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MEIGHEN HITS SPECIAL RATE FOR MARITIME

Before the C. M. A. at Quebec He Says National Interest Must be First.

PREDICTS LOWER FREIGHT RATES

Railway Commission Regulates Charges on All Goods He Asserts.

Quebec, June 7—A farewell luncheon was tendered Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, premier of Canada, this afternoon by delegates attending the Canadian Manufacturers' Association annual convention here. The premier sailed later on the Empress of Britain for Liverpool, en route to attend the Imperial Conference in London this month. In reply to the toast to his health, proposed by J. H. Fortier, Quebec, chairman of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who drew the premier's attention to the fact that the port of Quebec should be getting much of the export of the country now going via American ports, but was handicapped by freight rates. Mr. Meighen delivered a speech on the transportation problems of the dominion.

The Premier

Premier Meighen, who was greeted warmly by the audience, said that the policy enunciated by Mr. Fortier was the national policy, and he was a firm believer in it. He had always warmly advocated a Made-in-Canada policy in regard to manufacturers, and independence for the country in transportation matters. Such things were inseperable from Canada's national integrity. If it were not independent in these things it would not be independent as a nation long. Still, owing to the country's geographical disposition, complete independence was not possible. Only a moderate tariff could be maintained and it would be so limited for a great many years to come.

Predicts Cheaper Freight

He did not believe that the heavy freight rates now necessary would be sustained for very long, and so retard prosperity. However, it was not possible to regulate freight rates so that one part of the country would benefit and the remainder of the Dominion pay for it. The problem was not so simple as it appeared in the City of Quebec.

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ANTI-WASTE TICKET WINS

Coalition Candidate of the Government is Defeated in St. Georges-Westminster.

London, June 7—The St. George's-Westminster by-election today resulted as follows:—J. M. Erskine, 7,244; Sir Herbert Jessel, 5,356. This is a defeat for the coalition gam.

Deadly dullness marked the election campaign. The seat was formerly held by Rt. Hon. Walter Long, who was created a viscount and was considered a pocket Tory constituency under normal conditions. Two Conservatives were in opposition for the seat, namely: Sir Herbert Jessell, championing the Coalition government, and J. M. Erskine, standing upon an anti-waste ticket. The present industrial situation was hardly mentioned throughout the election, and no prominent members of any party spoke in the constituency.

Railway Loss At Pueblo $4,500,000

Pueblo, Colo., June 7.—Damage to three principal railroads entering Pueblo will aggregate $4,500,000, according to an estimate made today by H. A. Rice, division superintendent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. Mr. Rice estimated the damage to that road at $2,000,000, that of the Missouri Pacific at $1,000,000 and that of the Denver and Rio Grande at $1,500,000.

Sues For Alimony

Sydney, N. S., June 7—A claim for $50,000 alimony, brought by Dora H. Ballard, against her husband, Charles Ballard, is on the docket of the civil term of the Supreme Court which opened here today, Chief Justice Harris presiding. Last year Ballard sued his wife for divorce but did not succeed. Now she claims that a portion of his estate, $50,000, should be set aside for her support.

NOMINAL CHARGE ONLY.

Sydney, N. S., June 7—A nominal charge of riding a bicycle without a proper light, is the only punitive step the local authorities are taking against Clifford Bonnell, aged 15, who yesterday admitted to the police that he killed Mrs. Angus McDonald by running her down in the dark as she was crossing a street Saturday night.

Catholic Viceroy Is Well Received

Belfast Parliament and Citizens Extend Cordial Welcome to the New Official.

Belfast, June 7—Viscount Fitzalan's debute as viceroy is considered to have been a distinct success. Religious feeling runs high here, and there had been doubts as to how the president of the Catholic Union would be received. But these were dispelled when, at the outset of his speech, the viceroy alluded to the differences in creed and made it the subject of humorous remarks.

His reference to the auxiliaries and his denunciation of murder, pleased the Belfast audience. A significant passage in his speech was the admission that the partition act "was not perfect and needed amendment," and the expression of his belief that it would be amended in the not distant future.

ULSTER HOUSE BEGINS TASKS IN FINE STYLE

Distinguished Gathering Present at Inauguration of Irish House.

BELFAST COUNCIL CHAMBER CROWDED

Sinn Fein and Nationalist Members Present But Refuse to Take Their Seats.

Belfast, June 7.—The parliament of Northern Ireland, elected last month under the new home rule measure, was opened today amid impressive scenes in the council chamber of the city hall here. The ceremony occurred in the presence of a distinguished gathering. None of the Nationalist or Sinn Fein members elected to the parliament were present as the forty Unionist members took their seats and proceeded to the organization of the house.

