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STRONG HAND OF GOVERNMENT FORCED AMERICAN SOFT COAL MINERS TO RETURN TO WORK

ATTORNEY-GENERAL
TELLS THE STORY

Appeared Before the Senate Coal Investigating Committee—Told Operators That Judge Who Issued the Injunction Might Put a Lot of the Union Leaders in Jail—Chairman of Coal Operators Association Heard.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Attorney General Palmer told a Senate coal investigating committee today a full story of his own and the general government's actions in connection with the strike of bituminous miners, concluding his testimony with the declaration that the "firm, strong hand of the government" finally had forced the miners to yield.

Alfred M. Ogle, chairman of the executive committee of the bituminous coal operators' association, took the stand a moment after the attorney-general concluded and told the committee that Mr. Palmer endeavored on Friday December 5, to induce the coal operators to compromise with the miners on a basis of more than the fourteen per cent wage increase suggested in behalf of the government by former Fuel Administrator Garfield. Continuing, Ogle surprised the committee with the assertion that Mr. Palmer had told the operators Federal Judge Anderson at Indianapolis, who issued an injunction against the strike leaders on the government's application, might "act in a characteristic fashion and put a lot of union leaders in jail," thus precipitating a "terrible industrial situation."

"We replied," said Ogle, "that we considered the proposal a cowardly, dastardly surrender of the rights of the public and the government. We considered it a compromise of principles far more important than any question of wages of miners, or our own profits as operators of coal mines. We thought it a question of the maintenance of law and order in the United States."

Ogle's testimony, given after Attorney-General Palmer, who was before the committee practically the entire day, had left the room, came as the climax to a series of revelations concerning the government's movements in the strike. The operators chairman refused to divulge details when first put on the stand, but finally told his story after getting permission to consult his attorney, Rush Butler, who was also called as a witness.

Chairman Freehlinghuysen, of the senate committee, indicated after conclusion of the hearing that the investigation would be continued on the strength of the information brought out.

SIR ROBERT TO TAKE LONG VACATION

Ottawa, Del. 19.—Sir Robert Borden experts to leave Ottawa for a prolonged vacation in January. His destination will probably not be announced. It is considered advisable that the Prime Minister's rest should be complete, that he should be relieved of all worry.

Today Sir Robert is not so well. He was not at his office this morning, although able to attend to his correspondence quietly at home. Yesterday's proceedings proved a heavy strain. Sir Robert attended two prolonged meetings of the cabinet, the largest meetings, by the way, held for some time. Indeed, out of nineteen members of the cabinet, there was but one absent, the Minister of Labor, who is adjusting labor questions in Alberta.

Mr. James Holmes, the well known lumberman of Doaktown is in the city today.

TWO NOVA SCOTIANS REPORTED MISSING FROM FISHING VESSEL

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Two Nova Scotians, members of the crew of the American schooner Benjamin A. Smith, have been missing since Wednesday when they were fishing in a dory off Sheet Harbor and failed to return to the vessel.

There is a possibility that they succeeded in making one of the harbors along the coast. The names of the missing fishermen were not given in the message telling of their loss.

END OF WORLD FAILED TO KEEP OPENING DATE

Moral Effect of Prof. Porta's End-of-the-World Prediction was Very Beneficial.

New York, Dec. 20.—Possibly it was January 16 the professor meant, but at any rate December 17 has come and gone and we seem to be here, notwithstanding the hopes of some discouraged ex-dipsomaniacs that the gosh-darned old world would shrivel up.

Professor Porta is said to have predicted that the universe was scheduled to make its last rotation on December 16th, due to certain conditions which were expected to obtain in the heavens.

But no one reported having heard any sort of a noise that could possibly be construed as Mars bumping into Venus, or Saturn side-swiping Jupiter. Apparently the usual efficient traffic regulations prevailed on the Milky Way, and the sun shone on the fatal day as per schedule and at night the planets were all in their accustomed places and everything seemed quite rosy. True, there was a wishy-washy sort of snow storm of the night-before-Christmas kind, but there wasn't any brimstone or earthquake connected with it.

However, it is stated on high authority that the moral effect of the Porta announcement was greatly beneficial. During the few days preceding the "end" it is estimated that \$3,298,213 conscience money was returned by sinners.

But nobody was madder than the citizen who thought he'd be forehanded and put one over on Gabriel by drinking up all his reserve stock. He woke up next day alive and in a manner of speaking kicking, and is now looking for the professor.

XMAS CHEER FOR SOLDIERS OUT OF WORK

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The needy cases among the unemployed returned soldiers in several cities will have relief extended to them in time to enjoy a little Christmas comfort. This has been made possible through speeding up the preliminary work of arranging for the distribution of relief through the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Last night the forms and documents necessary for the extension of the recently provided relief were speeding on their way to the branches of the patriotic fund and distribution of the money will have actually begun by Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

GRIFFITHS IS HARD AT WORK

Nassau, Bahama Islands, Dec. 20.—David Wark Griffith, motion picture producer, and his company have enviously recovered from their thrilling experience aboard the yacht Grey Duck during the hurricane last week. They are working hard on pictures which Mr. Griffith came here to make. As soon as this is done they will leave here for Florida.

