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WINNIPEG RETURNED SOLDIERS FLAY UNION GOVT.

BELFAST STAKERS USURP POWER; COMPEL ALL, INCLUDING POLICE, TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROGRAM

Situation in Irish City Grows More Serious—Strike Committee Is in Supreme Control—Shipyard Men and the Engineers of Londonderry To Join Belfast Comrades.

London, Jan. 31.—Telegrams from Belfast depict a situation there which seems to be that which recently obtained in German cities under revolutionary rule. The governing power has been usurped, says a Belfast dispatch to the Mail, by a committee of local trade union leaders, many of whom are moderate and restrained. Nobody can do anything unless the committee cap in hand, to this committee. Even the police are helpless, and the chief of police has asked the strike leaders to operate with the constabulary in preventing disorders and lawlessness. When asked to go to a hotel to cut off electric current the police accompany them. The postmaster has threatened to refuse to allow the postoffice to use electricity.

Industrial Activity Ceases. The committee has prescribed a limited amount of work to certain industries, particularly those involved in feeding and warming the people. Otherwise, there is no industrial or commercial activity whatever. Last night the strike committee, and the city is governed, not from the magnificent municipal building known as the city hall, but from the humble Artisans' Hall.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES CONCENTRATING FOR ATTACK ON ALLIES

Enemy Is Reported as Being Reinforced From South Russia.

SHENKURSK IS BURNED

Allied Artillery Disperses the Foe Patrol Near Tulgas.

Archangel, Jan. 30.—The Bolsheviks are concentrating a considerable number of troops in the territory between the Volga railway and the line of the Vaga river, apparently with the object of either surrounding the Allied column in this sector or, by cutting through to isolate the column to the eastward, on the Dvina. There are numerous winter roads through the swamps in this section, and the Allied scouts report enemy reinforcements arriving from the south over several of these roads. An enemy force of approximately 1,000 men began an attack at 3:15 o'clock yesterday morning on the British and Russian position west of Tarevo, attacking with such violence that the defence was obliged to evacuate the village of Alexiefskaya. One of the Allied airplanes flew over Shenkursk yesterday, it reported that the town had not been burned, as refugees had stated. The village of Shogouna, on the Volga, has been evacuated several days ago, and has been occupied by enemy infantry and cavalry. The Allied artillery yesterday dispersed an enemy patrol in the Onega sector. The Allied forces yesterday raided the village of Peretna, killing nine of the enemy and capturing nine, without losses to the Allied raiders.

ALLEN BROTHERS TO BUILD BEAUTIFUL NEW THEATRE IN CITY; PROPERTY IS PURCHASED

Theatrical Enterprises Firm Secures 202 1-2 and 204 Dundas Street From Geo. T. Hiscox and Will Erect a Fine Building To Seat 2,200 People—Allens Have Had a Remarkable Career.

Through Mr. J. J. Allen of the Allen Theatrical Enterprises of Canada, the announcement was made to The Advertiser this morning that these famous motion picture magnates had signed a 20-year lease for the George T. Hiscox property at 202 1-2 and 204 Dundas street for the construction of a \$200,000 theatre with a seating capacity of 2,200 people.

The transaction was completed Thursday by Mr. Harry Rosenberg, a member of the Allen executive staff, and the architect who has constructed other Allen theatres throughout Canada that has been made in some time. The Messrs. Allen have long regarded London as one of the best locations in the Dominion, and have more than once expressed their intention of developing the field. They have developed the motion picture industry more extensively than any other Canadian syndicate. They are both Canadians who have had a remarkable career since they were in England a number of years ago as the proprietors of a theatre. They expanded their holdings in the west, became controlling agents of many of the foremost producing companies, and in

POLES DEFEATED WHEN GERMANS STORM KULMSEE

Teutons Tried in Vain To Get the Polish Forces To Surrender.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Advices from the West Prussian border, where German troops have been dispatched against the Poles, report that the German force that has been assigned to occupy the town of Kulmsee, which is the railway junction between Thorn and Graudenz, was forced to take the place by storm after Polish irregulars had refused to negotiate.

An automobile carrying a German lieutenant and four men preceded the troops for the purpose of finding quarters for them, the account states, and were entering the city hall when they were fired on by a Polish band and disarmed. The Germans succeeded in scaling the city walls, when the main body of troops entered Kulmsee. The town was fired on by the Poles, the Germans tried to induce the Poles to surrender the town, but the latter refused, and the city, the advice declares, had to be taken by force. The Poles are said to have suffered considerable losses, killed and wounded, while the Germans had no casualties.