The Cabinet.

Hugh O'Neill, son of Lord O'Neill, was unanimously elected Speaker, and Sir James Craig, the Premier, announced the following cabinet:—

Home Secretary — Sir Dawson Bates.

Minister of Finance—H. M. Pollock.

Minister of Education—The Marquis of Londonderry.

Minister of Labor—J. M. Andrews.

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. E. A. Archdale.

The Belfast city hall, although architectually one of the finest buildings in Europe, was hardly adequate for the installation of the parliament. The council chamber, although it contains ample accommodation for the 52 members elected to the House, six Sinn Feiners and six Nationalists who did not appear today, having been chosen to the body in addition to the forty Unionists, is hopelessly small when considered from the spectators' standpoint. Nevertheless the company in the little galleries, gathered to witness the opening ceremonial, appeared thoroughly representative of the northern provinces, the only notable absentee, it was commented, being Cardinal Logue.

Little Outward Display.

Viscount Fitzalan, the Viceroy, whose first ceremony this was, arrived in Belfast at 8 o'clock with Lady Fitzalan, driving to the mansion of Lord Pirrie, the Lord Lieutenant, at Belfast.

The Viceroy and Vicerine left for the opening of the parliament at 10 o'clock, driving through Ballymacarrett. There was little outward display of public interest, as the shipyard men and other working people and the population in general were apparently reserving any demonstration of note for the expected coming of King George for the state opening of the parliament on June 22, which will mean a general public holiday.

Vice-Regal Party Sails On July 19

Ottawa, Ont., June 7—It was officially announced from Government House tonight that Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire will sail from Quebec for England on July 19th on the Empress of France.

Would Have Germans In Nation League

Geneva, June 7—The assembly of the union of the League of Nations associations today adopted a resolution in favor of the admission of Germany to the League of Nations.

LORD BYNG DUE AUG. 15

Ottawa, June 7—The Journal says that it has learned from an unofficial but authoritive source that Lord Byng, new governor-general of Canada, will arrive in the capital on August 15.

HALF MILLION FOR RESEARCH C.M.A'S. DESIRE

Government Will be Urged to Make Provision for the Grant.

URGES MEMBERS TO HELP THE DOMINION

Hon. Mr. Caron Complains Because Farm Supplies Remain at High Level.

Quebec, June 7 — The imperative need for industrial research in Canada was debated at this afternoon's session of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in annual convention at the Chateau Frontenac. The question arose after the report of the executive committee's had been presented.

At the conclusion of the debate, the chairman, J. S. McKinnon, announced that a resolution was to be prepared urging the Dominion Government to once more pass the grant of $500,000 allowed for industrial research, which grant was negatived by the Senate at the last session of parliament. In the afternoon an address was delivered by Hon. J. A. Garon, minister of agriculture of Quebec, while the annual address of the president, Mr. McKinnon, and the reports of the executive, industrial relations committee and the financial statement were presented.

The debate on the executive committee's report was opened by J. F. Stewart, Toronto, who urged that business men in Canada should come forward to help in solving the nation's problems. As an instance of what members of the association were doing along this line, he mentioned that 700 of them were serving on different committees, spending their time and money.

Industrial Work

Thomas Rodden, Toronto, said that it was a great tragedy that the Senate had thrown out the grant of $500,000 for industrial research work. Canada now stood absolutely naked in this regard, except for the work that was being carried on by certain big concerns. At the same time, Japan was spending $5,000,000, for industrial research and British firms were spending $1,000,000 for the improvement of cotton manufacturing. The condition of some Canadian business was almost tragical compared with enterprises to the south, which were spending millions for research. He pleaded with every member to impress on members of parliaments and the senate the urgency of industrial research. The work must be carried out on scientific lines and not by the old rule of the thumb method. An example of what could be done was found in the recent development of agriculture by colleges.

Mr. Caron said that manufacturers and farmers should work together. This was not being done, however, for whereas the price of the farmer's products had fallen, no reduction had been made in the cost of the implements and supplies. He thought the time had come to help the farmer.

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Seek Common Wage For Canadian Ports

Longshoremen in Halifax Convention Want Universal Wage Agreement.

Halifax, N. S., June 7—The resolutions committee of the Atlantic division of the International Longshoremen's Association in session, were wrestling tonight under the leadership of Edward Tighe, St. John, N. B., with a dozen suggestions, among which was a resolution seeking to effect universal wage agreements for Canadian ports such as now exist in the United States.