Miss Lyman, an aviatrix, who has made two successful fast sea-plane trips between Miami and Nassau, now is here and Mr. Griffith may return with her to the Florida coast, making the trip by seaplane.

Mr. Griffith declined to discuss the action of the Supreme Court last Monday, when it handed down a decision upholding wartime prohibition.

LEYLAND LINER HAD LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ELEMENTS OF DESTRUCTION

Captain Wood Speaks in Terms of Praise of the Efforts Put Forth by His Officers and Crew—Had to Fight the Fire During the Night and All Day—Heavy Weather Conditions During the Entire Trip Across the Atlantic.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—"It was a case of life and death and fight to a finish," said Captain William F. Wood, D. S. C., master of the Leyland Liner Steamer Lancastrian, yesterday, while relating the story of the fire on board his steamer. He highly praised the work of his officers and crew, who night and day fought the fire.

"We were outward bound from Antwerp to New York," said Captain Wood. "All the way across the Atlantic we encountered heavy weather, picking up several S. O. S. calls from several ships, including the Carmania. About ten o'clock on Sunday morning fire was discovered in number one hold, which contained a mixture of oil, rags and chemicals. We were then 400 miles east of Halifax, and the crew immediately commenced their gallant fight against the fire.

THE CREW WORKED DAY AND NIGHT AND WERE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF AN EXPLOSION

"The weather conditions were so that we did not expect any help, for it would not have been possible for a ship to aid us. Day and night the men worked, always in the danger of an explosion of the chemicals stored in the hold. On Thursday morning, after a fruitless fight, we flooded the hold with 460 tons of water. My crew worked remarkably well," said the Captain. "Both deck and engine departments concentrated their efforts to overcome the fire. It was no easy task to fight a fire and keep your ship under control in weather like we experienced, I am proud of my shipmates."

The Lancastrian is anchored in the stream, and the hold will be pumped out and the cargo likely discharged before the steamer continues on to New York.

SCHOONER'S CAPTAIN MISSING

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Captain Walsh of the schooner Beaver at present lying in Dartmouth Cove, has been missing since Saturday last and it is feared that he has been drowned. He was last seen on Saturday afternoon when he had gone in a small boat from the schooner. He lived on board the vessel. Early this week the row boat which he used was found floating bottom up near Lowatt's wharf at Dartmouth. Captain Walsh was 72 years of age.

DISASTROUS COLLISION ON THE C. P. R. NEAR BROWNVILLE JCTN. TWELVE KILLED, MANY INJURED

Special from the Empress of France, Carrying Passengers for the West, Collided With a Freight Train—Exact Number of Casualties Cannot be Ascertained—Accident Put Telegraph Wires Down—Both Engineers Killed.

St. John, Dec. 20.—A head-on collision between a freight train, bound east, and special from the steamer Empress of France, bound west, which occurred this morning at 8.15 o'clock resulted in what is believed to have been a very disastrous wreck responsible for the death of fifteen persons and injuries to thirty-five. Twelve of those killed were passengers on the special, three others were members of train crews. Full particulars at the time of writing have not been received but the cause of the accident is supposed to have been a failure by the freight train to clear the special, as it had orders to do.

THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED TWENTY MILES WEST OF BROWNVILLE JUNCTION, IN MAINE

Sharp at 8.15 o'clock the Canadian Press wires here went dead. They had been working satisfactorily up to that time. When they ceased so abruptly it was thought that something must have happened out of the ordinary, but not for some little time did it become known that such a serious happening had occurred.

The scene of the wreck was between one and two miles west of Onawa, some twenty miles west of Brownville Junction, Maine.

Immediately the news was received there a special train was sent to the spot with doctors and nurses aboard in an endeavor to render aid to the injured passengers.

At Greenville, Maine, was a trainload of deadhead equipment waiting to pass. This was fortunate for the sufferers from the accident as there is a hospital at this town, and orders were at once given for this train to proceed to the scene of the disaster, taking as many doctors and nurses as possible, and a stock of articles for medical treatment.

Twelve Passengers Killed.

The injured were taken to Brownville and placed in the railway Y. M. C. A. temporarily converted into a hospital with the doctors, nurses and women of the town giving all help possible.

At first writing of this report it was possible only to secure the names of two of those killed, Engineer W. G. Bagley, aged 45 years, driver of the freight, and Engineer Fred Wilson, aged 34 years, driver of the passenger train. Both men reside at Brownville, from where the crews of both trains came.

Driver Bagley's fireman also lost his life. His name is not yet to hand nor are the names of the twelve passengers killed and the thirty-five injured.

