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RAILWAY MEN IN UNITED STATES DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING

A Strike in the Near Future Will Cause No Surprise—Conference Being Held at Washington—Marked By Heated Discussions—Railway Men Talk of Asserting Their Strength By a Walkout.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Railroad labor is not satisfied with the way things are going with respect to its wage demands. This was indicated in unmistakable manner in conferences here today of union officials and general committeemen called to pass on the President's settlement proposal. Passage of the railroad bill by the Senate only served to add more bitterness to the talk of the union workers.

Arrival of scores of committee chairmen disclosed strike talk. The higher officers were inclined to discount this evidence of the workers feeling but the hotel lobbies buzzed with the possibilities.

Union spokesmen believed there was no way to avoid a direct appeal to the President to veto the Cummins-Esch measure. They declared it must be done to satisfy the workers who have not had a "close up" of the situation. But as to hope that the legislation might yet be kicked overboard there was little expression.

Heated discussions marked all of the conferences of the fifteen organizations which met separately. None was able to finish examination of the documents which were transmitted between the union officials, the Director General and the White House, as delegates continued to insist on assailing "the unfairness with which Congress and the Government generally has dealt with us." The President's proposal is by no means sure of acceptance by the unions. It drew attack from various angles according to information which leaked out of the secret meetings.

The gist of the strike talk as expressed by several influential union officers was that the railroad organizations have reason to assert their strength through a walkout, but it was deemed inadvisable to carry out such a programme now.

ENHANCED VALUE OF POTATOES

(Quebec Telegraph.)

Potatoes were selling in the autumn by farmers in the vicinity of the city and even by gardeners within the city limits, at seventy-five and eighty cents per bushel. Today prices approaching four dollars per barrel are being asked for them. How have they come to gain so much added value in the meantime? They are certainly no better now than when they could be had at a quarter of the present price. Of course it is natural that dealers who have been holding them since the autumn have lost some of their stocks as well as having to be paid for the care and storage of the potatoes, should be expected to charge somewhat more for them now than they were worth four months ago, but there is no reason whatever why a profit of four hundred per cent. should be allowed for four months storage of an easily conserved provision. What has the Board of Commerce to say about this profiteering? Is it still under the impression that newsprint is one of the chief necessities of life?

Wm. Kerr of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

G. Smithers of Toronto is at the Barker House.

GREETINGS FROM THE KING READ AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—At the opening of Parliament yesterday a message was read from the King extending greetings on the opening of the new buildings. The message was as follows:

London, February 23, 1920.

I desire you will convey to my faithful Senate and House of Commons of Canada my warmest greetings on this the first occasion of their assembling in the new buildings with the erection of which my son is proud to have associated. It is my firm assurance that the business of the Parliament of Canada will, as in the past, redound to the happiness and prosperity of the great Dominion whose well being is so vital to the empire.

A resolution of acknowledgment was moved by Sir George E. Foster and seconded by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

BUSINESS IN CANADA IS ON THE BOOM DISPITE ADVERSE EXCHANGE RATE; SIGNS HOPEFUL

Canadian Bankers See No Signs of Contraction in Business—Legislation to Conserve Canada's Resources—Lumbermen Protest Against the Idea of An Embargo on That Product They Have Various Reasons.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—While financial watchdogs are still eagerly scanning the horizon for possible changes arising from international exchange and trade business has continued uninterrupted good. Bankers say they see no signs of contraction in industry, though they admit there may be, and probably will be, difficulties before normal life of peace time can be resumed. It is thought that bankers are preparing more than industrial leaders for such a period as industry is still so fully occupied and sees little chance of a change for some time.

A banker expresses the view that a degree of uncertainty will continue until the Dominion Government's financial plans for the year are made known. If the Government forgoes a popular loan and calls on the banks for money the banks in turn will hold a tighter rein against the general public.

A survey of reports from branches of a bank with wide Canadian connections shows no sign of abnormal conditions; in fact, there was a general revelation of continued business and good times.

TO CONSERVE RESOURCES.

Trade relations between Canada and the United States continue to occupy a place of prominence. Ottawa despatches have foreshadowed legislation "which will have as its purpose the conservation of resources which are in danger of utter denudation from the inordinate demand from other countries." This obviously referred to lumber and newsprint. The newsprint case has been taken care of for months by the regulation that 15 per cent. of the Canadian output must be retained for the home market, and this is working out satisfactorily at present.

Lumbermen have protested against the idea of an embargo on the export of their product for various reasons, one being the hindrance on production which this would involve, and another the necessity for many kinds of wood from the United States now being imported. Lumbermen here apparently take the ground that conservation is none of their affair, despite the fact that they derive their product from the State at a low cost. The State has failed to appreciate the responsibilities of providing replaceable natural resources, like wood, for future generations; hence the lumber industry, ravaged by fire year after year as well as the harvest of the woodsmen, is in danger of serious impairment before many years pass.

LATE SNOW STORM ONE OF THE WORST SEEN IN THIRTY YEARS

Traffic on the Railways is Interrupted and Country Roads Are Blocked—An Old Resident Sees Signs of a Spectacular Ice Run Early In April.

The snow storm which swept over the city this week is described by old residents as one of the most severe which this locality has experienced in more than thirty years. The roads in many parts of the country are completely blocked, traffic on the railways has been severely interrupted, and work in the lumber woods has been seriously hampered.

Heavy Fall of Snow.

It began snowing early on Wednesday and there was no let up until the following morning. About a foot of snow fell on the level but the strong wind which prevailed caused it to drift badly in many places. The city snow-plowing contractors faced a tough proposition yesterday. They found the snow piled up high on the sidewalks, and they had difficulty in cutting a pathway. Hard mounds have formed in many places and pedestrians have great difficulty in getting along. Only warm sunshine and rain can now remove the accumulation of snow from the sidewalks.

