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TRYING HARD TO AVERT STRIKE ON THE CANADIAN RAILWAYS CONFERENCE HELD AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Nov. 28—An emergency conference to discuss ways and means of avoiding a strike of the railway-running trades in Canada was held in Ottawa today.

Presidents of the two chief railway systems, Sir Henry Thornton, of the Canadian National and E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific, conferred with Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Railways, during the afternoon. Tomorrow Mr. Dunning expects to discuss the situation with the representatives of the brotherhoods directly concerned in the threatened strike.

At the conclusion of today's interview, Mr. Dunning stated that he had sent for the railway chiefs to urge upon them the importance of resuming negotiations with the union leaders and exploring every possible avenue of settlement. He did not suggest any terms of settlement, he said. He wished to urge upon both parties to the dispute the importance of amicable adjustment of the difficulty. He felt that the government should spare no effort to bring the two sides together to avoid a strike, which he considered would be disastrous to the national life at this time.

Sir Henry's Views.

New York, Nov. 28—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, speaking Saturday of the demands of the conductors, trainmen and yardmen of the Canadian roads for increased wages said: "I dare say we will settle it as we always have."

"War between nations is bad and it is bad between capital and labor," he said. "Nothing is so silly. My experience with labor unions has been pleasant and useful. Why not proceed upon a friendly basis? Labor unions are here to stay. Why quarrel with one's neighbors, especially when you know they are not going to move. Nothing is gained by throwing stones."

In Negotiation Stage.

Montreal, Nov. 22—The wage dispute between the Canadian railways and the conductors and trainmen of their lines is still in the negotiation stage, according to developments and announcements over the week-end.

S. N. Berry senior vice-president of the Order of Railroad Conductors has stated that a strike date has been set in case the negotiations do not give the date saying, the opportunity for negotiations still existed.

"We do not know as yet that there is to be a strike," he said. "There is a possibility for a satisfactory settlement. We are not looking for trouble. We do not want a strike unless we have to do so, but, if we have to do so, we will."

The union officials continued their conferences over the week-end. It is understood that representatives tomorrow will see S. J. Hungerford, vice-president in charge of operations of the Canadian National Railways, and probably a member of the executive of the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Berry would not confirm this.

Matter for Companies.

"Will you see the executives in the course of the present week?" he was asked. He answered that this was a matter for the companies.

Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National, and President E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway, returned to Montreal tonight from their conference with Hon. C. A. Dunning but neither had any comment to make on the meeting. Mr. Berry tonight would not confirm that the union executives would meet with Mr. Dunning, saying anything in regard to that would have to come from Mr. Dunning.

PREDICTS GOULD WILL WIN BY BIG MAJORITY

Valley Railway Bribery Charge is Not Taken Seriously by the Electorate.

Bangor, Me., Nov. 28—The voters of Maine will go to the polls Monday in a special election for United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Bert M. Fernald. There are but two names to be voted on, Arthur R. Gould, of Presque Isle, Republican, and Fulton J. Redman, of Ellsworth, Me., Democrat. Late appeals stress the point that the election is of momentous importance, as the control of the United States Senate depends upon the return of a Republican from Maine, which would greatly strengthen the Coolidge administration.

Up to a short time ago it appeared that the excitement ended when Mr. Gould was nominated in a spectacular and somewhat surprising fight defeating Hon. Percival P. Baxter, former Governor, Hon. H. C. Buzzell of Belfast, and Louis A. Jack of Lisbon, for the nomination. The defeated candidates extended congratulations pledged support for Mr. Gould and the efforts for Republican success. Mr. Redman had no opposition for the Democratic nomination.

In the primary campaign Mr. Gould emphatically insisted that no personal attack be made upon his opponents and made territorial representation largely an issue, that the eastern section of the state should have a share of honors long and largely going to Portland. Mr. Gould's policy was well adhered to and the campaign was remarkably free from personal attacks.

Launches Attack

The first signs of an upheaval came when Mr. Redman, taking the stump in his own behalf, revived a fifteen-year-old New Brunswick episode charging that Mr. Gould and his associates offered a \$100,000 "bribe" for railroad legislation. This was strongly refuted by Mr. Gould who claimed that his company dropped \$400,000 in New Brunswick, which they never got back and were "legislated out of the province." This charge of Mr. Redman's does not appear to have been taken seriously in the light of Mr. Gould's explanation and would have had little or no bearing on the campaign.

