had been made by the Embassy.

CRAVE U. S. SOFT DRINKS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2—The American consul at Aden, Arabia, reports to the Department of Commerce that the inhabitants of this district have a perpetual craving for drinks, not those of intoxicating qualities, however, as their religion forbids its adherents from indulging in such but those of the soft drink variety.

As the habit among the natives of this hot, dry, parching country of imbibing foreign made drinks is increasing, the American syrup producers an attractive opening to a field which has considerable possibilities.

Visiting Autoists.

An auto party composed of Rev. B. H. Thomas, wife and daughter of Washburn, Me., and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lumsden of Moncton arrived here yesterday and registered at Windsor Hall. Rev. Mr. Thomas is a brother-in-law of Mr. H. E. Harrison of this city and was formerly chaplain of the Dorchester penitentiary.

Good Mackerel Catch.

Mr. John G. Robichaud, M. P. P., for Gloucester is in the city today a guest at Windsor Hall. Mr. Robichaud who is a large exporter of fish says that about two and a quarter million pounds of mackerel have been taken at Shippigan so far this season. While shipments have been fairly heavy the bulk of the catch has been frozen and placed in cold storage. Mr. Robichaud will return this evening.

No Need to Worry In Canada Over the Fuel Situation

THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN GIVING THE MATTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION—DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE MADE SOON — PERSONNEL OF THE NEW RAILWAY BOARD UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Ottawa, Aug. 1—There need be no grave concern in Canada over the fuel situation as the result of the protracted strike in the United States. An announcement to that effect was made tonight by the prime minister following today's meeting of the cabinet. The coal problem has been under the study of the government for two months and it is understood, should the necessity arise—and that is not now anticipated—most of the machinery is ready for ample caring for the needs of Canada.

It is known that the government has been in consultation with Charles McGrath, who has an intimate knowledge of the coal situation and, should the coal strike in the United States fail of settlement within the next few days, formal and active steps will be taken to safeguard the needs of the people in this country. It is possible that a more definite announcement will be made by the prime minister tomorrow evening.

THE NEW RAILWAY BOARD

The personnel of the Canadian National Railways board was also considered at today's meeting, but no announcement was made as to what, if any, decision was reached. It is understood that the definite announcement of the new board need not be expected for ten days at least.

The report was revived today that an American or British American was being sought as one member of the board. Another report that has also been given fresh circulation within the last three days is that the headquarters of the board will be in Ottawa with regional or district headquarters in Toronto, Montreal, Moncton and Winnipeg. As to all these matters the government maintains profound silence.

There were five absentees from today's council—Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce, who is in England; Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of interior, who is expected here on Thursday or Friday; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, and Hon. D. D. McKenzie, solicitor-general, who are still in western Canada.

Cabinet meetings will be held tomorrow and Thursday.

SMALL FRENCH CLASS AT NORMAL

The French Department of the Provincial Normal School re-opened this morning with Prof. Theodore Lejeune in charge. Thirteen young women registered this morning but others are expected in a few days.

The class is about as large as it was last year but it is much smaller than the French classes were some years ago. In recent years it has been customary for a growing number of French-speaking students to enter in the general courses at the Normal school instead of the French department.

TISHOP B'OB.

Jewish Anniversary Observations to Begin this Evening.

Commencing with sunset, on Wednesday evening and continuing until sunset Thursday evening, Tishob B'ob or the ninth day of Ab, the eleventh month of the Hebrew calendar, will be ushered in with prayers and other ceremonies by observant Jews in various parts of the world. This holiday is the most solemn on the Jewish calendar, but, unlike the Day of Atonement which is regarded as the most sacred, is more of an anniversary event. The day commemorates in particular the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 586 B. C. by the Babylonians and the second conquest of the Holy city by the Roman legions 654 years later. For centuries the day, known as the Jewish Black Fast, has been set apart as a day of mourning for the race. During the 24 hours the rigidly observant Hebrew eats and drinks nothing. The reform Jew, however does not hold tenaciously to some of the old traditions.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

George H. Clark of Ottawa, Dominion Seed Commissioner, this afternoon gave special instructions to the judges in the standing Crop Competition which is conducted every summer by the Department of Agriculture. S. J. Moore of Truro, of the Dominion Seed Branch also gave instructions.

This morning Commissioner Moore accompanied by Deputy Minister Mitchell went to the Experimental Station and inspected work there.

ROYAL ARCAÑUM

Grand Council in Session at St. John. Ald. W. L. Jennings, Grand Vice-Regent.

The Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum of the Maritime Provinces opened its biennial session in St. John this morning. The Supreme Orator, H. F. Knoeppel of New York City will install the officers. St. John Council will entertain the visitors with a drive to Hampton and a supper at the Wayside Inn. The Grand Officers are:

George D. Martin, Grand Regent, St. John.

W. L. Jennings, Grand Vice-Regent, Fredericton.

G. F. Estabrooks, Grand Orator, Sackville.

H. H. James, Grand Secretary, St. John.

E. F. Hart, Grand Treasurer, Halifax.

C. H. Perry, Grand Chaplain, Sussex.

G. G. Wetmore, Grand Guide, St. John.

T. A. Ramsay, Grand Warden, St. John.

H. A. Porter, Past Grand Regent, St. John.

INSANE MAN WAS KILLED BY ROOMMATE

Tragedy in Longue Pointe Hospital — Fight Was Carried on in Silence.