STAKES CHECK OR \$10,000 TO BE FORGOTTEN IF BECK CAN PROVE HIS STATEMENTS

Sir Herbert Holt of Montreal Declares He Has Not Made Incorrect Statements and Calls Up Sir Adam To Cover His Ten Thousand Dollar Bet.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, has staked his personal certified check for \$10,000 to be forfeited to any hospital designated by independent parties if it can be proved by Sir Adam Beck that any statement which he (Sir Herbert) has made is incorrect. Sir Adam Beck puts up a similar check for a similar amount, to be likewise forfeited if Sir Adam's statements are proven to be incorrect.

The offer of Sir Herbert Holt was made after he had been shown a newspaper clipping in which Sir Adam Beck is credited with claiming that the average rate of the Montreal company is 60 per cent higher than those of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Sir Herbert repeated today that the average rate for light and power service in the town, it was found by the Germans, the account asserts, that 300 had been distributed among the civilian population by Polish agitators.

MARTIAL LAW MAY BE PROCLAIMED AS RESULT OF STRIKE DISORDERS

London, Jan. 31.—There was still no prospect early today of any betterment in the labor situation in the United Kingdom. If anything, the situation, both at Glasgow and Belfast, has become more serious, particularly in the latter city. The strike movement is spreading to the large industrial establishments, and there are undoubted signs of coming disorders which may entail the proclamation of martial law. The seriousness of the situation is not being ignored by the Government. It was the subject for discussion at a special meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday, while the board of trade is also active in an effort to bring about settlements, but up to this time without success.

The view taken by the Government is that any Governmental interference now would be unwise and, perhaps, dangerous. The strike movements are local and against the administration of specific trade unions. Moreover, there is infinite variety in the various demands advanced by the strikers. It is not being believed that the absence of strike pay for the strikers will bring about the collapse of the movement.

The problem in view for the Government ministers is how to re-establish the authority of the trade unions and assist to the greatest possible extent in the expansion of the strike movement, so as to enable each trade to settle its own disputes. It is further considered that the strikes are being promoted by a few agitators with political motives. Hence the Government is determined to limit its action to the prevention of intimidation and the maintenance of order.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONTROL ELECTRICAL POWER

Authority To Distribute Current Would Be Vested in Boards.

Present Supply Not Sufficient To Meet Requirements of Country.

London, Jan. 31.—The Government will "take over" the electrical power supply, which is now vested in a board of trade and other Government departments would be transferred by the bill to a very small board, having the right to make direct charges. The United Kingdom would be divided up into districts, the board members having in mind, first of all, the requirements of industrial sections. In each district a subsidiary board would be appointed to take direct charge of electric power stations would be purchased and placed in the hands of the local boards, each of which would be held responsible for the supply of electricity in its district and for the establishment of new generating stations and transmission systems. If private companies wish to continue to supply their current from the local board and their earnings would be controlled by the local boards which would pay no profits. The financing of the plan would be in the hands of the Government, except where it is practical and advisable to leave the plan to a compromise between public and private enterprise. It is pointed out that the bill is based on a committee of investigation. It points out that the Government and which were for various reasons declined. No discussion of this matter is now taking place.

NAT. C. GOODWIN DIES IN NEW YORK

Noted Actor Expires After a Brief Illness.

New York, Jan. 31.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, died at a hotel here early today after a brief illness. He came here last Monday from Baltimore, where he had been playing. Death was due to a general breakdown in health following an operation for the removal of his right eye several months ago.

SPAIN NOT LIKELY TO GET GIBRALTAR

Report of Deal With Great Britain Is Denied.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The report that some arrangements between Great Britain and Spain was in prospect through which Gibraltar would be turned over to Spanish jurisdiction is denied in the Paris edition of the Daily Mail, in today's issue.

"Statements are being circulated in Paris, and it is feared also in England," says the newspaper, "that Great Britain is considering a bargain with Spain for the return of Gibraltar. The fact is that Spain made certain tempting offers, which were at one time considered by the British admiralty on behalf of the Government and which were for various reasons declined. No discussion of this matter is now taking place."

TURKISH CABINET MEMBERS RESIGN

Act as a Result of the Protest Against Recent Spoiliations.