President Joseph Ryan, of New York, presented his annual report and made several recommendations to the convention. The report of William F. Dempsey, of Boston, secretary-treasurer, showed the division to be in good financial condition.

After having their picture taken with Mayor J. S. Parker this afternoon the longshoremen were the guests of the local union on a trip around Halifax harbor.

Seeks Arbitration Board

New Waterford, N. S., June 7—Because the local settlement of disputes between the management and men are not satisfactory to a majority of the miners employed here by the Dominion Coal Company, an arbitration board may be asked by the United Mine Workers of District 26, according to a statement by District Board member Louis McCormack today. The principal difficulty has to do with the "brushing" service underground.

TALK WAGE REDUCTIONS.

Ottawa, June 7—The question of possible reduction in the wages of Canadian railway employees will be discussed on June 16th at a conference called by the chairman of the operating sections of the railways in Canada, according to reports here today.

World News Today

CANADA

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen is guest of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Quebec.

General Assembly at Toronto votes in favor of Church Union by 414 to 107.

C. M. A. wants the Canadian Government to spend half million dollars in industrial research.

UNITED STATES

One hundred thousand Chicago packers are concerned in application to reduce their pay.

BRITISH ISLES

Britain, in its financial crisis, cuts off all guarantee prices for agricultural products.

Ulster parliament is opened in great state by Catholic Viceroy.

Two priests are sent to prison for having seditious literature in their homes.

MARITIME RATES TAKEN TO HANNA BY HON. MR. FINN

Nova Scotia Minister Sees C. N. R. President in Support of Freight Appeal.

SATISFIED WITH HIS RECEPTION

But Result of Conference Will Not be Made Known for Some Time.

Toronto, June 7.—Hon. R. E. Finn, K. C., a member of Premier Murray's cabinet in Nova Scotia, had a conference this afternoon with D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railways, on matters affecting the Intercolonial Railway and the industries of the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Finn said tonight that he had taken up with Mr. Hanna issues that a representative delegation from the three Maritime Provinces brought before Right Hon. Arthur Meighen just before the Premier's departure for England, namely, freight rates on the Intercolonial and the proposal that a greater centralization of authority be granted to Moncton, N. B., in the handling of the railway's affairs.

Very Friendly Conference.

"I am not in a position to discuss the result of my talk with Mr. Hanna," said Hon. Mr. Finn, adding, however, that it was in no complaining mood that he had approached Mr. Hanna, and that the conference was of a most friendly character. He said that the viewpoint of the Maritime Provinces was that the Intercolonial had been built with the professed object of building up trade between those provinces and central and western Canada, and that on entering Confederation the Maritime Provinces had surrendered their right to frame their own tariff and had given up the market which the United States afforded, worth at that time $75,000,000 annually, in the expectation of developing trade with the rest of Canada.

Trade State Bad.

Freight rates on the Intercolonial were now so high as to be prohibitive, and the industries of the east were virtually cut off from central and western Canada.

"With a high tariff wall cutting us off from the United States market and with a high tariff of railway rates on the other hand, we are hedged in and isolated," said Hon. Mr. Finn. "We have nothing left but a local market, and as the aggregate population of the three Maritime Provinces is only equal to that of Montreal, well, he who runs may read, that's all."

Hon. Mr. Finn left tonight for Battle Creek Mich., to see Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, who has been in a sanitarium there for the past two months but who is expected to return home soon.

IRISH PRIESTS SENT TO PRISON

Rebel Documents Found in Their Houses When Searched by Crown Officers.

Dublin, June 7.—A court martial has sentenced the Rev. P. Gaynor and the Rev. M. McKenna, Roman Catholic priests of Mollagh, County Claire to six months' imprisonment without hard labor.

Testimony was given before the court martial that in the house occupied by the priests were found two documents. One of these renounced the protection of the British government and placed "our house and ourselves under the protection of the Irish Republican government." The second document purported to relate to the Dail Eireann.

Father Gaynor is said to have admitted responsibility for the second document, but to have expressed disbelief that the first was found in the house. Father McKenna made no statement.

CHURCH UNION ACCEPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY

By Vote of 410 to 111 Dele- By Vote of 414 to 107 Dele- Union Plan.

ALBERTA SURPRISES BY POOR SUPPORT

Predicted It Will Take Three Years to Solve Legal Problems Involved.

Toronto, June 7.—Organic union with the Methodist and Congregational churches was approved by the Presbyterian General Assembly of Canada today by a vote of 414 to 107 The result was little different from the vote on union taken at the Winnipeg assembly in 1916, when the returns were 406 to 90 in favor of union. The first vote on the question of union, taken at Edmonton at 1911 was also in favor of union, but was not so decisive as the later votes.