SPUD PRICES IMPROVING IN SHEDIAC

Shediac, Nov. 26—The weakness displayed by the potato trade ten days ago has disappeared and prices here have advanced from the last low point, \$2.25 a barrel, to \$2.40 and \$2.50. The highest point reached this season was \$2.75, although light sales of No. 1 stock were made at \$3. The dozen or more warehouses in Shediac and vicinity are well stocked. As many farmers are busy threshing, it is not thought that the movement of tubers from the country districts to town will be important until January. Some potatoes are still being brought from P. E. Island.

Shediac has made a record in the potato trade this fall, local shippers handling or expecting to handle an aggregate approaching 100,000 barrels.

Another Charge

Then came the charge of a high official of the Ku Klux Klan that Mr. Gould had greatly exceeded his campaign expense allowance of \$1,500 in securing his nomination and had filed a sworn statement to the effect that his expenses had been around \$1,500.

Charges Dismissed

Under the Maine law such matters come before the Secretary of State, who is the sole judge. The official ballots had already been printed and distributed. Secretary Frank W. Ball called a hearing on Friday, when after a session of two hours and a half, in which it developed that the complainants in the case were unable to file anything more than general specifications which appeared to be much of supposition and hearsay, the complaint was dismissed.

Republican Forecast

Hardly had the decision been announced than the Republican election organization machinery was set in motion and has been functioning at high speed ever since. Tonight it is predicted that the vote will be 50 per cent of a gubernatorial election and with favorable weather, which is now indicated, Mr. Gould will be elected by at least 25,000 to 50,000 of a majority.

The Klan vote appears to be somewhat split, according to present indications. It appears opposed to Mr. Gould, but many will not support Mr. Redman.

WEDDING ANNULMENT OF CONSUELO WAS BASED ON PROOF OF FORCED MARRIAGE

Rome, Nov. 24—Annulment of the marriage in 1895 of Consuelo Vanderbilt and the Duke of Marlborough was based on evidence that the young society girl, then but 17, was torn from her sweetheart and forced into the Marlborough marriage by her mother, now Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.

The sentence of the Roman Catholic Holy Tribunal of Rota, as made public today, states that Consuelo's mother herself admitted before the examining body that she had commanded her daughter to marry the Duke. The name of Consuelo's youthful sweetheart was given simply as "Rutherford."

On one occasion, the sentence says, the then Mrs. Vanderbilt threatened that if Consuelo eloped with Rutherford she would kill him on the first occasion and would be imprisoned and hanged for the crime, her daughter being thus responsible for the tragedy. At another time Consuelo's mother declared that she would die if her daughter did not marry Marlborough.

The decision of the Rota also reveals that Consuelo's mother, fearing at the last moment that her daughter might refuse outright to marry the Duke, placed a person at her door to prevent any one from approaching or speaking to her. The Duke of Marlborough himself told the examining body that scarcely twenty days after the marriage Consuelo had told him that he married her only because she had been compelled to.

All these circumstances, the sentence found, indicated that Consuelo did not have the necessary liberty to contract a valid marriage, and that consequently an annulment was justified.

"During the happy reign of Pope Pius XI," the sentence says, "in the fifth year of the pontificate of his

Holiness, on the 29th day of July, 1926, the Reverend Fathers Auditors, in charge of Enrico Quattrovhlo reporter; Francesco Morano and Arturo Wynen, pronounced the following definite sentence: Nullity of the marriage between the Duke of Marlborough and Consuelo Vanderbilt is ascertained."

The first sentence concluding in favor of annulment of the marriage was given by the Diocesan Court of Southwark on Feb. 9, 1926. The defender of the bond, as prescribed by canon law, appealed to Rota, which re-examined the entire case, ascertaining "facts."

Consuelo Vanderbilt, aged 17, was secretly engaged to Rutherford. Her mother, on learning it, strongly opposed it, wishing to find for her daughter a husband with a splendid name. Having met the Duke of Marlborough in London, she thought that he was just what she was looking for, and for this reason invited him to her summer home in Newport. The Duke went there in September, 1925, and remained a fortnight.

On the eve of Marlborough's departure for a tour of the United States he asked for Consuelo's hand. Consuelo, the evidence said, burst into tears and tried to convince her mother to "consent to have her refuse." All her efforts met with a denial by the mother, who on the day after the Duke's departure announced the engagement of her daughter to him in the newspapers.

Marlborough returned a few days before the date of the marriage, which occurred on Nov. 6, 1895, being conducted by a Protestant minister.

"The marriage was unhappy," the sentence adds, "and soon the wife confessed to her husband that she had married him only because she was forced to by her mother."

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