Constantinople, Jan. 30.—(Havas Agency).—As a result of the protests of the Allied powers against the spoiliations of Greece and Armenians, the Turkish cabinet has resigned.

BALTIC SAILS WITH 383 SOLDIERS FOR LONDON DISTRICT

Returning Men Are Expected To Reach Halifax Soon.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The liner Baltic, 2,191 Canadian soldiers aboard, sailed from a British port, probably Liverpool on January 29. She will dock at Halifax in about a week. The plan of Ottawa is to use the Baltic as a transport for men by military districts in the following:

One Hundred Per Cent Canadians Only Ones Wanted

Teachers in Manitoba Schools Instilling the Right Spirit.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—A Canadian viewpoint and Canadian ideals are being communicated to the foreign born people and privileges of citizenship through the children, declared Hon. Dr. Thornton, minister of education, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. We do not wish anyone to come into this country to make Canada his home unless he comes with the right spirit and intends to become 100 per cent Canadian," he said. "No one should get the rights and privileges of citizenship unless he is willing to accept the full burden and duties that go with them."

GOODWIN'S CAREER

Goodwin made his debut as a new boy in "Law in New York" at Boston in 1874. The following year he appeared in the famous Tony Pastor's in New York, and from there until his death his theatrical activities were marked with almost uninterrupted success, both as star and as producer, in America, England and Australia.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 36; lowest, 20. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 24.

PLANS TO PROMOTE WELFARE OF FRENCH WORKING WOMEN

Paris, Jan. 30.—The women of France have undertaken a big program to promote the welfare of French working women. During the past two days a conference on the subject under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association. It was attended by French women who are leaders of organizations of working women in France and in big French industrial centers. The women are at the chief French ports where they may wait for vessels to sail.

RUSSIAN FACTIONS DECLINE TO MEET WITH BOLSHEVIKI

Soviet Government Has Failed To Present Reply.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The peace conference so far has had two replies to its invitation to the various Russian governments for a conference at the Prince's Islands. In one of these the Government of North Russia formally refuses to meet with the Bolsheviks. The Omsk Government, under Admiral Kolchak, while less categorical in its reply expresses strong reserve. Nothing official in connection with the invitation has been received from the Russian Soviet Government.

UNITED STATES TO HAVE ARMY OF HALF A MILLION

The House Military Committee Unanimously Decides On Number.

Washington, Jan. 31.—An army of 500,000 men were unanimously decided on by the House military committee as the basis for determining the application for army pay for the year beginning next July. Committee members said the number was expected to be the average force during the year.

PARIS DONATES SITE FOR U. S. UNIVERSITY

Beautiful Structure Will Be Erected in French Capital.

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RABIES IS COMMON IN BRANTFORD DOGS

Brantford, Jan. 31.—That the precautions taken during the past week to rid the city of stray dogs have not come too soon is shown by the spread of rabies here. During the week, Dr. Porter, V.S., has killed four dogs with typical symptoms. The dead one was sent to Toronto, and the diagnosis of rabies was confirmed. After being in abeyance for a number of years, the dog catcher has been put to work again.

ANILINE PLANT AT NYACK DESTROYED

Three Are Reported Missing, Twenty in Hospital as Result of Explosion.

Nyack, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Three persons were reported missing and twenty others had been removed to a hospital within a short time after explosions wrecked the plant of the Aniline Products Corporation today. The victims were all employed at the plant, which is owned by a corporation of New York City.

POLES PROTEST TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT

Object to Members of Legation Being Arrested.

London, Jan. 31.—The Polish Government has sent a strong protest to the Russian Soviet Government in consequence of the arrest of the Polish legation at Moscow and a Polish prisoner of war committee, which is in Russia. It was stated by the Soviet Government that these arrests were reprisals for the assassination of members of a Bolshevik Red Cross mission in Poland. The Polish Government has repudiated responsibility for the assassinations, but has appointed an investigation committee.

MRS. SARAH COLWILL DIES IN WINNIPEG

Mother of London Residents Expires After Long Illness.

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—Sarah Colwill, wife of the late John Colwill of Exeter, Ont., died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Wylie, in this city, after an illness of two years. The remains were sent to Exeter for interment. Mrs. Colwill was born in Exeter on March 24, 1836. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. John Wylie and Mrs. B. McKenzie Gunn, and five sons, William T., John, Edith and Frank, all of London, Ont., and Russell, who is on active service with the 6th Canadian Siege Battery.