How Issue Developed.

The issue came before the 47th Assembly last week in the form of two resolutions which had been sent on by a special committee on union overtures, one moved by Dr. W. J. Clark, of Montreal, that the General Assembly take such steps as may be deemed best to consummate organic union, as expeditiously as possible," and an amendment moved by Dr. D. J. Fraser of Montreal, "that the Assembly at no time seek the consummation of organic union without a clear and unmistakable mandate from the people."

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Forty-Eight Hours Given Halifax

Milk Producers Willing to Share the Two Cent Drop With City Dealers.

Halifax, N. S., June 7—Milk producers along the line of the C. N. Ry. in the vicinity of Halifax will give city dealers forty-eight hours to meet their demands for an equal sharing of a proposed two cent cut in the prices of milk to the consumer. If by Thursday evening the dealers have not signified their intention of accepting the producers' ultimatum a committee of farmers will be sent to Halifax to make arrangements for direct distribution of milk to the consumer.

This was decided upon by a mass meeting of two hundred milk producers at Milford, Hants County, tonight.

Milk Producers' View

Voicing the sentiments of the Milk Producers' Association of which he is president, John A. MacDonald, said: "The producers are ready to meet the dealers before any tribunal, but as far as we can learn the dealers are not anxious to meet us. We do not propose to have the dealers assume control of our business."

Money Spent So Relief Work Stops

Newfoundland to Have Much More Unemployment as Shops Close.

St. John, Nfld., June 7—The City Council today suspended the relief work which it has been providing for a large number of unemployed, having exhausted the available funds. The rope-walk here, the only one in Newfoundland, with 250 employes, will close tomorrow for an indefinite period. The management asserts that it is unable to continue operations without tariff protection. A tobacco factory employing 200 operatives was closed today for two months because of an accumulation of manufactured stocks.

"Dumping" Is Blocked

London, June 7—The House of Commons this evening by a vote of 312 to 92 passed the second reading of the bill for the protection of key industries and for the prevention of "dumping."

PAGE THREE INVERNIESS MINTC

Halifax, N. S., June 7—Delegates from the town of Inverness and officials of the Inverness Coal Company who are in the city to meet officers of the United Mine Workers of America, District 26, in an effort to come to a permanent agreement in connection with work and wages at the Inverness mines, held a preliminary conference with Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Minister of Works and Mines and Acting Leader of the Nova Scotia Government this afternoon. The conference, it is understood, was in the nature of a general discussion leading up to tomorrow's session.

CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME.

Sydney, N. S., June 7—The police tonight are searching for a man whose name is not revealed, and who is charged with having yesterday attempted a criminal assault on Ivy Birch, aged twenty. The Birch girl informs the police that the attempted assault took place in her mother's rooms on Pitt street.

Packers Petition For Lower Wages

One Hundred Thousand Workers in Chicago Plants May Have Pay Reduced.

Chicago, June 7.—A petition asking a reduction of wages of nearly 100,000 employees in the meat packing industries was filed today with Judge Alschuter, of the United States district court, by the Allied Packing interests. Judge Alschuter is the official arbitrator agreed upon by employers and employees under a continuation of a war-time agreement.

The petition asked that the wages of hour workers be reduced five cents an hour and that the same proportionate reduction also be applied to piece workers' rates. The petition cited the reasons as changed working conditions, the unemployment situation and the fact that the packers are not earning a profit. It was reported that a hearing would be held the latter part of the week.

BRITISH TROOPS NOW AT WORK IN UPPER SILESIA

Took Charge of Gleiwitz and Will Police It in Future.

ACCOMPANIED BY FRENCH OFFICERS

Propose to Garrison All Large Industrial Towns With British Troops.

Oppeln, June 7.—Detachments of the Royal Irish Infantry, the first British troops to cross the lines established by Polish insurgents in Upper Silesia, detrained at Gleiwitz yesterday. They assumed control of the city, and will be in charge of the garrisoning and policing of the place in future.

As the troops, consisting of one battalion, with full field equipment, entered Gross-Strehlitz, northwest of Gleiwitz, they encountered the first Polish outposts. Machine guns had been trained on the station by the Poles, but when the British appeared, the Poles withdrew, and were not seen again.

The train was held there for some time, so that the officers could investigate a report that the track further on had been mined.

This report was found to be false, and the train proceeded, being molested at no point along the way.

One French officer and a number of French non-commissioned officers accompanied the British.

Germans Refuse to Leave.