Montreal, Aug. 1—Beaten to death by another inmate, Norbet Larivee, fifty years of age, a patient of St. Jean de Dieu Hospital, Longue Pointe station, an insane asylum, was taken to the morgue this morning. Larivee was terribly mutilated, and Coroner McMahon asked the police of the Longue Pointe station to investigate. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

Information obtained by Lieutenant Turner, of the Longue Pointe station was that Larivee had been attacked by another inmate at 2 o'clock this morning as he lay asleep in his bed. Larivee and his assailant occupied the same room and neither of them were thought to be dangerous.

During the night Larivee was ill and groaned several times. It is supposed that this upset the other occupant of the room. At 2 o'clock he jumped from his bed and picked up his boot. He rushed to Larivee's bed and struck him with the heel of the boot. Larivee awoke and attempted to defend himself, but suffered a terrible beating.

So silent was the fight between the two men that only when Larivee dropped to the floor did the thud bring two of the sisters who were on duty in the ward and two of the male attendants to the scene. They at once seized the assailant and put him where he could do no harm. They called one of the doctors of the hospital and everything possible to save Larivee's life was done. The victim, however, had suffered such severe injuries that he died a short time after.

It was found, upon examination by the morgue employees that Larivee had suffered a fracture of the skull, a broken neck, a crushed abdomen, and bruises about the whole body. The sisters in charge of the hospital have been notified to have the nurses and the attendants at the morgue tomorrow morning for the inquest.

RING WAS LOST FIFTY-SIX YEARS

Berlin, Aug. 2—While coming through the rye-field fifty-six years ago with Conrad Scheier, her husband, a newly married girl of Wermlingen aden lost her wedding ring. Years passed, and after removing from the farm Mr. and Mrs. Scheier died. Recently the two-year-old child of another young couple living on the farm found the ring in good condition. A search was made and the ring was turned over to the grown children of the bride and bridegroom of more than half a century ago.

DO NOT FEAR THE GREEKS

London, Aug. 2—Official London is not disturbed by the report that King Constantine intends to move on Constantinople to force the Allies' hand in the Near East. If he should be so daring as to try to make the attempt he will find ten Allied battalions there, five French four British and one Italian numbering about 8,000 men, who would be ordered to stop him.

It is not believed however that Constantine will make any such attempt.

At Edgecombe's.

Have you seen the stylish new dresses in Edgecombe's windows. Also several of the new fall coats, from the first arrival of these garments.

BRITISH PLAN BIG RESERVE AIR FORCE

TO HAVE NEWEST TYPES OF MACHINES

Plan to Train Former Pilots Without Interfering With Civilian Occupations.

London, Aug. 2—The Air Ministry is mapping out an extensive programme for building up a reserve air force along the lines of America's Officers Reserve Corps, which it claims will place the potential strength of British aviation beyond parallel in the world. The scheme which probably will be inaugurated early next month offers inducements to demobilized fliers, and, while it will not establish as many active squadrons as the French army has it will insure a formidable force equal to any emergency. Unofficial circles regard this as the answer to widespread censure of Great Britain's neglect of aviation.

The reserve organization will train experts in the newest types of machines giving them every opportunity for keeping their hand in without seriously interfering with them officially a spare territorial air force. The men composing it will report quarterly getting twelve hours of flying in the course of a year with full pay for days of training besides an annual grant of £30. A special course is planned to build up the technical force, which will have a fortnight of study each year. A mechanics' reserve of war may be no shortage of personnel in the event of sudden emergency.

The Ministry purposes further to grant between 2,000 and 3,000 temporary commissions to R. A. F. officers not wishing to remain in the service but willing to continue for three years. They will be paid the same as regular officers and upon retiring automatically will pass into the reserve. The production of aircraft will be such as to permit placing a great fleet in the air on a few hours notice.

The Ministry is endeavoring to make offers attractive to the thousands of war fliers who are expected to welcome the chance to get into the air again without binding them selves to the army.

FAKE WEAPON DID THE TRICK

Detroit, Aug. 2—Weak and faint from a bullet wound in his right lung, Harold Watson, aged 16, lay on his cot in Delray Industrial Hospital today and acquitted his mistake in trying to frighten away two policemen by flourishing an imitation revolver. He is in a critical condition.

The weapon, a cast iron novelty which police declare is entirely harmless except as a club, lies on the Sergeant's desk at Scotten Avenue Station.

Harold is a fugitive from the Juvenile Detention Home. The shooting of last night, which may cost his life was the culmination of a long series of escapades in which he relied on the fake weapon to bluff his enemies. It all ways worked until last night.

To Serve Warrant at St. Stephen

Police Sergt. Hughes left this morning for St. Stephen to serve a warrant upon a young man of that place. He is expected to return this evening with his prisoner.

Late G. Fred Staples

The funeral of the late G. Fred Staples took place this afternoon from the late home of the deceased, Devon. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Branch at St. John's Church. Nashwaaksis, and interment was made in St. John's churchyard. The plant of the Smith Foundry Company was closed this afternoon to permit the members of the staffs of various branches to attend the funeral, the deceased for fifty-five years having worked at that plant. There were numerous floral tributes and the funeral was largely attended.