MEANS ADOPTED TO RELIEVE DISTRESS IN BALKAN COUNTRIES

Commissions Have Been Dispatched to Meet Conditions and Distribute Food.

Paris, Jan. 30.—To meet the immediate needs of war-stricken Balkan countries, where there is greater distress, probably than in any other part of Europe, the League of Nations has dispatched to the Balkans commissions that include staffs which are able to organize relief measures on an extensive scale. It is hoped to save thousands of lives before the next harvest.

JELICOE TO START ON TOUR FEB. 20

British Admiral to Visit Colonies in Connection With Naval Scheme.

London, Jan. 31.—Admiral Lord Jellicoe will start on his tour in connection with an empire naval scheme about February 20. He will go first to India, thence to Australia, and later to New Zealand, South Africa and Canada. The tour will occupy fifteen months. Lord Jellicoe accompanies the admiral.

BANKER MAY BECOME GERMAN PRESIDENT

Retirement of Arthur von Gwiner as Managing Director of the Deutsche Bank Lends Color to a Rumor Circulating in Berlin Today That He Is Expected to Be Elected President of the German Republic.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS

New York, Jan. 31.—Arrived: Steamer Minnekanda, from Brest.

RUMANIANS RETIRE FROM BUKOWINA

Withdrawal in Compliance With Wishes of Peace Congress.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Rumania has complied with the wishes of the peace conference regarding extensions of territorial occupations by withdrawing from a part of Bukowina, adjacent to Rumanian territory, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Ozerowitz. The Rumanians, the dispatch states, have retired behind the line of delimitation.

ALIENS CLAMORING TO LEAVE CANADA

Unrest Among Soldiers Cause Hamilton Foreigners Some Uneasiness.

Hamilton, Jan. 31.—The unrest among returned soldiers throughout Canada over the alien problem has resulted in hundreds of foreigners in Hamilton expressing their desire to leave the city. The Ukrainians who appeared earlier in the city, and the Lithuanians, who arrived a telegram today from the secretary of state, saying the Government had decided to accept the offer of the Lithuanians to provide transportation for the aliens and give them until a certain date to take advantage of the offer. A large number of veterans here are of work. Over one hundred union carpenters and many non-union men are also idle. It is felt that the situation will become more acute when the soldiers begin pouring in at the rate of at least 500 a week, as they will be doing shortly.

RETURNED SOLDIERS CRITICIZE UNION GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO MEET CONDITIONS

Men Who Have Fought in Great War Demand Work, Not as Charity But as a Square Deal—Insist That Alien Enemies Be Deported.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—Criticism of the Dominion Government for not having an absorption scheme ready, a demand upon the employers for work, not as charity, but as a square deal, and a demand that alien enemies should be deported, was the theme of the speech at a meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Association and the Next of Kin Association here last night. The statement that if the deportation of the aliens meant the stopping of every wheel in Canada, they should be deported, was cheered to the echo by the audience of between two and three thousand.

HARVARD UNIT WOULD NOT OBEY ORDERS OF U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT

Head of Organization Considered Said Company Was Under British Jurisdiction.

Boston, Jan. 31.—Members of the Harvard surgical unit, arriving here last night after more than three years of service with the British army in France, refused to obey orders of the United States war department concerning their demobilization. The men of the unit were ordered to Camp Devens, and the women to New York.

GERMANY HAS NOT YET SETTLED WITH BRAZIL FOR COFFEE

South American Country Has Claims To Submit at the Peace Conference.

Paris, Jan. 30.—Brazil has two demands on Germany for settlement of war claims—payment by Germany for coffee which Brazil was forced to sell in Germany, and the return of the ships and funds for which are still on deposit in Berlin, and a decision as to the fate of the ships. In addition, the Brazilian delegation to the peace conference, in the course of an interview printed in the Temps today.

LITHUANIANS DEFEAT BOLSHEVIK FORCES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Lithuanian troops have defeated a Bolshevik force near Koszyr, said a message received here today from the Lithuanian National Council from the nationality's minister in London. The message said the Lithuanian army was rapidly being increased in size.

SPANISH INFLUENZA SHOWS NO INCREASE, SAYS DR. BOUCHER

Health Conditions in Montreal Are Regarded Quite Satisfactory.

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