While these troops were on their way to the storm centre of Upper Silesia, Gen. von Hoefer, commander of German defence organizations, bluntly declined to comply with the French ultimatum to withdraw his forces from the front between Krappitz and Kosal, where the Poles have been driven back for several miles.

He promised, however, to prevent a further advance by the Germans, "unless provoked by the Poles."

It is learned from British sources that the probable plan for the pacification of Upper Silesia will be to garrison all the large industrial towns in the plebiscite area with British troops. It is said that sufficient forces are available for this service, and that, in addition, local police forces will be formed of "citizens of known good character."

The British, it is understood, will gradually relinquish the policing of the district to this organization.

CHILD DROWNS OFF WHARF

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 7—Victor E. Jewers, five-year-old son of Ray Jewers, foreman in a Charlottetown garage, was drowned today when he fell over the ferry wharf. The little fellow had wandered down to the wharf alone. The body was recovered near the shore.

Pueblo State Better

Pueblo, Colo., June 7—Dangerous pestilence, following last Friday's disastrous flood, has passed, according to officials of the United States Public Health Service; there is plenty of food; shelter has been provided in a refuge camp to remove the congestion in churches, schools and private homes and an army of men have been at work clearing the streets of debris, removing dead animals and clearing out the business places.

FLYING CADETS KILLED

Hampton, Va., June 7 — Noel R. Thompson, of Jacksonville, Ills., and C. A. Rowen, of Quitman, Ga., flying cadets, were killed in flying late today when their airplane struck a tree during a bombing flight at Langtry Field and caught fire. Three of the fire bombs carried exploded and the machine was completely demolished.

BRITAIN CUTS OFF HELP TO GRAIN TRADES

Control of Agricultural Prices Ceases Because of Financial Crisis.

MAY MEAN TROUBLE WITH 100,000 MORE

Government Cutting off All Assistance to Various Assisted Industries.

London, June 7—A further industrial dispute may be added to the existing controversies in the coal, cotton and engineering trades through the decision of the government, as announced today by the ministry of agriculture, to cease control of agriculture.

The decision is due to the financial crisis through which the country is passing. It has already been seen by the government that the protracted condition in trade which has been intensified by the continued suspension of work in the coal fields, involving the government in heavy expenditures for the maintenance of unemployed and the heavy deficit of the railways, which still are under government control, will completely upset all budget estimates. Hence, it seems that the government is hastening to do away with all control which involves financial liability.

Ends Guaranteed Prices

The cessions of control of agriculture which will require the assent of parliament, would mean the abolition of guaranteed prices for wheat and oats and of the powers possessed by the county councils to enforce proper cultivation. It would also result in doing away with the agriculture wages board, which fixed minimum wages, varying from 46 to 50 shillings weekly for agriculture laborers. This would mean that farmers would be permitted to resume their freedom from legal restrictions in the payment of wages, and it is considered certain that they would reduce the scale of wages now in force, which probably would lead to a series of serious wage disputes affecting more than 100,000 persons.

IRISH FARMERS WANT EMBARGO

Entire Trade Opposes Lifting of the Ban on Foreign Stock.

London, June 7.—Further Irish evidence was heard today before the cattle embargo commission when Colonel Westropp, of County Claire, stated that before the act of 1896 Canadian cattle were known in the west of Ireland as "fine big beasts, but very hungry" and a larger number of Irish cattle could be fed on the same acreage, the Canadian cattle taking longer to mature.

Would Discourage Irish.

The admission of cattle from abroad said the witness would much discourage Irish farmers and the maintenance of home supplies was also an important provision against war risks. The entire Irish cattle trade resisted the removal of the embargo.

Other witnesses held similar views. One who said he had spent twenty years in the United States stated he accepted Canada's clean bill of health in the same way that he would accept criminal statistics from a country with no police.

Rat's Bite Leads To Serious Illness

Doctor Has Blood Poisoning as a Result of Prick While Operating on Bitten Patient

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 7 — Dr. Ira J. Yeo, of this city, first vice-president of the Maritime Provinces branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada and president of the Abegweit Athletic Club, is seriously ill with blood-poisoning in the arm. He contracted the poisoning through a tiny cat in the thumb when opening an abscess on a patient bitten by a rat.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Otis Skinner in "Kismet."

OPERA HOUSE — Frank Bush, Marie Dorr, Jerome and France, 2 other big features and Serial Drama, "Fighting Fate."

QUEEN SQUARE — "The Restless Sex."

EMPRESS—"Lahoma," A Western Picture.

STAR — William S. Hart in "The Tollgate."