PREDICTS BIG FRESHET.

One old resident predicts that the coming spring will witness the biggest freshet seen here since the year 1887 when high water mark was reached. He points out that the ice in the river is at least three feet deep, and the great accumulation of snow is likely to start it moving earlier than usual. When it does move, he says, it is likely to cause more than a ripple of excitement. He is satisfied from present indications that a very spectacular ice run will be witnessed here about the second week in April.

NO ACTION RE IRISH BONDS

London, Feb. 27.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, under secretary for home affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the government was aware that invitations were being issued through the American press inviting subscriptions for bond certificates of the Republic of Ireland, but that Great Britain had made no representations to the President of the U. S. upon the matter. The latter part of

OFFER OF PEACE FROM SOVIETS

London, Feb. 26.—The Soviet commissary of foreign affairs has dispatched notes to the United States, Japan and Roumania, offering them peace with Soviet Russia, according to wireless despatches from Moscow received here today.

Sir Hamar's answer was greeted with cries of "Why?"

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLY VOTES \$4,000 TO MAN WHO TWICE FACED THE GALLOWS

Was Accused of the Murder of a Witness in a White-capping Case Twenty-six Years Ago—Fell Unhurt When Trap was Sprung—Death Bed Confession Showed That Another Had Committed the Crime.

LABORITES WILL OPEN A BAKERY

Windsor, Feb. 27.—Plans for the establishment here by the Trades and Labor Council of a co-operative bakery, an announcement concerning which was made some time ago, are now proceeding rapidly, and a working committee has been named fully empowered to organize a plant and commence operations.

A site in Ford has already been secured. Shares in the new concern are to be sold at \$5 each, and are limited to 20 shares to each individual. Citizens will be later informed at what price they will be able to purchase bread and promoters of the scheme say that this announcement will be followed by a rush to become shareholders in the co-operative enterprise.

RELIEF FOR THE GROWERS

Saskatoon, Feb. 26.—Representing the provincial department of agriculture, eight agents were sent out Sunday from Regina in connection with the government's program of relief in the dried-out areas. They will address meetings in various districts and will interview a number of farmers. Orders will be taken for seed wheat, feed oats, flour, coal and hay. The government has purchased 20,000 bushels of pure seed oats from the Dominion seed purchasing commission, to be distributed to those making application to the agents.

GEDDES HAS BEEN APPOINTED

London, Feb. 27.—It was definitely announced in the lobby of the House of Commons last night that Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction, has been selected as British ambassador to Washington. Official announcement of his appointment, it was said, was only awaiting notification from Washington that Sir Auckland is persona grata. Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, Minister of Labor, will succeed Sir Auckland as president of the Board of Trade, it was reported.

U. N. B. Mock Trial

The annual Mock Trial to be held at the University will take place tomorrow night. The case which will be brought before the judge will naturally be a prohibition one. The judge in the case will be C. L. Townsend, counsel for prosecution G. R. Barnes and R. H. Bennett for the defense R. K. Wills and C. D. Orchard.

J. L. Macaulay of Moncton is at the Queen Hotel.

LLOYD GEORGE EXPLAINS WHY TURKS REMAIN IN CONSTANTINOPLE

London, Feb. 27.—The decision not to oust Turkey from Constantinople was reached by the Allied Supreme Council only after long consideration of the difficulties in the Turkish situation. Premier Lloyd George declared in the House of Commons today when the question of the future of Turkey was brought up for debate. The decision, said the Premier, was a balance of advantages and disadvantages and it was upon this balance and after weighing carefully all the arguments pro and con that the council concluded that on the whole the better course for achieving the common end was to retain the Turk in the capital on the Bosphorus. Referring to the agreement made early in the under which Russia was to obtain Constantinople, Mr. Lloyd George said this agreement had ended, so far as Russia was concerned by the revolution of 1917. He reiterated his pledge that there would be a "different guard at the gates."

(Special to the Mail.)

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 27.—The lower house of the State Legislature has voted \$4,000 to Will Purvis, a Lamar county farmer, for having twice faced the gallows only to be ultimately exonerated of the charge of murder on which he was convicted.

The killing was that of Will Buckley a witness in a White-capping case, and occurred 26 years ago near Columbia, Miss.

On the day set for execution the noose slipped and Purvis fell through when the trap was sprung, unhurt.

His counsel won a contention that he could not twice be punished for the same offence, and sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Two years later Joe Beard, another farmer, cleared Purvis in a death-bed confession relating to the killing of Buckley, and he was pardoned.

NEGRO EARNING BIG MONEY

New York, Feb. 27.—William Sherill a negro of 170 West 135th street, was held in \$100 for Special Sessions by Magistrate Silbermann in the Washington Heights Court yesterday on a charge of running an employment agency without a license. Thomas J. Whalen of the Department of License was the complainant. Joseph Thomas and William Broadhurst, both negroes testified they paid Sherill \$1 each last August and again in January but that he had failed to get them work.

"Why Judge, I get \$700 a month from the Central of New Jersey, the Pennsylvania and the New Haven," said Sherill. "I make \$25,000 a year and while I'm not adverse to making a dollar on the side, whenever I take one from one of my own race I'm just acting as a benefactor to my own people. I don't have to depend on donations, but I take them."

MINISTER TO GO IT ALONE

Hamilton, Feb. 27.—Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, who has recently resigned as pastor of Barton Street Methodist Church, said that he was considering severing his connection with the Methodist Church and continuing in the ministry without affiliation with any denomination. He said the objects of the new Church would be to maintain the fundamental doctrines of Christian belief—the plenary inspiration of the Bible, the pre-millennial second advent, the importance of prophecy, and a life of separation from worldliness on the part of its members are other points included.