H. C. Grout, General Superintendent of the New Brunswick district, has taken as many doctors and nurses as

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REFORM GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND WAS RETURNED TO POWER BY A SAFE MAJORITY

CANADIANS NEARLY ALL BACK HOME

Demobilization of the Overseas Force Has Been Proceeded With Rapidly Since the Armistice.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Greater speed has been made in the demobilization of Canada's fighting men than was believed possible at the time of the armistice, according to a statement handed out last evening by the Department of Overseas Military Forces of Canada. By the end of the present month the total number of all ranks remaining in England will have dwindled to 1,030, while the number of active pay accounts dropped from 412,458 to 16,474 within a year of the signing of the armistice.

The statement shows that the policy is to obliterate the organization of the overseas military forces as speedily as possible and the hope is expressed that it will not exist even in a minor capacity after the end of the next parliamentary session.

The bulk of the headquarters staff formerly located in London has been moved to Ottawa, leaving a small organization overseas to clean up under the direction of Major Gen. MacBrien.

C. P. R. SPECIAL WAS WRECKED IN MAINE

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—It is reported here that one of the trains wrecked in the collision on the line of the C. P. R. at Onawa, Maine, this morning, was a special carrying Empress of France passengers from St John to Montreal.

HE PAID \$15 FOR RESERVED SEAT

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Charles Johnson, sixty-five, farmer, living at West Salem, was in Cleveland this week with a reserved seat ticket so as to be in the front row when the world came to an end. After going to a house where the "Beginning of the End" was to be staged, and finding that no one there had even heard the end was at hand, Johnson complained to the police.

"Two men came to me last Saturday and sold me a reserved seat for \$15," he said. They told me all the members of my religious belief were to wait for the end in Cleveland."

MURDERER PAID PENALTY

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—The triple murderer, Paul Kowalski, a Polack, was hanged this morning at sunrise for the murder of a fellow countryman named Knot Tremluk. Some weeks ago, while awaiting execution for the Tremluk murder, Kowalski got loose in the local jail and attacked his death watch, County Constable Springstead, throttling and killing him with a sharpened spoon.

When Chief Turnkey Awtry and others sprang upon the powerful prisoner and forced him into his cell. Awtry was so badly injured that he died shortly afterwards.

Mr. D. W. Downey of Centreville is in the city today.

AN EGYPTIAN POLICEMAN MET DEATH IN RIOT AT ALEXANDRIA

London, Dec. 20.—Serious rioting occurred at Alexandria, Egypt, on Sunday, one Egyptian policeman being killed, according to belated cables from Cairo. This is the first recorded disturbance since the arrival of the British mission headed by Lord Milner.

Moscow advices report the capture of Bolstania, southwest of Test, with thirty-five hundred prisoners. Nomad Kirgis tribes, inhabiting the region northeast of the Caspian Sea, revolted after annihilating the guard.

SIR JOSEPH WARD AND HIS PARTY DEFEATED

Massey's Supporters Captured More Seats Than All Other Parties Combined—The Result was a Big Surprise to New Zealanders—The Indications are That Wet Vote of a Few Months Ago Has Been Reversed.

London, Dec. 19.—The High Commissioner for New Zealand announces the general election results as: Reformers, 48; Liberals, 18; Labor 10; Independents, 4; which gives the government fifty seats and all other parties combined thirty.

Sir Joseph Ward Sir James Carroll G. W. Russell, David Budd were defeated. Licensing returns are incomplete but prohibition seems to be carried. The results came as a surprise to New Zealanders here.

If prohibition proves to have been carried the result will entirely reverse the vote of a few months ago when the "Wets" won through the fairly solid soldiers' vote. Ward had the liquor interests solidly behind him and although Massey was believed to be only lukewarm towards prohibition, it seems he received the prohibition vote. Ward advocates Irish Home rule, and Massey is an Ulsterman.

TWO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—A colored fireman named Branch of the steamer Canadian Seigneur at present loading at pier three, was scalded on board ship yesterday afternoon, when a man-hole of one of the boilers blew up. He was taken to the Victoria General Hospital and is reported doing well.

Charles Embrie, an employee of the Scotia Pure Milk Company had his leg crushed yesterday afternoon and was taken to the hospital.

RELATED TO MARY PICKFORD

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Sarah Smith grandmother of Mary Pickford, the movie actress, died here Thursday. Mrs. Smith's deceased son, John Smith was Mary Pickford's father, and Mary was born in Toronto. There are twenty-four grandchildren in addition to Miss Pickford.

A New Record

E. Edney has put up a new single string record for the Palace Bowling Alleys. Last evening he rolled up a string of 168 against the former record for the alleys held by T. G. Powers of 151.

Struck by Falling Tree

Harry Charters of New Maryland son of the late Adam Charters, while working in the Nashwaak woods with a party on the Kilburn operations was struck down by a falling tree and had his shoulder blade badly fractured on Wednesday. He was brought home by train and is resting quite comfortably today.